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## Social Networking?

There's a funny commercial running on television these days, featuring a couple of adolescent kids trying to give their parents advice about proper etiquette while on social networks. It's funny, but it's based in current reality. More and more adults are discovering the pleasures of what is known as 'social networking' through Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, and other networking sites.

A few months ago I wanted to join a writer's group, and found that I had to create a Facebook account to do it. I did so almost reluctantly. But I put in all the required information, such as where I went to high school (Lindbergh), and college (Webster). Within days people I hadn't seen or heard from in decades were sending me friend requests. I now have 36 friends – old acquaintances, professional colleagues, family – my mother and my aunt in Memphis are friends. Believe me, 36 is nothing. My fourteen year old daughter has over 300.

If I have one problem, it's in thinking that I have to have something to say before writing on Facebook. I don't want to just write that it's Monday and I'm going back to work. Of course it's Monday, everyone knows that; and most of them have to go back to work. But there are many, many people who use their Facebook accounts to say just that. And many, many people who respond to them with comments of their own about returning to work on Monday. I can't help but think that all of these people find solace, comfort and community in knowing that the people they went to high school with in the 1970s hate returning to work on Monday, just like they do.

We also started a library Facebook page. We can now put news, announcements, and photos of library events on our Facebook page. It's a fun way to share what's happening. As our project to renovate and expand the library building commences, it will be a great way to share progress on that with the community. In other words, though I was reluctant and skeptical about social networking sites, I have found at least one to be fun and rewarding. It's easy to sign up – I urge you to give it a try. And when you do, become a fan of Webster Groves Public Library.

Okay, I still have my doubts about Twitter, but I'm sure it's just a matter of time . . .

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## September in the Children's Room

This month we begin new programs at new times, including more storytimes in the evening plus a new Saturday morning storytime. Please check the schedule carefully to make sure of the right time.

Tuesday, Sep. 1: Storytime with Miss Phyllis, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Sep. 2: Evening Storytime with Miss Phyllis, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 2: Storytime with Miss Phyllis, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Sep. 9: Getting Crafty at the Library with Miss Michelle, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sep. 15: Storytime with Miss Phyllis, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Sep. 16: Getting Crafty at the Library with Miss Michelle, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 17: Storytime with Miss Phyllis, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Sep. 19: Our First Saturday Storytime with Miss Phyllis. Beach stories and a Beach in a Bottle craft. 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Sep. 22: Storytime with Miss Phyllis, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Sep. 23: Getting Crafty at the Library with Miss Michelle, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 24: Storytime with Miss Phyllis, 10 a.m.

Monday, Sep. 28: Storytime with Miss Michelle, 2 p.m.

## New Book Group to Meet on Saturday Afternoons

For three years our Book Discussion Group has been meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. But we are aware that an evening meeting is not convenient for many people; so we have added a second book discussion group, which will meet one Saturday a month at 2 p.m.

The first selection for this new group is *Rachel Calof's Story*, the stirring memoir of a young woman's experiences as a pioneer in the American West. There are copies of the book available at the circulation desk, so check out your copy and join us on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m.

You can always find news about upcoming book discussions at [www.wgpl.org/readers](http://www.wgpl.org/readers), or by calling 314 961-3784.



### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	9 am to 9 pm
Friday and Saturday	9 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday	2 pm to 5 pm

The library will be closed Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

## This Month's Most Requested Books:

1. *The Help*, Kathryn Stockett
2. *South of Broad*, Pat Conroy
3. *That Old Cape Magic*, Richard Russo
4. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, Mary Ann Shaffer
5. *The Time Traveler's Wife*, Audrey Niffenegger
6. *Olive Kitteridge*, Elizabeth Strout

7. *The Girl Who Played with Fire*, Steig Larsson
8. *Smash Cut*, Sandra Brown
9. *A Gate at the Stairs*, Lorrie Moore
10. *A White Queen*, Philippa Gregory
11. *Swimsuit*, James Patterson
12. *Shanghai Girls*, Lisa See

**Next Month's Book Discussion Selections:**  
*Women with Men: three stories*, Richard Ford  
Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

*Rachel Calof's Story*, Rachel Calof  
Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m.

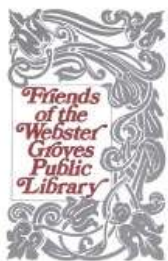
## Staff Recommendations – September, 2009

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| 1. <i>Dark Places</i> , Gillian Flynn                      | Adult Fiction     |
| 2. <i>The Story Sisters</i> , Alice Hoffman                | Adult Fiction     |
| 3. <i>Dismantled</i> , Jennifer McMahon                    | Adult Fiction     |
| 4. <i>Mudbound</i> , Hillary Jordan                        | Adult Fiction     |
| 5. <i>The Girl Who Played Go</i> , Shan Sa                 | Adult Fiction     |
| 6. <i>The Basque History of the World</i> , Mark Kurlansky | Adult Non-fiction |
| 7. <i>The Bible: a Biography</i> , Karen Armstrong         | Adult Non-fiction |
| 8. <i>Broken for You</i> , Stephanie Kallos                | Adult Fiction     |
| 9. <i>The Big One-Oh</i> , Dean Pitchford                  | Juvenile Fiction  |
| 10. <i>The Eyre Affair</i> , Jasper Fforde                 | Adult Fiction     |

**NEW OUTREACH SERVICE** Do you know anyone who would like to use the library but cannot come to the library due to illness or disability? Tell them about our new outreach service. We will bring books, movies, books on tape and other library materials to them in their home, and pick them up when they are due. If you are interested, please call Debbie Ladd at 314 961-3784 for more information.



Webster Groves Public Library now offers downloadable audiobooks via Overdrive. If you have an iPod or any other MP3 player, you can now select titles from a wide selection of popular fiction, non-fiction, and classic titles. Visit the Overdrive link from our Website at [www.wgpl.org](http://www.wgpl.org) to learn how to get started.



## Friends News

After more than 10 years of hanging on the library wall, the Webster Groves Centennial Quilt showed signs of age. Ultraviolet light from the overhead light bulbs had faded some of its bright colors and its own weight was weakening the fabric, causing it to hang askew. Prompted by Friends member and one of the creators of the quilt, Fran Walrond, the Friends started what turned out to be a two-year project to save the quilt from further damage. Volunteers sewed a sheet on the back of the quilt to give it extra support and a sleeve was sewn along the bottom edge to hold a dowel rod that would keep the quilt hanging straight. Midwest Window Tinting then fabricated a special plastic cover to protect the quilt from ultraviolet light damage. After several weeks of a blank wall, we are pleased to have the quilt back in its usual place where it can now be enjoyed for many years to come. The Friends would like to thank quilters Cindy Knock, Melissa Mullgardt, and Fran Walrond for helping with the project.

WEBSTER GROVES PUBLIC LIBRARY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK! LOOK US UP AND READ ABOUT THE LATEST NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND MORE!



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