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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library  
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## KIDS' EVENTS

### Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Tuesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, November 17 at 10 a.m.

### Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m.

### Pajama Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

### Minecraft Club

Friday, November 18—Meets at 4:45 p.m.,  
after the Library closes. (Players must have  
PC/Mac version)

### Tumblebook Story/Craft Time

Monday, November 21 at 10 a.m.

(In the Library Meeting Room)



### Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.



### Teen Movie Night

Tuesday, November 22 at  
6 p.m.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The library will be closed November 11 for Veterans' Day, and November 24 and 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

## POLLING PLACE

I don't suppose I need to tell anyone reading this how enjoyable it is to get up at 4 in the morning, so as to be able to open the Library up at 5. This is a duty I have happily embraced since we became a polling place a few election cycles ago.

I open the doors to the Meeting Room and the election judges arrive, chipper and excited by the prospect of checking in voters and handling election-related paperwork for the next 14 hours. I mean, what could be more stimulating?

We drink what might seem to some people like a lot of coffee. We discuss whether we expect to see a strong voter turnout this time, always hoping that more of our fellow citizens will opt to exercise their constitutional franchise, but also a little jaded by experience.

Before the sun has come up, cars begin pulling up outside and people rush in to cast their ballots before they need to get to work. There has been much discussion in the past few years about moving election day to a Saturday, when most people have a day off and don't have to fit one more chore into their workday. But voting is not really one more chore is it? Not like taking things to the dry cleaner, buying a gallon of

milk, or returning the library books. It's more important than that, so we allow it to disrupt what would otherwise be a regular workday.



We register people to vote at the Library. It's one more duty atop the many things we do here, but it's important, and we think people in our community should participate in government as responsible citizens. Nothing makes us happier than seeing young patrons come in on their 18th birthday and get registered.

So I hope you're not too envious of me, wishing that you too could be arising at 4 a.m. on November 8 to open up a polling place. And I hope I see you all here that day!

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## PRE-HOLIDAY PIE BAKING CONTEST!



On Saturday, November 12, we will host what we're calling a *Pre-Holiday Pie Baking Contest*.

Here's an opportunity for bakers who pride themselves on their pie-baking ability to break out those favorite holiday recipes and start practicing.

Entries will be judged by an expert panel, including Tim Brennan of Cravings Gourmet Desserts, Ann Marie Lemcke of The Art of Entertaining, and Webster Groves

Mayor Gerry Welch. There will be prizes in 3 categories: prettiest pie, most original pie, and overall best pie.

Anyone interested in participating may pick up an entry form at the Library. The forms must be returned by Monday, November 7 to participate.

Judging will take place starting at noon on the 12th, and then all pies will be shared with attendees at the event.

For more information, please call the Library at 314.961.3784.

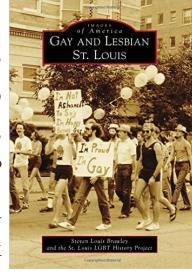
## TOP REQUESTS

1. Commonwealth,  
by Ann Patchett
2. Night School,  
by Lee Child
3. Small Great Things,  
by Jodi Picoult
4. The Whistler,  
by John Grisham
5. The Woman in Cabin 10,  
by Ruth Ware
6. Hillbilly Elegy,  
by J. D. Vance
7. The Underground Railroad,  
by Colson Whitehead
8. A Great Reckoning,  
by Louise Penny
9. The Wrong Side of Goodbye,  
by Michael Connelly
10. Escape Clause,  
by John Sandford
11. Today Will Be Different,  
by Maria Semple
12. The Trespasser,  
by Tana French

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Author Visit

Thursday, November 10 at 7 p.m., author Steven Louis Brawley will visit the Library to discuss and sign copies of his book *Images of America: Gay & Lesbian St. Louis*. This is a nostalgic and compelling look at the challenges and triumphs of the LGBT community from 1764 to the present. Copies of the book will be available to purchase at the event.



### Make a Difference Day

On Saturday, October 22, we had 6 volunteers help us eradicate a large stand of wild honeysuckle and plant the first bushes and flowers for a butterfly garden on our west parking lot. When spring comes and more things are available we hope to plant much more.

A million thanks to everyone who helped!



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m.



*Be Frank with Me*,  
by Julia Claiborne  
Johnson

The Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group does not meet in December.

### BOOK CLUB KITS

Remember that the MLC libraries have hundreds of Book Club Kits available to check out for home book discussion groups. The kits usually include 10 copies of the book and a discussion guide, and can be checked out for 6 weeks at a time.

Just check our catalogue under the title 'Book Club Kit' to find a complete listing.

## GET READY FOR BIG CHANGES IN CHECKOUTS!

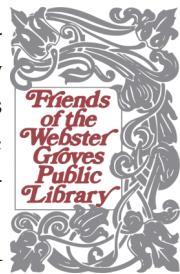
In response to input we received during a community survey last year, we have been working on changing some of our circulation policies, to bring them more in line with people's needs and the way they live today. Some of these changes will become effective as of December 5, 2016:

1. The standard checkout period for items will increase from 2 weeks to 3 weeks.
2. You will still be allowed 3 renewals of items, so your total time to keep items will be 12 weeks rather than 8 weeks.
3. The 50¢ per day fine for overdue DVDs, Blu-rays, and video games will be reduced to 15¢ per day.
4. All other overdue fines will increase from 10¢ to 15¢ per day.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call the Library at 314.961.3784.

## FRIENDS NEWS

The Friends Fall Book Blitz on October 14 - 15 brought in \$1100 to continue our support of the Webster Groves Public Library. We coordinated the sale dates with the Kirkwood Public Library and heard comments from many customers that they went to both sales. Even though the annual three-day book sale is no longer being held, the Friends are still looking for books that are rare or unusual and in good condition. These volumes are sold on Amazon and help to generate funds to support the Library. If you have books that meet these requirements and would like to donate them to the Friends, bring them to the Library for Debbie Ladd to sort.



Upcoming events include another evening with the Irish-American Writers & Musicians—more details to come later!



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