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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Saturday, December 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, December 8 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 20 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, December 22 at 10 a.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Coloring Club (Ages 12 to adult)

Saturday, December 10, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Pajama Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Minecraft Club

Friday, December 16—Meets at 4:45 p.m.,
after the Library closes. (Players must have
PC/Mac version)

Whiskers & Tales

Thursday, December 15 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

LegoMania!

Saturday, December 17, 2 – 4 p.m.

Family Movie Day

Tuesday, December 27 at 10 a.m.—*Rudolph the
Red-nosed Reindeer* and *Frosty the Snowman*

Cocoa & Crafts

Wednesday, December 28, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 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 December 14 for Staff
Training Day, December 24 and 25 for Christmas,
and December 31 for New Year's Eve.

NEW LIFE FOR OLD THINGS

I was saddened the other day when I went to buy something at The Natural Way on Big Bend and found its doors closed for good. The store has been a mainstay of Old Orchard for nearly 40 years, and will be much missed. I wondered why more wasn't made of its closing. Did I miss some news articles about it?

Earlier this year, when Webster Groves Book Shop closed, we heard about it all the time. People love a nice book shop, and there was much to love in this one, with its great service and very traditional feel. Stepping into the shop was very much like stepping back in time.

One of the fun things about Webster Groves Book Shop that many people will remember was its collection of model buildings—castles and houses—which lined the high shelves around the store. It seems they had been there forever. Have you wondered what became of them? Well, when the store closed, they contacted the Webster Groves Historical Society and donated them all.

Yesterday, we visited the Historical Society to take a look. Several of the houses are already set up in a nice glass display case at the Hawken House Museum. We borrowed some of the

others, mostly the castles, which we plan to use as the centerpiece for a holiday display, so keep an eye out for that. And if you get a minute, be sure to visit the Hawken House museum at 1155 S. Rock Hill Road to see the rest of the old paper houses.

It's nice to know that there is new life for old artifacts like this. And it's nice to know that things move on. We may have lost our old book shop, but that pain is lessened by knowing that we have another book shop, The Novel Neighbor, which opened a few years ago in Old Orchard. Holland Saltsman and her staff there have quickly established a reputation for the same kind of excellent service we counted on at Webster Groves Book Shop.

Speaking of new life, we also noticed the other day that there were surveyors measuring the parking lot at the YMCA building across the street. Of course we all mourned when our Y closed a while ago, but how exciting is it to ponder what might go in there?

As for The Natural Way, I don't see a new health food store on the horizon, but there's always hope, especially in this season, right?

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AUTHOR VISIT: RICHARD NEWMAN

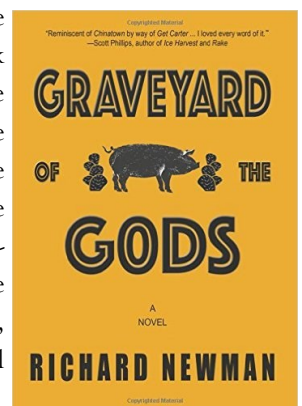


On Thursday, December 22 at 7 p.m. we will host author Richard Newman as he discusses his first novel, *Graveyard of the Gods*. A gritty tale of loss and vengeance, the book has been described as 'Chinatown by way of Get Carter.'

Newman was the long-time editor of *River Styx*. He recently resigned there to take a position teaching in the Marshall Islands. He is also a poet who has published the volumes

Domestic Fugues, *Borrowed Towns*, and *All the Wasted Beauty of the World*.

There will be copies of the book for sale at the event, and the Friends of the Library will be providing refreshments. For more information, please call 314.961.3784.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Whistler*,
by John Grisham
2. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye*,
by Michael Connelly
3. *Commonwealth*,
by Ann Patchett
4. *Hillbilly Elegy*,
by J. D. Vance
5. *A Man Called Ove*,
by Fredrik Backman
6. *Night School*,
by Lee Child
7. *Today Will Be Different*,
by Maria Semple
8. *Escape Clause*,
by John Sandford
9. *Turbo Twenty-Three*,
by Janet Evanovich
10. *Small Great Things*,
by Jodi Picoult
11. *Two by Two*,
by Nicholas Sparks
12. *The Trespasser*,
by Tana French

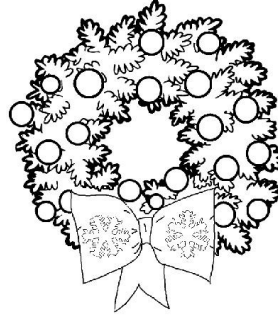
Gingerbread House Contest

Starts December 1st! For all ages! You can compete in the children, adult, or family category. Ask for complete contest rules in the Children's Room, and have some fun making your own gingerbread house!



Holiday Coloring Contest

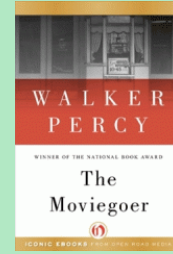
The ever-popular coloring contest returns! Pick up a coloring sheet in the Children's Room, and do your best, creative job of coloring and decorating it.



Everyone ages 4 to 18 is invited to compete, and there will be prizes in four age categories, 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, and 11-18. Complete contest rules available in the Children's Room.

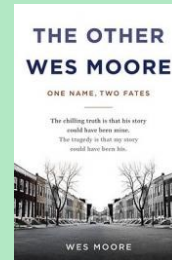
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, January 3 at 6 p.m.



The Moviegoer,
by Walker Percy

Saturday, January 7 at 2 p.m.



The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates
by Wes Moore

SMALL WORKS IV COMES TO THE LIBRARY

In our gallery this December we are happy to be showing Small Works IV, a juried exhibit of works by 20 artists. Black and white photography, oil, acrylic, and watercolor painting, and various mixed-media pieces are all on display from December 1 through December 31. The gallery is open to view whenever the library is open.

Small Works IV is one of a series of exhibits the Library has shown in cooperation

with Webster Arts, a local non-profit foundation dedicated to fostering the growth, appreciation, and availability of art in our community.

If you are a working artist and would like to find out about exhibition opportunities in the Library's gallery, please come into the Library for an application, or call 314.961.3784 for more information.

FRIENDS NEWS

We will be sending our membership renewal letter in January—please consider rejoining, and if you have never joined, now is an excellent time to take this most important step in supporting your hometown library.

We will also be sponsoring the author visit by Richard Newman on the 22nd of this month (see article on the front of the newsletter), providing delicious refreshments.

We decided at our last meeting to help pay for the third phase of the Library landscaping. This should complete the landscaping in front of the Library, providing a walkway to and a seat wall around the front flagpole. There have been many positive comments about the project so far, and we are excited to see it completed!



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