

Page 61

The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
Vol. 12 no. 5 — January 2017



KIDS' EVENTS

Family Movie Day
Tuesday, January 3:
10 a.m.—*Frozen*



1:00 p.m.—*Finding Dory*

Story Time with Emily
Saturday, January 7 at 10 a.m.

Story Time with Miss Phyllis
Tuesday, January 10 at 10 a.m.
Thursday, January 12 at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, January 24 at 10 a.m.

Pajama Story Time with Miss Phyllis
Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Minecraft Club
Friday, January 13—Meets at 4:45 p.m., after the Library closes. (Players must have PC/Mac version)

LegoMania!
Saturday, January 14, 2 - 4 p.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis
Thursday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Coloring Club
Saturday, January 21, 1:30—3:30 p.m.
(Ages 12 to Adult)



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 Sunday, January 1, for New Year's Day, and Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

NUMBERS ON BIG BEND

Once in a while a patron will come to the Library wanting to know where a certain business used to be in Webster Groves. Very often we can find them, since there are quite a few books and other sources to consult. But a persistent problem has been with deciding where old businesses were in Old Orchard. This is because at some point in time, all the numbers along Big Bend Boulevard changed.

Up to about 1959, most of the stores and shops along Big Bend in Old Orchard were numbered in the 600's. Schattgen's Bake Shop was 627 Big Bend; Webster Groves Launderette was 625. But past that, at least by the early 1960's, the numbers had changed. We don't know why they changed, or exactly how the old system and the new system compare.

We consulted with Danny Gonzales, the historian for St. Louis County, and he referred the question to Andy Williams, the Chief of Surveys for the County. Mr. Williams found a survey of Big Bend at Old Orchard from 1972, which shows some of the addresses in both number systems. For instance, the building which houses Einstein's Bagels, which used to be Webster Grill, is 8127 Big Bend but used to

be 645. The oddest thing he noted is that the 600 series increases to the east, while the 8000 series increases to the west. He also pointed out that no County entity would be responsible for the renumbering; that falls to the U.S. Postal Service.

We continue to try and reconstruct the street using whatever sources we can. We even walked all up and down Old Orchard, taking a look to see if any of the buildings had their original addresses etched in stone out front. Sadly, none did.

We went through old numbers of the *Webster News-Times* to check the addresses of businesses with ads in the paper. We found quite a few, but the crucial piece is still missing because that paper ceased publication in mid-1961, and was not replaced by the *Kirkwood Webster Advertiser* until 1963.

So we keep looking. Maybe someone reading this had a business back in the day, or is privy to another clue about the numbering system, so the next time someone asks where their favorite old store was we'll be able to say, 'It was at 655 Big Bend, which is now 8515 Big Bend!'

tcooper@wgpl.org

GINGERBREAD HOUSES!



One of the highlights of this year's holiday season at the Library was our Gingerbread House Contest. There were 3 categories of competition—children, adult, and family. We had wonderful, whimsical entries in all 3, from the Great Pyramid and Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, to Hagrid's Cottage and Ted Drewes, all in gingerbread.

After the voting, the winners were:

Adult: 1st place Debbie Ladd, 2nd place

Tom Putnam

Family: 1st place the Wamser family, 2nd place the Hodge family, 3rd place the Kennerly family.

Child: 1st place Amelia Kennerly, 2nd place Natalie Felgenhauser, 3rd place Lydia Foss.

Because voting was very close, prizes were awarded to fourth and fifth place in the Family and Child categories as well.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Whistler*,
by John Grisham
2. *Today Will Be Different*,
by Maria Semple
3. *Small Great Things*,
by Jodi Picoult
4. *Night School*,
by Lee Child
5. *Hillbilly Elegy*,
by J. D. Vance
6. *A Man Called Ove*,
by Fredrik Backman
7. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye*,
by Michael Connelly
8. *Born a Crime*,
by Trevor Noah
9. *Commonwealth*,
by Ann Patchett
10. *Turbo Twenty-Three*,
by Janet Evanovich
11. *The Undoing Project*,
by Michael Lewis
12. *A Gentleman in Moscow*,
by Amor Towles

New Year, New Approaches to Wellness

Join us Thursday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m., when certified health coaches Alison & Gayle from Pyramid Health Coaching show you how to prioritize your health, make sustainable choices, and make 2017 your healthiest year without resorting to diet gimmicks and temporary weight loss traps.



Romantic Film Festival

Fridays in February we will feature romantic films. All movies are at 7 p.m.

February 3: *Ever After*—Drew Barrymore in a bold new take on the Cinderella story.

PG-13, 121 minutes, 1998

February 10: *You've Got Mail*—Tom Hanks & Meg Ryan in the classic love/hate movie.

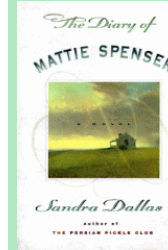
PG, 119 minutes, 1998

February 17: *It Happened One Night*, Clark Gable & Claudette Colbert in a classic Frank Capra screwball romantic comedy.

Unrated, 105 minutes, 1938

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m.



The Diary of Mattie Spenser,
by Sandra Dallas

Tuesday, February 7 at 6 p.m.



Avenue of Mysteries,
by John Irving

HOLIDAY COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

We had quite a few entries in our annual holiday coloring contest, and as usual, everyone did a wonderful job. The winners this year were:

Ages 2 - 4

1st place—Rosalie Allen

2nd place—Sarah Vader

3rd place—Charlotte Hauke

Ages 4 - 7

1st place—Jillian Kisslinger

2nd place—Everett Zempler

3rd place—Alden Pierce

Ages 8 - 10

1st place—Sofia Allen

2nd place—Ella Jackson

3rd place—Rylee McGrew

Ages 11 - 18

1st place—Sabian Wenos

2nd place—Katie Gilker

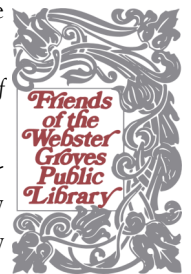


FRIENDS NEWS

A year ago, our organization switched from a July-to-June fiscal year to a January-to-December fiscal year. So you will soon be receiving your membership renewal forms in the mail.

On December 22 we sponsored the visit to the Library of author Richard Newman, who read from his new novel *Graveyard of the Gods*. It was a wonderful event which attracted a crowd of nearly 70 attendees.

Finally, you may have noticed progress on the final phase of the landscaping out in front of the Library. This work has been funded by the Friends in conjunction with the Dr. Bronner's Family Foundation.



301 E. Lockwood Ave.
Webster Groves, MO 63119
314.961.3784
www.wgpl.org

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY CONSORTIUM
Your Hometown Library Network
www.mlc-stl.org