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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Egg Shaker Craft (ages 4 and up)
Saturday, April 1, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Story Time with Miss Phyllis
Tuesday, April 4 at 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 6 at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 18 at 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

Story Time with Emily
Wednesday, April 26 at 10 a.m.

Pajama Story Time with Miss Phyllis
Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis
Thursday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Minecraft Club
Friday, April 21—Meets at 4:45 p.m., after the Library closes. (Players must have PC/Mac version)

LegoMania!
Saturday, April 22, 2 - 4 p.m.

Kids Coloring Club (ages 5-12)
Saturday, April 29, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen/Adult Coloring Club (ages 12 to adult)
Saturday, April 15, 1:30 - 3:30 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 Sunday, April 16 for Easter.

THE LIBRARY AND THE CITY

The April 4 election includes Proposition R, a property tax increase meant to enhance pensions for police and firefighters in Webster Groves, as well as other City employees.

Whenever there is such an issue on a ballot, Library users ask us about how it will affect us here at the Library. It does not affect us at all. We are also members of the statewide LAGERS pension system, but they require us to have our own account with them.

The Library is a separate taxing district from the City of Webster Groves. Our income is derived from a different tax base, and we have not asked for any tax increases in over 8 years, not since February 2009.

We do have several areas where we cooperate with the City, because it makes good fiscal sense. We pay an annual fee to the City's Finance Office to do our payroll. We are also part of the same benefits package as City employees, including medical, dental, and life insurance—we get much better rates that way than we ever would trying to go it alone in the benefits market.

The Library is self-governed by a board of trustees. The trustees apply using the Boards and Commissions Application that is submitted to the city clerk's office. When seats on the Library Board are available, the mayor and city council appoint new trustees. Library Board trustees serve three-year terms, and can serve three terms.

Beyond appointing members to the Library Board, the mayor and city council have no official capacity to direct what the Library does. Of course, as representatives of Webster Groves citizens, they always have an advisory role, and there is always one councilmember who attends all Library Board meetings. Councilmember Toni Hunt is our current liaison.

This is all done according to provisions in the Missouri State Constitution. If you have any other questions about how the Library and the City relate to one another, just send us a note!

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FOOD FOR FINES APRIL 9 TO 23

National Library Week 2017 takes place April 9 to 15. As in years past, we will recognize the week with a Food for Fines Drive. We even plan to extend the drive a little beyond the week, to make sure we collect as much food as we can.

From **April 9 to 23**, for every **non-perishable** food item you bring in, we will take \$1 off any library fines you may have. We will also accept personal care items, such as soap, tissues, deodorant, etc.

And if you don't have any fines, don't worry!—we will still accept your donations!

Food for Fines applies only to overdue fines, not to fees for lost or damaged library materials.

As usual, all of the food we collect will be donated to Webster Rock Hill Ministries.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Food for Fines Drive, please call the Library at 314.961.3784.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Hillbilly Elegy*,
by J. D. Vance
2. *A Gentleman in Moscow*,
by Amor Towles
3. *Lincoln in the Bardo*,
by George Saunders
4. *Never Never*,
by James Patterson
5. *The Devil's Triangle*,
by Catherine Coulter
6. *Norse Mythology*,
by Neil Gaiman
7. *The Girl Before*,
by J. P. Delaney
8. *The Dry*,
by Jane Harper
9. *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*,
by Lisa See
10. *Blitzed: Drugs in the Third Reich*,
by Norman Ohler
11. *Born a Crime*,
by Trevor Noah
12. *Exit West*,
by Mohsin Hamid

SAMBA BOM!

On Saturday, March 11 we had a show presented by the Brazilian music ensemble Samba Bom. They took the audience on a musical tour of Brazil, highlighting the many styles of music in that country. They ended with a *batucada*, inviting children from the audience to play along on a variety of percussion instruments. It was a lot of fun for all ages!



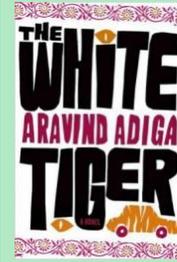
POLLING PLACE

The Library will once again be a polling place for the election on Tuesday, April 4. The polling takes place in our Meeting Room, and we remain open for all usual services. However, parking is at a premium on polling days, especially early in the morning and in the couple of hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



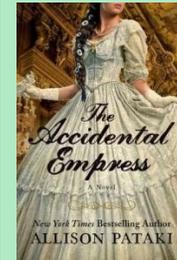
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m.



The White Tiger,
by Aravind Adiga

Saturday, May 6 at 2 p.m.



The Accidental Empress
by Allison Pataki

PASSPORT AGENCY

Webster Groves Public Library is now a Passport Acceptance Agency. We have long wanted to be able to offer this service, but because nearby Kirkwood Public Library offered it, the U.S. Department of State would not approve us as an additional site. But the

State Department now believes that the demand for passports in the next few years will be great enough to warrant another location.

We will process passport applications up until 1 hour before closing time any day we are open. There is a \$25 fee for the service, in

addition to the passport fees payable to the State Department.

For more information, you may call our Reference Department at 314.961.7277, or visit travel.state.gov for general information about the passport application process.

FRIENDS NEWS

With completion of the landscaping out front, we are beginning a project to let Library patrons purchase engraved memorial paving stones. We will have information about pricing and more available soon, but in the meantime you can send an email to friends@wgpl.org.

Mark your calendars now for our next Book Blitz on Friday, May 5, from 5 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Library's Meeting Room. We have a great stock of books and other items for sale at great prices!

We also have been working to keep books stocked in the Free Book Boxes that were recently installed in three Webster Groves parks—Blackburn, Southwest, and Larson. Watch for a fourth book box coming soon to Ivory Crockett Park. All of the books in the Free Book Boxes come from donations we receive throughout the year.



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