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KIDS' EVENTS

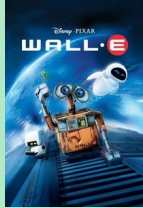
Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Movie: WALL-E

Saturday, July 8 at 2 p.m.



Pajama Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m.

LegoMania!

Saturday, July 15, 2 - 4 p.m.

Story Time with Miss Phyllis

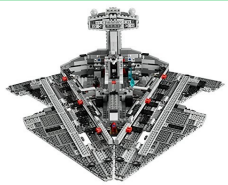
Tuesday, July 18 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.

Story Time with Emily

Wednesday, July 19 at 10 a.m.

Adventures with Star Wars: Lego Class



Saturday, July 22, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Registration required for Lego Class!

Fashion Design Studio

Saturday, July 29 at 2:30 p.m.



**Summer Reading Club
Ends August 1st!**

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.

OLD PATRONS, OLD FRIENDS

The other day I learned that a gentleman I had known for many years had died. Al Beletz was a patron of more than one library where I have worked. He and his brothers wrote two books on the sport of canoe poling, which are in our collection. He was a proud veteran of the Korean War. As a younger man, Al had been a baseball player, and is listed in the Webster Groves High School Hall of Fame. He was once invited to try out for the St. Louis Cardinals. He was a character, always interesting to talk to, and when I realized I had not seen Al in a few months I checked obituaries and found his. I will miss him.

This happens in libraries. We get to know people who visit us, and we know them for many years. We know their interests, their likes and dislikes in reading and viewing material. We often get to know their problems, because we help them look up information, addresses, and advice online.

The Library does outreach. We visit people

who are convalescing, or ill, or simply unable to visit us. We take materials to the retirement homes in town. And once in a while, we hear those people have died. There's often the question of what books they have in their rooms or apartments. Some families, dedicated library users, can't rest until they make sure Grandma or Grandpa or Great Aunt Lucy's books are all returned to the correct library. Some we never hear from again, and we don't pursue the matter.

It's heartbreaking, but it is also satisfying, knowing that we helped them right to the end. People who die with library books checked out are, almost by definition, our kind of people. I think we should all strive to be the kind of people who are reading, and learning, and engaged in things of interest and importance right up to the very end. And I hope the public library will always be there to help.

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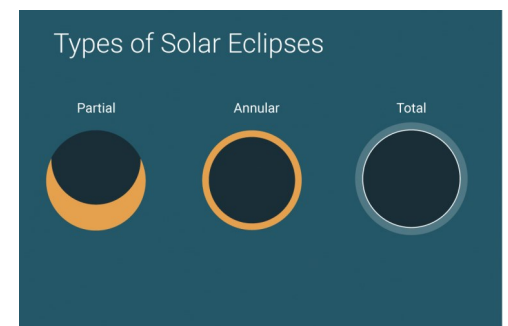
SOLAR ECLIPSE PROGRAM

On Saturday, July 29 at 1 p.m. **Don Ficken from St. Louis Astronomical Society** will conduct a 60-minute program about the fundamentals of eclipses. Information includes the three types of solar eclipses and how a solar eclipse differs from a lunar eclipse.

Details of the August 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse will be discussed including the path of the eclipse through our state and how to view it safely. The program will talk briefly about the science that makes the eclipse so rare and conclude with a discussion on events being planned in the area and how to personally plan for the eclipse. There will be

plenty of time for questions and answers.

Attendees at the program will get a personal planner for the eclipse and a pair of eclipse viewing glasses.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Camino Island*,
by John Grisham
2. *A Gentleman in Moscow*,
by Amor Towles
3. *Into the Water*,
by Paula Hawkins
4. *Al Franken, Giant of the Senate*,
by Al Franken
5. *Come Sundown*,
by Nora Roberts
6. *The Identicals*,
by Elin Hilderbrand
7. *Beartown*,
by Fredrik Backman
8. *The Handmaid's Tale*,
by Margaret Atwood
9. *Do Not Become Alarmed*,
by Maile Meloy
10. *Killers of the Flower Moon*,
by David Grann
11. *People We Hate at the Wedding*,
by Grant Ginder
12. *Theft by Finding*,
by David Sedaris

UPOMING EVENTS

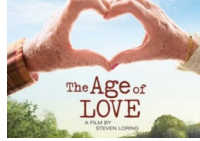
Sunday Afternoon Film Series

Sundays at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30)

Sponsored by The Shepherd's Center

July 9: *The American Artist: The Life and Times of George Caleb Bingham*

A biographical docu-drama about the life of one of America's most beloved artists.



July 16: *The Age of Love*

A new documentary on seeking love after 70.

July 23: *Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America*. About an African-American musician whose hobby is befriending Ku Klux Klan Members.



SELF-e Workshop

Thursday, July 6 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to use the Library's new service, SELF-e, to publish your own manuscript as an eBook, and have it included in the Library's catalog.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, August 1 at 6 p.m.



Hot Milk,
by Deborah Levy

Saturday, August 5 at 2 p.m.



Britt-Marie Was Here,
by Fredrick Backman

AUTHOR BILL CLEVELN VISITS THE LIBRARY

On Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m., Bill Clevlen will visit the Library to talk about and sign copies of his book *100 Things to Do in America Before You Die*.

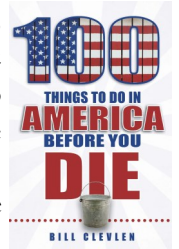


The book is a fun guide to our country and

the people who call it home. From sipping southern sweet tea to standing where the Wright Brothers tested their first flying machine, each experience is a piece of our American story. You'll find an enlightening mix of history, entertainment, art, food, sports, and even places to cross off your personal bucket

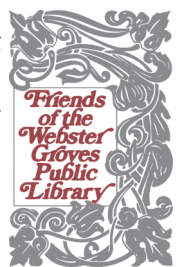
list. Most important of all, *100 Things to Do in America Before You Die* was written to inspire road trips across the country.

Copies of the book will be sold at the event.



FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 23rd

On June 23, the Friends of the Webster Groves Public Library held their annual meeting. A highlight of the meeting was raising a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol to dedicate our new Reading Garden. Below our flagpole is new paving and landscaping, thanks to the generosity of the Dr. Bronner's Family Foundation and the Friends. The Friends voted to continue support for the Library's summer reading programs, new large print books, and additional book club kits. Anyone with a WGPL card can use the book club kits, which contain about 10 copies of each book. Membership in the Friends is over 200 people, who have donated nearly \$11,000! Another highlight of the meeting was the introduction of dedicated bricks in the Reading Garden to honor or remember friends and family. Details are available in a brochure in



the Library or online for those who are interested. The Friends are also aligning the fiscal year with the calendar year. Starting in 2018, Friends memberships will run from January 1 to December 31.

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