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KIDS' EVENTS

August 1: Last day to log Summer Reading minutes/hours and to claim Straw, Sticks, and Bricks prizes!

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, August 3 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m.

Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Tuesday, August 8 at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, August 15 at 10 a.m.
Saturday, August 26 at 2:30 p.m.



Pajama Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Wednesday, August 9
at 6:30 p.m.

LegoMania!

Saturday, August 12, 2 - 4 p.m.

Eclipse Party!

Monday, August 21, 11:30 a.m.



TEEN EVENTS

Coloring Club (ages 12 to adult):

Saturday, August 19, 1:30 to 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 from noon to 1:30 on August 21, during eclipse viewing.

KEEPING OUR HISTORY

In July we had a display in our gallery called *A Photohistory of Webster Groves Parks*. It took the combined efforts of several Library staff members, several Parks Department staff members, and even people from City Hall to make this display a reality. This is the third historical display we have done, and we are already planning the next one.

We are also working on our next historical video. We premiered the first one last year called *Tracks in Time*, a short history of the railroads in Webster Groves. Our next one is a history of the Webster Groves Lions Club.

We have been working with the Webster Groves Historical Society to bring some of their archived materials to the Library, so we can catalog them and make them available to our patrons. We also hope to scan and/or digitize much of this material. We just subscribed to a product which is meant to make it easier to post digitized historical images to our Website.

The Rotary Club of Webster Groves was recently awarded a grant to make available to the Library better scanning equipment and more cabinets for storing archival materials. We are anxious to begin that work.

As you can see, preserving our city's history is a big job, and we cannot do it alone. We have had to partner with quite a few organizations to move the work forward. But we believe that it is worth it, because Webster Groves is a city rich in history, and many of its residents know this and are proud of the fact.

Of all the sources we can dig up and scan or index or digitize, there is none more important than the memories of people who have spent their entire lives in Webster Groves. We invite you to visit us, to offer us your memories. Often the things we hear from people correct mistakes; often they open up entire new avenues of research—they are always interesting.

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BAGS 4 MY CAUSE AT SCHNUCK'S

We are happy to announce that the Library has been chosen as the beneficiary of the *Bags 4 My Cause* program this August at the Webster Groves Schnuck's store. When you visit that store during the month of August, and buy one of the shopping bags shown here, the Library will receive \$1!

This is a great way to help the environment, by using a reusable shopping bag, and to benefit your own local library. Each month local Schnuck's stores choose different charities, non-profits, and services to receive a portion of the receipts from sales of the bags, and we are happy and honored to be chosen for August.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Into the Water*,
by Paula Hawkins
2. *Camino Island*,
by John Grisham
3. *The Late Show*,
by Michael Connelly
4. *Al Franken, Giant of the Senate*,
by Al Franken
5. *A Gentleman in Moscow*,
by Amor Towles
6. *The Identicals*,
by Elin Hilderbrand
7. *The Handmaid's Tale*,
by Margaret Atwood
8. *Beartown*,
by Fredrik Backman
9. *Killers of the Flower Moon*,
by David Grann
10. *House of Spies*,
by Daniel Silva
11. *Magpie Murders*,
by Anthony Horowitz
12. *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*,
by Gail Honeyman

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



Join us Monday, August 21 from 11:30 a.m. to watch the total solar eclipse. We will have games, music, and activities. The partial eclipse starts about 11:50, and the Library itself will be closed from noon to 1:30 to allow staff to view this once-in-a-lifetime event.

In the meantime, we still have plenty of eclipse viewing glasses to hand out. Because the glasses come with some safety warnings about their use, we will only give them to adults.

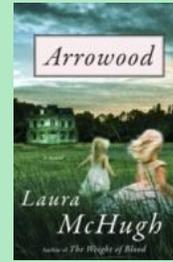
LINDSAY HIGA EXHIBIT

This month in our gallery we feature paintings by Lindsay Higa, a St. Louis-based artist who works mostly in acrylic paint. The exhibit, titled 'Pretty/Wild' in recognition of the different facets of her work, will run through August 31, with a public opening reception at 6 p.m. on August 4.



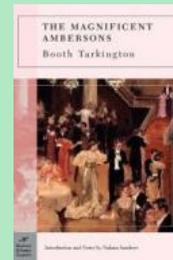
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, September 2 at 2 p.m.



Arrowood,
by Laura McHugh

Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m.



The Magnificent Ambersons,
by Booth Tarkington

AUTHOR STEPHEN KLING DISCUSSES THE BATTLE OF ST. LOUIS

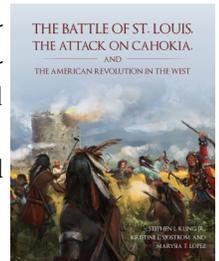


On Saturday, September 16 at 2 p.m., author Stephen Kling will visit to discuss his book *The Battle of St. Louis: The Attack on Cahokia and the American Revolution in the West*.

This comprehensive and well-researched book tells the little known history of the battles in and around St. Louis and along the Mississippi River, when the Americans and their Spanish allies defeated attacks from the British with their Indian mercenaries. Despite the little coverage this history gets, it was of

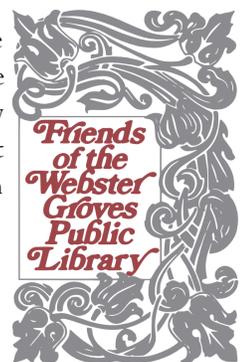
major importance in establishing the geographical extent of the United States after the war.

Copies of the book will be sold at the event.



FRIENDS NEWS

The Friends' annual meeting in June was our last official activity until our meetings start up again in September. But we don't stop volunteering for the Library. We supply two carts of books at the Recreation Center—Library on Ice just outside the skating rink and Library on Deck near the entrance of the swimming pools. New this year, we stock the 4 free library boxes at city parks—Blackburn, Ivory Crockett, Larsen and Southwest. As always, we also provide the books for the sale cart near the adult circulation desk at the Library. It is a handy place to get inexpensive books to take on your summer vacation and all the proceeds go directly to the Library.



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