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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Katie RAH!

Thursday, January 4 at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, January 16 at 10 a.m.
Thursday, January 18 at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, January 30 at 10 a.m.

Webster Rocks!

Kindness Rock Painting Club (ages 7 and up)
Saturday, January 6 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Story Time with Emily

Monday, January 8 at 10 a.m.

Pajama Story Time with Emily

Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

LegoMania!

Saturday, January 13, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

STEM Lab

Games and kits available for group/individual
STEM learning fun! (1st grade and up)
Wednesday, January 17, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 31, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Irish Dancing

Saturday, January 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 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 Monday, January 15, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.

LOCAL NEWS, ANYONE?

We are working on indexing articles in the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* from 1978 to the present. We are up to 1998, and are still surprised by the variety of news that comes up in stable, calm communities like Webster Groves and Kirkwood. There are the standard stories that come up all the time—neighbors upset when a church seeks to erect a new building or a parking lot, street or sidewalk improvements that take forever and never please everybody, politicians making hay out of divisive issues like taxes, abortion, or talk of a City/County merger, or the constant struggle to keep South County segregated from the County at large by denying any right of way for roads or highways through established cities.

What draws our interest are the stories that cause curious entries into the index of subjects. There are three entries in 1992 under the subject *Bats, Rabid*. There are also three

stories in 1983 dealing with cat rabies.

One of my favorite stories is under the subject *Hockey Brawl, (Webster Groves/Kirkwood)*, about a near riot that broke out after a hockey game between the two schools at Greensfelder Recreation Complex. Police used tear gas to break it up, and made several arrests. Talk about enthusiastic sports fans.

But the most unusual heading in the index so far is *Booby Traps*. This is the June 1998 story of a man recently arrived in Webster Groves who thought he needed extra protection for his property, and installed several booby traps with trip wires. A Webster Groves High School student, playfully hiding from a friend, entered his yard, tripped a trap, and was injured by a small explosion.

We expect to have the index complete by late spring or early summer. Can't wait to see what else we'll discover.

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST WINNERS

We were impressed by the quality and creativity of the gingerbread 'houses' people made. From a Gateway Arch to a setting of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, a whimsical 'Hippo House,' and a beach scene complete with gingerbread men in sunglasses, plus two excellent models of our own library, this year's entries had it all.

After a week of voting, the winners were:

Child category:

Winner: Amelia Kennerly's "*Hippo House*"

Runners-up: Maizy Sadlo's "*Spring Beach House*" and Camille Kennerly's "*Picket Fence*"

Adult category:

Winner: Thomas Putnam's "*St. Louis Arch*"

Runner-up: Debbie Ladd's "*Mini Village*"

Family category:

Winner: The Battaglia family's "*Big Webster Groves Public Library*"

Runners-up: The Jackson family's "*Snowmen at Night*", the Lash family's "*Beach Gingerbread*", the Wamser family's "*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*", and the Russell family's "*Snowy Cottage*"



TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Rooster Bar*,
by John Grisham
2. *Manhattan Beach*,
by Jennifer Egan
3. *Little Fires Everywhere*,
by Celeste Ng
4. *The Midnight Line*,
by Lee Child
5. *Two Kinds of Truth*,
by Michael Connelly
6. *End Game*,
by David Baldacci
7. *A Gentleman in Moscow*,
by Amor Towles
8. *Before We Were Yours*,
by Lisa Wingate
9. *Origin*,
by Dan Brown
10. *The People vs. Alex Cross*,
by James Patterson
11. *The Wanted*,
by Robert Crais
12. *Year One*,
by Nora Roberts

UKULELE LESSONS

Would you like to see if your child has the aptitude for playing the ukulele? How about for free?

Coming up soon we will have three sessions hosted by the people from Music & Arts. They will provide the instruments and the lessons for 15 lucky students.

Class size is limited and sign-ups are required. The lessons are for students from 3rd to 12th grade, and anyone who signs up is expected to do all three classes. The classes are an hour long, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The dates (all Mondays), are January 22, February 5, and February 12.

For more information, or to sign up, please visit or call the Children's Room at 314.961.7262.

There will also be one adult session on Saturday, January 20th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Reserve your spot early as there are only 20 spots available. The sign-up sheet can be found in the Children's Room.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

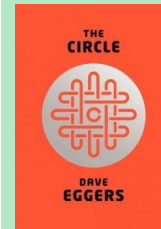
Saturday, February 3 at 2 p.m.



Girl Ghosted,
by Lucy English

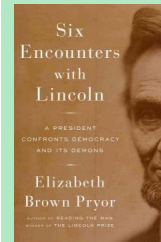
The author will attend to discuss her book with us!

Tuesday, February 6 at 2 p.m.



The Circle,
by Dave Eggers

Wednesday, February 14 at 2 p.m.



Six Encounters with Lincoln: A President Confronts Democracy and Its Demons,
by Elizabeth Brown Pryor

IRISH DANCE PROGRAM



Join the Webster Groves Public Library on Saturday January 20th at 1:30 p.m. when Clark Academy of Irish Dance's own Heather Fields presents a program on

Irish Dance.

Heather, native to Webster Groves, will teach us about the different types of Irish Dancing, teach any willing participants an Irish Jig, and complete the program with a live performance.

We cannot wait to see you all on Saturday, January 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting

Room! For more information, please call the Children's Room, 314.961.7262.



FRIENDS NEWS

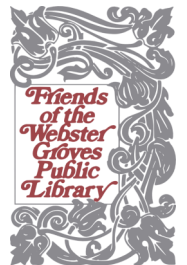
As the new year begins I am reminded of that oft forgotten verse of "Auld Lang Syne". Please sing along:

And here is a hand, my trusty Friend,

And give us a hand of yours

And we will support our good lib'r'y

In days of this new year.



Look for your new membership brochure and please give us a hand in supporting the Webster Groves Public Library in 2018.



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