



## KIDS' EVENTS

### Story Time with Katie RAH!

Thursday, February 1 at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, February 13 at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, February 15 at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, February 27 at 10 a.m.

### Make 'n' Take Valentine's Cards

Saturday, February 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
We will have craft supplies available for kids of all ages to make cards for family and friends.

### Story Time with Emily

Wednesday, February 7 at 10 a.m.

### Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, February 22 at 9:30 a.m.

### Find Your Heart @ the Library!

February 14: Find a conversation heart anywhere in the Library and earn a Valentine's Day treat! All ages, all day!

### Black History Month & Winter Olympics

#### Activity Time

Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m. to noon  
Celebrate Black History Month and the Winter Olympics! Activities for all ages. Participants receive a goody bag and a chance to win a medal!

### LegoMania!

Saturday, February 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

### Pajama Story Time with Emily

Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.

### STEM Lab (1st grade and up)

Wednesday, February 21, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  
Games and kits will be available for group/individual STEM learning fun.

### Book to Movie: *Wonder* (PG)

Saturday, February 24, 1:00 p.m.

### Teen & Tween Duct Tape Craft Time

Saturday, February 24, 2 p.m.

### Milk & Cookies Book Club (grades K and up)

Wednesday, February 28, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.  
*Fortunately, the Milk*, by Neil Gaiman

## TEEN EVENTS

### Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.

## SUPER MOON? BLUE MOON? YIKES!

As I am writing this, we are getting close to January's second full moon. People are saying that it is a 'super moon,' and a 'blue moon,' but there are conflicting interpretations on that. On NASA's Facebook page, they are declaring a 'Super Blue Blood Moon.' Each is defined by astronomical phenomena.

A super moon is a full moon that occurs at the same time as perigee, or the closest the moon ever gets to the earth. This month's moon, while close, is not actually the closest. *The Farmer's Almanac* is urging us not to water down the term by declaring every close full moon a 'super moon.' I'll let NASA and the folks at *The Farmer's Almanac* argue that out.

This full moon is also a blue moon. What does that mean? Again, conflicting information. NASA will tell you that a blue moon is the third full moon in any season that has four full moons—and that only happens once

every two and a half years. But in popular terms, we have started to call the second full moon in a given month a blue moon. In order for there to be four full moons in one season, there has to be a second full moon in a month: but according to NASA, that's not the actual definition.

Years ago, such questions were what reference librarians spent their time answering for people. Nowadays we lament the fact that everyone gets their information online, only rarely asking us questions. But realistically, the answer you might find in one source can be invalidated by another source, this whole super moon/blue moon conundrum being just one example. I like that we can now easily investigate many sources.

This full moon is also, due a pending lunar eclipse, a blood moon. I say we just enjoy the show and not split hairs.

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## UKULELE LESSONS DELIGHT STUDENTS

On Saturday, January 20, an eager group of adults had an introductory lesson in playing the ukulele, hosted by our friends from the Music & Arts store in Crestwood. Music &

Arts provided the instruments and the instruction—participants only needed to show up to learn about the basics of the ukulele and master a three-chord tune.

Music & Arts is also conducting a series of lessons for children.

We hope to repeat this popular program, so watch for possible future classes.



## 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, February 19, in honor of Presidents' Day.

## TOP REQUESTS

1. *Little Fires Everywhere*,  
by Celeste Ng
2. *Fire and Fury*,  
by Michael Wolff
3. *The Rooster Bar*,  
by John Grisham
4. *Manhattan Beach*,  
by Jennifer Egan
5. *Sing, Unbuired, Sing*,  
by Jesmyn Ward
6. *The Woman in the Window*,  
by A. J. Finn
7. *Grant*,  
by Ron Chernow
8. *A Gentleman in Moscow*,  
by Amor Towles
9. *The Wanted*,  
by Robert Crais
10. *The People vs. Alex Cross*,  
by James Patterson
11. *Before We Were Yours*,  
by Lisa Wingate
12. *Robicheaux*,  
by James Lee Burke

## MEACHAM PARK CELEBRATION

Our February gallery display is called *Meacham Park Celebration*. This artwork was developed as a joint project sponsored by Webster Arts, The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, and Springboard to Learning.

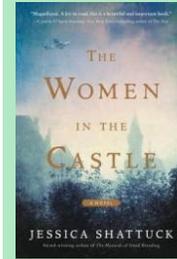
In 2017, representatives from these groups arranged for students from Nipher Middle School to interview people from this historic St. Louis area neighborhood. Their impressions were expressed in words and pictures.

We will hold an opening reception that is open to the public on Friday, February 2, at 6 p.m. There will be refreshments and a chance to meet people who worked on the project, as well as showings of a short film about their work. For more information, please call the Library at 314.961.3784.



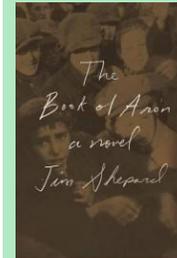
## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, March 3 at 2 p.m.



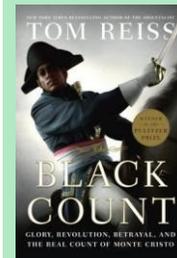
*The Women in the Castle*,  
by Jessica Shattuck

Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.



*The Book of Aron*,  
by Jim Shepard

Wednesday, March 28 at 6 p.m.



*The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo*,  
by Tom Reiss

## COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

Once again we were impressed by the creativity and talent of all the entries in our Holiday Coloring Contest. The winners were:

### Ages 2 – 5

- 1st place: Molly
- 2nd place: Danielle Ziegler
- 3rd place: Anna Culp

### Ages 6 – 9

- 1st place: Anna Huster
- 2nd place: Alice Lipold
- 3rd place: Adriana Gali

### Ages 10 – 13

- 1st place: Addison Davis
- 2nd place: Grayson Mueller
- 3rd place: Saul Maupin



First-place winner (ages 10 – 13) Addison Davis with her winning entry.

## FRIENDS NEWS

You should have received your membership renewal brochure in the mail. Please fill it out and get it back to us soon. If you did not get a brochure, please call the Library at 314.961.3784 and we'll get one in the mail as soon as we can.

Watch for upcoming events the Friends are helping to sponsor. On Friday, February 2, at 6 p.m., we will provide refreshments and hospitality at the opening reception for the Celebrating Meacham Park exhibit. Then on Friday, March 2, we will be providing refreshments for the Irish American Writers & Artists Salon. Both of these events are free and open to everyone, so be sure put the time on your calendar. We hope to see you there!



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