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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Garden Reads with Katie RAH!

Tuesday, July 3 at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 31 at 9:30 a.m.

STEM Lab

Games & kits available for individual/group
STEM learning & fun (1st grade & up)
Wednesday, July 11, 1 - 2 p.m.
Wednesday, July 25, 1 - 2 p.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m.

LegoMania!

Saturday, July 14, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Story Time with Miss E

Monday, July 16 at 10 a.m.
Friday, July 20 at 10 a.m.

Kindness Rock Painting (ages 7 and up)

Wednesday, July 18, 1 - 2 p.m.

'Libraries Rock' Movie Saturday:

The Lion King
Saturday, July 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Pajama Story Time with Miss E

Thursday, July 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Color a Kite! (ages 5 to 12)

Monday, July 23, 1 - 2 p.m. (registration required)

Born to Be Wild!—Live Animal Show

Saturday, July 28 at 2 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 10 at 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 Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day

'VANISHED WEBSTER GROVES'

Kind of a provocative title, isn't it? Don't worry, we are not announcing any eminent disappearance of our beloved community, but a new historical display going up this month in our gallery.

Vanished Webster Groves looks at all the buildings and homes, even some natural places, that used to be here but are not now. We have many of them, some recent enough that people remember them, some that perhaps no one alive has ever seen. It is an interesting trip through the early history of Webster Groves. There are two things to note about the exhibit.

One is that an exhibit about things that are no longer here presents a special challenge—namely that we cannot go out and photograph things that no longer exist. We have to find an existing photo, copy it, and identify it. When we tell people about what we're working on, they often mention something they remember being here once upon a time. But if we don't have a photo of it, we can't feature it. A popular example of this is the Velvet Freeze ice cream parlor that was in business for many years in Old Webster.

We just cannot find a picture of it, so we cannot use it.

The other thing to note is that we are looking at things that no longer exist, not that have changed hands. The building that houses San Jose Mexican Restaurant on North Gore used to be a Two Nice Guys restaurant, and before that The Artichoke, and who knows what before that. It's a credit to our sense of historical preservation that so many old buildings in town have housed, and continue to house, a succession of businesses.

But it doesn't always work out that way, and many buildings have been torn down, lost to fire, replaced by something else. That is the focus of our exhibit.

The exhibit was created by Library Director Tom Cooper and Adult Services Librarian Deborah Ladd, with research assistance by Systems Administrator Tim Nix.

Vanished Webster Groves will be viewable throughout July, with a special preview during the 4th of July parade.

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KEEPING UP WITH WHAT'S NEW

Did you know that there are two resources you can use to keep track of what's new in the world of reading and in your own library?

One is Wowbrary, an online newsletter of what's new at Webster Groves Public Library, including books, movies and more. It even links directly to our catalog, so you can easily place requests for the items you want. If you'd like to receive weekly email copies of Wowbrary, just visit the link on the front page of our Website (www.wgpl.org) and enter your email address.

If you follow us on Facebook, you may already know that we make the Wowbrary newsletter available there.

The other way to keep up with what's new in the world of publishing is by picking up a copy of *BookPage*, a monthly magazine of book reviews, author interviews, and publishing news which is always available at our front desk. Free copies of *BookPage* are made available through the Friends of the Library, and it is a great way to stay ahead of what books are new and about to come out.

Wowbrary

BookPage

TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Death of Mrs. Westaway*,
by Ruth Ware
2. *Calypso*,
by David Sedaris
3. *Shelter in Place*,
by Nora Roberts
4. *The President is Missing*,
by Bill Clinton & James Patterson
5. *The Fallen*,
by David Baldacci
6. *All We Ever Wanted*,
by Emily Giffin
7. *Educated*,
by Tara Westover
8. *You Think It, I'll Say It*,
by Curtis Sittenfeld
9. *The Overstory*,
by Richard Powers
10. *There There*,
by Tommy Orange
11. *Something in the Water*,
by Catherine Steadman
12. *The Perfect Couple*,
by Elin Hilderbrand

PAPERBACK HEDGEHOGS



In honor of our new mascot in the Children's Room, Hermione the Hedgehog (seen here peeking out from her sleeping chamber), we had a special craft time last month, making paperback hedgehogs. Made from discarded paperback books, with a few stick-on flowers and hearts and eyes, they were fun and easy to create.

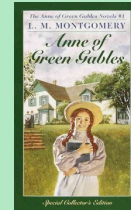
If you have not yet met Hermione, be sure to stop by sometime soon. She is most eager to make your acquaintance.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The History through Biography book group is currently on hiatus.

Saturday, August 4 at 2 p.m.



Anne of Green Gables
and

The Alpine Path: The Story of My Career,
by L. M. Montgomery



Tuesday, August 7 at 6 p.m.



Daisy Miller,
by Henry James

SUNCATCHERS

For most of the month of June, the Library had a 'passive' craft project available for patrons to do in our foyer. Passive crafts are crafts that are out and ready for anyone to do, but don't require you to show up at a given time for the activity.

Our suncatchers were also an example of repurposing or upcycling—making something fun and new out of items that might be other-

wise discarded. They were made from old, damaged CDs and DVDs, which we stripped of their coverings. A few markers, a dab of individual creativity, and there you have it—hundreds of beautiful suncatchers.

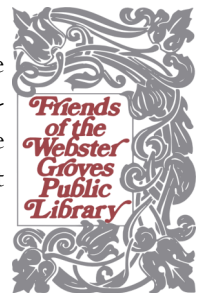
Patrons of all ages participated, filling our foyer with color and reflection. If you haven't seen the suncatchers, be sure and stop by soon.



FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to all of the Friends and future Friends who joined us for our annual meeting in June. We set a record for the fastest business meeting and then had an enjoyable conversation with Steve Woolf about books, plays and his mother's mystery book store. (We will all ignore his opinion of the Hardy Boys after Nancy Drew joined them for a few adventures.) The

Friends Board will start meeting again in September when we will discuss what Friends event might be next. Enjoy your summer reading!



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