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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Katie RAH!

Tuesday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Story Time with Miss E

Friday, September 14 at 10 a.m.
Monday, September 17 at 10 a.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

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

Pajama Story Time with Miss E

Thursday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Creatures of Myth and Legend presented by the World Bird Sanctuary

Saturday, September 29 at 2 p.m.



TEEN EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen and Adult Coloring Club

Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m. – 12 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 Sunday, September 2,
and Monday, September 3, for Labor Day.

OUR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

In the past few months we have been working on compiling an online archive. We have a lot of historical records, some that we own, some that are loaned to us by the Historical Society. We are going through these things and creating little units of Webster Groves history that we think will be appealing to people.

So far we have units on trains in Webster Groves, the history of our police department, the first four churches in town, and early television stars who made their homes in Webster Groves. These are multi-media units—they are mostly photographs and copies of old news articles, but they can also include videos. The unit on trains includes a video we created last year.

Also last year we received a donation of the whole run of the *Webster-Kirkwood Times*, and a loan of many bound volumes of old newspapers from the Historical Society, including the *Webster News-Times* and the *Webster Advertiser*. It has been fun and enlightening to just flip through these newspapers to find articles and photographs dealing with local history.

It is also interesting that sometimes, we don't find much of what we're looking for. Recently we thought it would be fun to create a unit on the history of Old Orchard. But after a few weeks of looking, we didn't come up with many new or interesting items about it, so we'll just do something else.

Sometimes we learn things that we didn't know before. For instance, we found that there was once an Old Orchard Mineral Water company. There was a natural spring that flowed beside a home in Old Orchard, and the water was bottled and sold. In fact, the water won the award for the best mineral water at the 1904 World's Fair. Today, the spring is covered over, though the family that lives in the house is well aware of its history. This history is also related in one of the Webster Walks guides, published by the Historical Society.

The Library's historical archive can be found at our Website, www.wgpl.org, under the Reference tab. Take a look, and please let us know what you think!

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SUMMER READING CLUB ENDS

Summer Reading Club for children, teens, and adults ended July 31. There were 397 children who participated, 117 teens, and 144 adults.

There were quite a few special programs during the summer, including a Mad Science show, the Born to Be Wild animal show, Garden Reads with water squirters, sidewalk chalk, and popsicles; crafts included making hedgehogs from paperback books, painting kites, and kindness rocks; and a popular craft for all ages, creating suncatchers from worn CDs. The lovely and colorful suncatchers were displayed in the Library's main atrium.

Popular prizes from this summer's program were Cardinal baseball tickers, Amazon gift

cards, ukuleles, and electronic keyboards.

We want to thank our wonderful sponsors, including the Friends of the Library, who always provide substantial support for Summer Reading, the St. Louis Cardinals, and all the local shop owners and service providers who give us coupons and freebies for prizes. Summer Reading club would not be nearly as fun as it is without their generous support.

We hope to see you next year for Summer Reading Club!



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Educated*,
by Tara Westover
2. *Clock Dance*,
by Anne Tyler
3. *When Life Gives You Lululemons*,
by Lauren Weisberger
4. *The Other Woman*,
by Daniel Silva
5. *The Summer Wives*,
by Beatriz Williams
6. *The Perfect Couple*,
by Elin Hilderbrand
7. *The President is Missing*,
by Bill Clinton & James Patterson
8. *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*,
by Gail Honeyman
9. *All We Ever Wanted*,
by Emily Giffin
10. *The Death of Mrs. Westaway*,
by Ruth Ware
11. *Where the Crawdads Sing*,
by Delia Owens
12. *Pieces of Her*,
by Karin Slaughter

OPEN SIGN-UPS FOR MEETING ROOM

Signups for meeting room reservations for 2019 will open on Monday, October 1. Anyone wishing to book the room for dates in 2019 may come by that day to turn in your application. You may also fax the application to 314.961.4233.

The Library reserves the Meeting Room for quite a few dates in advance, for our own programming. All of the dates and times left after that are available.

Use of the room is free to any non-profit in Webster Groves, or which has members from Webster Groves. For-profit groups may book the room for a \$50 per use fee. The room is available every day we're open, except Sunday.

Our whole policy may be reviewed at www.wgpl.org, under the Using the Library tab. The application is also available there. Groups are allowed no more than 12 meetings per year. All reservations are first-come, first-served.

For more information, please call Paige or Tina at 314.961.3784

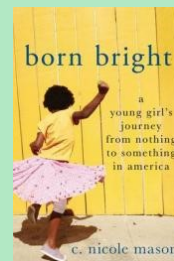
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, October 2 at 6 p.m.



Ladivine,
by Marie NDiaye

Saturday, October 6 at 2 p.m.



Born Bright,
C. Nicole Mason
(postponed from
September)

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS



Recently the Library has been the site for a few different Eagle Scout projects. One was a scout collecting worn American flags for proper disposal. The other, still ongoing, is a scout who is

collecting lightly used or new bath towels which he provides to homeless people. Both of these projects have had a good response—the Library is a busy place, with many people coming in and out every day.

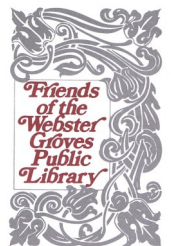
We were also recently approached by a third scout who asked if there was anything we needed which he could make as his Eagle Scout project. We spoke with him about mak-

ing a picnic table for our west lawn, and we are hopeful that that project will come to fruition.

If you know (or *are*) a Scout, and you have a project in mind that we could help with, please call Tom Cooper at 314.961.3784, or stop in and see him during regular business hours.

FRIENDS NEWS

Happy end of August to you all. I hope you have made it through the all of the heat and liquid sunshine we have had this summer. It was the perfect weather for staying inside and reading. The Friends Board took a break over the summer but we are ready to gear up for another year of supporting our wonderful library. Our first Beyond the Page event in June was a great success and we are looking forward to presenting another one. We are also exploring new library adventures for both the Friends and library patrons as well as some new fund raising ideas. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.



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