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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time in Spanish with Sister Concha: *Biscocho*
Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.

Baby Story Time

Thursday, March 7, 9:30 p.m. (with Miss Phyllis)
Wednesday, March 13, 9:30 a.m. (with Miss E)
Thursday, March 21, 9:30 p.m. (with Miss Phyllis)
Wednesday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. (with Miss E)

Pajama Story Time

Monday, March 11, 7 p.m. (with Katie RAH!)
Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. (with Miss E)

Story Time with Katie RAH!

Tuesday, March 12 & 26 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 14 & 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Milk & Cookie Time

Wednesday, March 13, 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Pokémon Lure

Friday, March 15 & 29, 3:30 p.m.

Color Scratch Shamrocks: Make 'n' Take Craft

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Nanny-Manny-Mommy-Daddy Café

Wednesday, March 20, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

LegoMania!

Saturday, March 23, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Young Hearts

Saturday, March 30, 2 – 3 p.m.

Webster Groves High School A-men & A-Women

Acapella Concert

Saturday, March 30, 4 – 5 p.m.

TEEN EVENT

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, March 9, 1 – 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 MAYORS OF WEBSTER GROVES

For the past couple of months or so, the Library staff has been working on writing a history of the mayors of Webster Groves. It's a more fascinating subject than you may imagine.

Every year in July, we put up a historical photo display in our gallery. This year's display will be about the mayors, so we had to find photos of them all. We were researching in the *Post-Dispatch* archives, in the microfilms of the *Webster Groves Advertiser* and the *Webster News-Times*, in the bound copies of these old papers we have on loan from the Historical Society, and in our run of the *Webster-Kirkwood Times*. Some sources were loaned to us by City Hall.

Webster Groves was incorporated in 1896, and W. S. Fleming was appointed the first mayor. A year later he won the first mayoral election and later won a second term. Following him we find an array of personalities and political differences that make this early history sort of a 'warts and all' story, but one that will be fun to tell.

One early mayor went through a bitter divorce from his wife, going back to court several times to settle custody of their children: before the dust had settled, he had married his ex-wife's sister.

One mayor was arrested and put on trial for burning down his own business, while he was mayor! He was eventually acquitted, and then reelected.

One early mayor was murdered in a Miami hotel room years after his term as mayor. A 24-year-old carnival worker was found guilty of the crime.

After a few decades of incorporation, Carl H. Holekamp ran for mayor on a platform stressing the difference between Daylights and Moonlights—by which he meant people who lived and owned businesses in Webster Groves, and those who only lived here, owning businesses elsewhere. He won, and the theme of Daylights and Moonlights would come up a few more times in local elections.

The 1954 change to a council-manager city charter sowed political division for decades afterwards.

From 1896 to 1986, mayors were exclusively men; since then, they have been only women.

We will compile all this history in a brochure and make it available with the photo exhibit in July. It should make interesting reading for anyone interested in Webster Groves history.

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WATERCOLORS BY CRYSTAL GOLDKAMP

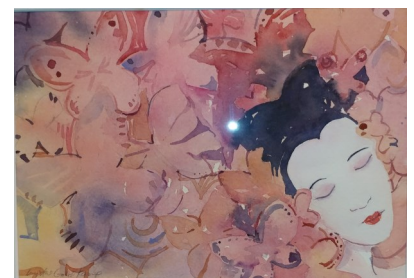
Our March exhibit in the art gallery is by watercolor artist Crystal Goldkamp. Of her painting, Crystal says she seeks to convey a sense of place by capturing the 'feeling' of a moment. Many of her paintings are created *en plein air*.

Our art gallery seeks to offer a venue for local and regional artists. If you are an artist and would like to display your works, the application is available at the Library's front desk, although the schedule fills up quickly—2019 is already reserved!

If you are interested in one of Crystal Goldkamp's paintings, she may be contacted at cgoldkamp922@gmail.com.



Early Risers, by Crystal Goldkamp



Madame Butterfly, by Crystal Goldkamp

TOP REQUESTS

1. *Becoming*,
by Michelle Obama
2. *Where the Crawdads Sing*,
by Delia Owens
3. *Educated*,
by Tara Westover
4. *The Reckoning*,
by John Grisham
5. *The Silent Patient*,
by Alex Michaelides
6. *Unsheltered*,
by Barbara Kingsolver
7. *Nine Perfect Strangers*,
by Liane Moriarty
8. *Inheritance*,
by Dani Shapiro
9. *Maid*,
by Stephanie Land
10. *The Wedding Guest*,
by Jonathan Kellerman
11. *The Lost Man*,
by Jane Harper
12. *There There*,
by Tommy Orange

BOOK CLUB & OPERA THEATER

The book club for Saturday, April 6, will begin with a presentation by Mary Sutherland of Opera Theatre of St. Louis. She will discuss the opera, *The Coronation of Poppea* by Claudio Monteverdi, which will be performed this summer.



After her presentation, we will discuss *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel.

IAWA SALON

On March 1 the Library hosted its sixth Irish American Writers and Artists Salon. There was poetry and prose, and a lot of great Irish music featuring singer and fiddler Eimear Arkins and bagpiper Michael Mullins.

The IAWA Salons are coordinated by Eamonn Wall, UMSL professor of Irish Studies. Eamonn says that while the basic theme is Irish American art, there is considerable latitude for diversity in the poetry and prose offered.



Poet Ron A. Austin shares his work

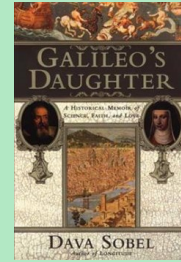
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, April 2 at 6 p.m.
(Remember this is election day, and the Library is a polling place. The book discussion group will meet in the Lower Level meeting space.)



Milkman,
by Anna Burns

Saturday, April 6 at 2 p.m.



Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith and Love,
by Dava Sobel

DON MARSH VISITS THE LIBRARY



Local radio personality and long-time newscaster Don Marsh visited the Library on Saturday, February 23. An eager audience heard stories from his book *Coming of Age*,

Liver Spots & All: A Humorous Look at the Wonders of Getting Old. He also talked about the problems of aging, retirement, finances, and the always popular problems of the younger

generation.

Marsh's former KWMU radio colleague Jo Mannies attended, in honor of Marsh, whom she described as a 'treasure.'



Don Marsh and Jo Mannies

FRIENDS NEWS



Great music at the IAWA Salon

Thanks to all who helped us with the refreshments for the Irish American Writers and Artists Salon. Attendees were most appreciative and complimentary.

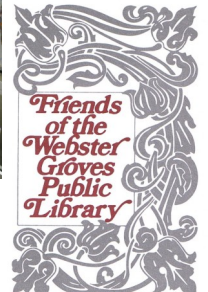
April is National Poetry Month, bringing poetry and art celebrations.

Our annual meeting is in June and there will be a book fair the last weekend. Lots of good things to anticipate that will help you get through the March gray.

Meanwhile, enjoy curling up with a good book and stay warm and dry.



Always a nice spread of goodies from the Friends at the IAWA Salon



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