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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Tuesday, March 8, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 10, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 24, 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 26, 2:30 p.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, March 3, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.

Pajama Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Minecraft Club

Friday, March 11

Meets at 4:45 p.m. after the library closes.

Participants must have PC/Mac version.

(ages 9 - 17)

LEGOMANIA!

Saturday, March 12,

2 - 4 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, March 27 for Easter.

FICTION & NONFICTION

When you're a librarian, there are built-in subjects of conversation that people find to bring up all the time. What are you reading? What's your favorite book? Do you like e-books? Do you prefer fiction or nonfiction?

I especially like this last question, because it offers so much to talk about. For many years, I have tried to alternate between the two. It doesn't always work that way, because so much of my reading is for work: I have to read one book a month for a book discussion group, and I also am usually reading a book that will be the basis of a book talk.

But sometimes there is this wonderful synergy between the fiction and nonfiction books I read. The last nonfiction book I read was *The Road to Little Dribbling* by Bill Bryson. This was another travelogue through Great Britain, told in Bryson's inimitable style combining thorough knowledge of the terrain with an ebullient, sometimes sardonic sense of humor.

The next fiction book I picked up was *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, by Rachel

Joyce. Harold Fry's pilgrimage heads in roughly the same direction as Bill Bryson's, south to north through Great Britain, ending in Scotland.

Both authors encounter a number of British eccentrics, both go through landscapes lovely and challenging by turns, both have much to say about the things they see; even though one book is reportage and the other imagination.

Both authors include scenes with a duo of stuffy, judgmental British matrons. In Bryson's book they offer him a ride and then set about condemning his tastes in English food. In Joyce's book, they meet Harold Fry at an inn and start worrying about his 'pilgrimage.' They could very easily be the same two women.

And that is what's so wonderful about reading fiction and nonfiction, the sense that 'you can't make this stuff up,' even though some people do!

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IRISH AMERICAN WRITERS & ARTISTS SALON

On Friday night, February 26, the Library held a salon of poetry, prose, music, and art hosted by the Irish American Writers and Artists Association. The event was also sponsored by the UMSL Department of International Studies.

A large audience heard readings of poetry and prose by Charles Fanning, Drucilla Wall, David Gardiner, Katherine Mitchell and others.

There was also traditional Irish music performed by fiddler Andrew O'Brien and singer/guitarist Terry Corcoran. They sang a

number of ballads and played some reels and airs.

The Friends of the library provided refreshments and hospitality, making for an entertaining evening all around.

Andrew O'Brien & Terry Corcoran perform a song.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *My Name is Lucy Barton*,
by Elizabeth Strout
2. *The Widow*,
by Fiona Barton
3. *Rogue Lawyer*,
by John Grisham
4. *When Breath Becomes Air*,
by Paul Kalanithi
5. *Between the World and Me*,
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
6. *Dark Money*,
by Jane Mayer
7. *Brotherhood in Death*,
by J. D. Robb
8. *Spark Joy*,
by Marie Kondo
9. *The Obsession*,
by Nora Roberts
10. *The Guilty*,
by David Baldacci
11. *The Nightingale*,
by Kristin Hannah
12. *The Road to Little Dribbling*,
by Bill Bryson

ADULT EVENTS



Saturday, March 19,
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Coloring Club,
ages 12 to adult

Join us for a few peaceful hours of quiet stress relief. We provide the materials, you provide the creativity.

Friday, March 4, 6 – 8 p.m.

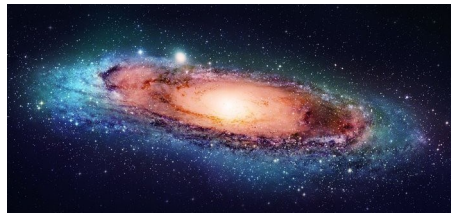
Join us for a reception to introduce a juried exhibit of small works, on display through the month of March. Open to everyone, refreshments will be served!


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Friday, March 11, 7 p.m.

Join us for a Star Party!

Members of St. Louis Astronomical Society will give basic instruction in how to use a telescope. Then we'll go



outside to view objects in the night sky.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m.



Tender at the Bone: Growing up at the Table,
by Ruth Reichl

Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m.



Suite Française,
by Irène Némirovsky

EASTER WEEK TREAT HUNT!

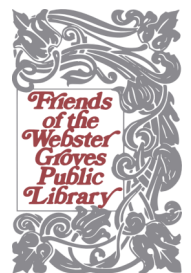
During the week of March 21st through the 26th, a little bunny will be very busy, hiding treats throughout the library. If you find one while searching for your books, movies and music, you can keep it!

Not just for the little ones—anyone can play!



FRIENDS NEWS: MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STARTS SOON

The Friends helped celebrate another successful visit by the Irish American Writers and Artists on Feb. 26—many people came, good food was consumed and good writing and music were shared by all! Thanks to everyone who made this a great evening! **Mark your calendars for the next Book Blitz on April 30** at the Library—come help us set up on April 29 or help out with staffing on April 30. Shifts are 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Take-down will start around 4:30 on April 30—you never know what great titles you might find as you stash leftover books! Visit the Friends' page on the Library website for a list of Board members and officers to contact if you'd like to help.



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