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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Pajama Story Time with Different Dynamics
(Sensory Friendly)

Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Story Time with Katie RAH!

Tuesday, May 7 & 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 9 & 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss E

Wednesday, May 8 & 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Story Time with Miss E

Friday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m.

LegoMania!

Saturday, May 11, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Nanny-Manny-Mommy-Daddy Café

Wednesday, May 15, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Moons & Stars from Your Backyard

with the St. Louis Astronomical Society

Saturday, May 25 at 2 p.m.

(A Young Hearts Program)

Pajama Story Time with Miss E

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Advisory Group

Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

'Throw Back' Wii Gaming Event

Saturday, May 18, 1 - 3 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, May 26, and Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

HOW TO KNOW A LOT OF THINGS

Much of the nation has been abuzz with the news these past few weeks of James Holzhauer, the young man who has been on a tear on *Jeopardy!*, not only winning 17 games in a row (as of this writing), but setting records for cash won.

The cash won has more to do with his job as a sports bettor. He has been playing the *Jeopardy!* game board aggressively, selecting the top-paying questions first and going all-in on Daily Doubles. Holzhauer now holds 8 of the 10 highest daily totals for *Jeopardy!* winnings, and has won nearly \$1.3 million.

But he would be nowhere if he did not have great trivia knowledge. That is the essence of the game. In an interview in the *New York Times* on Sunday, April 27, Holzhauer was asked how he learned so much. His answer might surprise you.

'I have a strategy of reading children's books to gain knowledge,' he said, 'I was thinking, what is the place in the library I can go to to

get books tailor-made to make things interesting to uninterested readers? Boom. The children's section.'

In this day and age, you may be surprised that James Holzhauer does not cite Google, Wikipedia, or the Internet at all. He relies on old-fashioned library book learning. And he has 17 days and \$1.3 million in winnings to validate his strategy.

I heard the same thing from a commentator on NPR many years ago. She said 'you'll never forget that Abraham Lincoln had a sister once you've seen a picture book with his mother shouting out the backdoor, "Abe, you and your sister come in to dinner!"'

At the Library, we appreciate that there are vast amounts of knowledge on the Internet, and much of it is easy to access. But we also hold tightly to the idea that there is still much learning to be found in books, simple, old-fashioned books.

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A UNIVERSE OF STORIES KICKS OFF!

Our Summer Reading Programs for 2019 will kick off on May 20 and run through July 31. The theme is A Universe of Stories, emphasizing space and space travel. There will be separate programs for children, teens, and adults.

This summer we are premiering new software for signing up and logging your hours read. The link and instructions are at our Website, wgpl.org. If you need help please call the Library at 314.961.3784 (main desk) or 314.961.7262 (children's room).

All levels of participants will be awarded prizes for reading: kids for minutes read, teens for hours read, adults for books read.

Our first exciting space-themed program

will be Moons & Stars in Your Backyard, on Saturday, May 25 at 2 p.m. Presented by St. Louis Astronomical Society, This program shows you how to find lunar features like the Sea of Tranquility, where American astronauts first walked on the Moon. You will see up close the craters, mountains, and valleys of the Moon's surface from Apollo astronaut photos and modern robotic spacecraft images. You will learn about the bright stars and their constellation patterns visible now in the night sky, and how to identify the planets now visible.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing*,
by Delia Owens
2. *The Silent Patient*,
by Alex Michaelides
3. *Becoming*,
by Michelle Obama
4. *Neon Prey*,
by John Sandford
5. *Educated*,
by Tara Westover
6. *Run Away*,
by Harlan Coben
7. *The 18th Abduction*,
by James Patterson
8. *An American Marriage*,
by Tayari Jones
9. *Normal People*,
by Sally Rooney
10. *Say Nothing*,
by Patrick Radden Keefe
11. *Inheritance*,
by Dani Shapiro
12. *Daisy Jones & the Six*,
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

FRIENDS NEWS

The Friends Board has been working on identifying committees for ongoing activities and we welcome new committee members Martha Lane, David Franklin, Ann Hanon, and Donna Maguire. Ann Hanon will work with finance and David Franklin with publicity, while Martha Lane and Donna Maguire will help where they're needed. We can always use help with finance and publicity/online presence.

If a one-time opportunity to volunteer works for you, we need folks to help with Book Sale setup, staffing, and take-down. Our next Book Sale will be held in the Library's Meeting Room June 28 - 29. Contact Nancy Hiatt at 314.962.4846, or Dorothy Heltibrand at dheltibrand@charter.net, to offer your services!

Setup: Thursday, June 27 after 1 p.m.

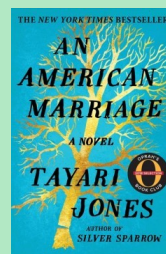
Book sorting: Friday, June 28 all day until sale opens at 5 p.m.

Sale staffing: Friday, June 28, 5 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 29, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Take-down: Sunday, June 30 a.m. before the Library opens

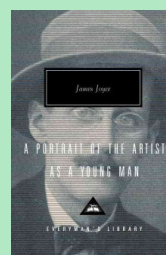
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, June 1 at 2 p.m.



An American Marriage,
by Tayari Jones

Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m.



A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man,
by James Joyce

READING GARDEN PAVER PROGRAM

It's the second anniversary of the Reading Garden and the Friends of the Library would like to thank those who have dedicated pavers for the Garden. If you have made a paver gift and don't see your name on this list, we expect to have the next set of pavers done soon, weather permitting. There is still time to add your paver to the next set to be engraved! Pick up a paver leaflet at the Library or email Cricket Vandover at byjimmy@hotmail.com.

Named Pavers:

Pat & Joan Esserman
Allan & Mary Susan Greenwalt
Martha Lane
Simon, Fiona & Oscar McGrath
The Stisser Family

In Honor of:

Oscar Coplon
The Hiatt Family

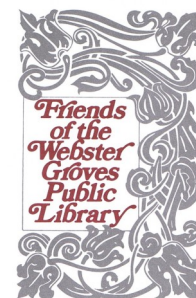
Library Staff:

Renee & Genevieve Pirrong
Shirley Sukonick
Frances & Robert Walrond
Dolores Wehrenberg

In Memory of:

Scott Bronner & All Who Have Served
Joyce Devlin
Laura Lynn DuPont

Sarah Elwell
Bill Kampelman
Melissa Mullgardt
Doris Orabka
Tom Reck
Jack Schwarzburt
Ed & Elinor Seele
Stuart Sweet



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