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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Board Game and STEM Play Monday
with St. Louis ARC

Monday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 30, 1 – 3 p.m.

Garden Reads with Katie RAH!

Tuesday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Beat the Heat Movie:

Kung Fu Panda

Wednesday, July 3, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.



Baby Story Time with Miss E

Friday, July 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Beat the Heat Movie: Shrek

Wednesday, July 10, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.



Baby Story Time

with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, June 11 & 25 at 9:30 a.m.

LegoMania!

Saturday, July 13, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Animal Tales Presents: Creatures of the Galaxy

Saturday, July 20 at 2 p.m.

Pajama Story Time with Miss E

Thursday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Doctor Who Adventures

Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Walking on the Moon with Mad Science

Saturday, June 22 at 2 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 Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day.

PAUL REVERE

I have recently been working on reorganizing the Library's biography section. Working with these books reminded me of a complaint I heard a while back and never really got to address. I always regret when someone makes such a complaint at the front desk, but when offered the chance to speak with the librarian, declines to do so. To my way of thinking, this is like visiting the doctor's office when you're ill, but only speaking with the receptionist.

Anyway, the complaint, as relayed to me, was that we have no biographies of Paul Revere. We have plenty of biographies of Karl Marx, the patron observed, but none of this important American patriot.

But here's the thing. It is hard to find a biography of Paul Revere. Despite the historical importance of his daring 'midnight ride,' enshrined in Longfellow's stirring ode, Paul Revere did not do much else. We know that he was a silversmith and a patriot, and there is a famous portrait of him by John Singleton Copley, but this is hardly enough matter for a full-

length biography. If you check the Children's Room, there are several biographies of Paul Revere, but these are of the 30- and 40-page variety.

The best book about Paul Revere is David Hackett Fischer's 1994 *Paul Revere's Ride*. But it is about the whole early Revolutionary War and the oncoming British invasion of the colonies; it could hardly be called a biography of Paul Revere, and is shelved in the 973's, with other books of American history.

There's usually an explanation for what appear to be significant oversights in a library's catalog. Often the answer is simply that—nobody has written a book about what the patron is looking for. Sometimes, it really is an oversight, and we need to know that too.

If you find something you think is a curious omission in our collections, let's talk about it. There are many ways to continue improving, and your input is one of them.

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THE MAYORS OF WEBSTER GROVES

Since 2015, it has been a tradition for the Library to feature a display about some aspect of Webster Groves history in its gallery throughout July. The display is always premiered the morning of the 4th of July parade, giving parade-goers a chance to see it.

This year's display is called The Mayors of Webster Groves, a pictorial history of the people who have led our city since its incorporation in 1896. It is an interesting story for a number of reasons.

—One mayor was tried (and acquitted) on a charge of burning down his own business to defraud the insurance company while he was mayor.

—One mayor went through a bitter divorce, after which he married his ex-wife's sister.

—In the early part of the 20th century the Moonlights—men who lived in Webster Groves but had their businesses in St. Louis—were opposed by the Daylights—men who lived and worked in Webster Groves.

—From 1896 until 1986, it was always men who sat in the mayor's seat: since 1986, it has been only women.

An informative, 19-page brochure accompanies the display. Be sure to drop in the morning of July 4th to see this intriguing historical exhibit!



W. Scott Fleming,
the first mayor of
Webster Groves

TOP REQUESTS

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing*,
by Delia Owens
2. *City of Girls*,
by Elizabeth Gilbert
3. *The Silent Patient*,
by Alex Michaelides
4. *Normal People*,
by Sally Rooney
5. *Redemption*,
by David Baldacci
6. *The 18th Abduction*,
by James Patterson
7. *Big Sky*,
by Kate Atkinson
8. *Mrs. Everything*,
by Jennifer Weiner
9. *Summer of '69*,
by Elin Hilderbrand
10. *The Pioneers*,
by David McCullough
11. *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*,
by Lori Gottlieb
12. *Furious Hours*,
by Casey Cep

KANOPLY

A few months ago, we added a new service called Kanopy. This is a streaming video service featuring a wide variety of documentaries, classic cinema, and indie movies.

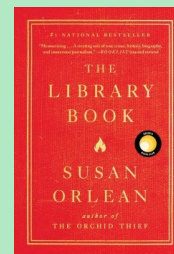
We added Kanopy in March because we were getting many suggestions from patrons that we should have it. We did not advertise it at the time, because it was not a budgeted item in the then-current fiscal year. We called it a 'soft opening.' Now that a new fiscal year has begun, we have a budget to support Kanopy use, and we hope people will discover it.

You can find Kanopy under the Materials tab on our Website—www.wgpl.org. It is an easy matter to set up an account and begin selecting movies to watch. The Library pays \$2 for each movie you select, so for now each patron is limited to 3 movies a month from Kanopy. As time goes on, if this popular service is not 'breaking the bank,' we may be able to increase the monthly limit.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, August 3 at 2 p.m.



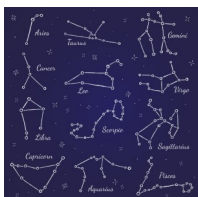
The Library Book,
by Susan Orlean

Tuesday, August 6 at 6 p.m.



Everything is Illuminated,
by Jonathan Safran Foer

ANIMAL TALES PRESENTS CREATURES OF THE GALAXY



In keeping with our summer reading program theme of A Universe of Stories, join us on Saturday, July 20th at 2 p.m. for *Creatures of the Galaxy*. This program, presented by our friends at Animal Tales, features a variety of LIVE exotic animals from around the world that can be found in constellations. Get up close and personal with these amazing creatures—including kinkajou! For more information, call the Children's Room at 314.961.7262.

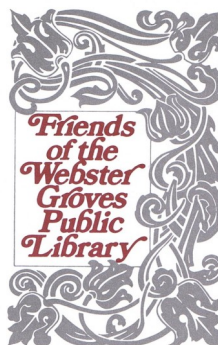


FRIENDS NEWS

The Friends netted over \$900 at the Summer Book Sale held on June 27 and 28. At \$5.00 a bag for books, that means at least 180 bags of books were sold!

When the doors opened on Friday evening, there was a line of

20 people waiting to take a look at the treasures on offer. We had many new volunteers helping with set-up and staffing for the Book Sale and we hope we will see more of them in the future.



BLUES PARADE

On Sunday, June 23, a large group of Webster Groves residents organized a parade celebrating the St. Louis Blues' victory in the Stanley Cup playoffs. They met in front of the Library and paraded to City Hall.



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