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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library  
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## KIDS' EVENTS

**Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis**  
Thursday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m.

**Story Time with Katie RAH!**  
Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, September 26 at 9:30 a.m.

**Open Stage Classical Guitar**  
Monday, September 16, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

**Pajama Story Time with Miss Margaret**  
Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m.



### I Survived Back to School Movie!

*Avengers: Endgame*  
Saturday, September 21, 1 – 4 p.m.

**Story Time with Different Dynamics**  
(Sensory Friendly!)  
Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.

**Saturday Movie: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone***  
Saturday, September 28, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.



## TEEN EVENTS

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**  
Wednesday, September 11, 7 – 8 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.

## ONE CITY/ONE BOOK—TOM SAWYER

Who doesn't love Mark Twain? His stories are full of wonderful characters, humorous incidents, adventure, and deep insight into human nature. There's much more, too. Novels set in pre-Civil War America sometimes challenge us with their language and ideas, but even those aspects can make discussions of Twain's books richer and more interesting.

In October, Webster Groves Public Library will host its first One City/One Book read, and the book will be *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain. The Friends of the Library have bought many copies of the book for us, and we hope that lots of you will read, or re-read *Tom Sawyer*. There will also be quite a few special events.

**Saturday, October 5:** The Saturday Afternoon Book Club will discuss the book at 2 p.m.

**Sunday, October 13:** Dr. Karla Armbruster of Webster University will give a lecture on Mark Twain and the setting of *Tom Sawyer* at 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 15:** The Tuesday Evening Book Club will discuss the book at 6 p.m.

**Friday, October 25:** The Friends of the Library will host a Costume Reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Children and adults are invited to dress as their favorite characters from the book! Fun and refreshments, and prizes for the best costumes.

There will also be a Tom Sawyer Art Competition for all ages. Draw, sketch, or paint your favorite scene from the book. Use any medium you choose—but you must get the sheet of paper from the Library! Judging will be done by members of the Webster Groves Arts Commission, with prizes for child, teen, and adult age groups.

The Children's Room will have a special showing of the movie *Tom and Huck* at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, followed by a family read-a-thon. Watch this newsletter in October for more details!

But for now—Check out your copy of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and start reading!  
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## KEN BURNS: COUNTRY MUSIC PREVIEW



Are you as excited as we are about a new Ken Burns film? *Country Music* promises to be as interesting, entertaining, and informative as any series he has done.

Webster Groves Public Library has been given permission by PBS to air a special preview of the series on Sunday, September 15. So if you just can't wait until that evening to see it, come on by! The 37-minute preview

includes interviews with Emmylou Harris and Vince Gill and discussions about Hank Williams and the song 'Crazy', which was written by Willie Nelson and sung by Patsy Cline.

This special preview will be introduced by long-time KETC personality Patrick Murphy, and after the film, there will be a short musical program by Gary Schoenberger, owner of Webster Garden Café and member of the group The Perfect Strangers. It should be a fun afternoon.

The event begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 314.961.3784.

## TOP REQUESTS

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing*,  
by Delia Owens
2. *A Better Man*,  
by Louise Penny
3. *The Nickel Boys*,  
by Colson Whitehead
4. *One Good Deed*,  
by David Baldacci
5. *The New Girl*,  
by Daniel Silva
6. *The Most Fun We Ever Had*,  
by Claire Lombardo
7. *Chances Are . . .*,  
by Richard Russo
8. *The Turn of the Key*,  
by Ruth Ware
9. *Summer of '69*,  
by Elin Hilderbrand
10. *Lady in the Lake*,  
by Laura Lippman
11. *Ask Again, Yes*,  
by Mary Beth Keane
12. *Evvie Drake Starts Over*,  
by Linda Holmes

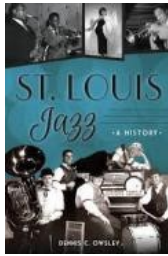
## VOTER REGISTRATION

Tuesday, September 24, is National Voter Registration Day. If you can't get registered that day, we will have a volunteer from the League of Women Voters in the Library on Saturday, September 28, to help. Residents of St. Louis County can always register to vote at the Library.

The last day to register to vote in the November general election is Wednesday, October 9.

## DENNIS OWSLEY:

### ST. LOUIS JAZZ: A HISTORY



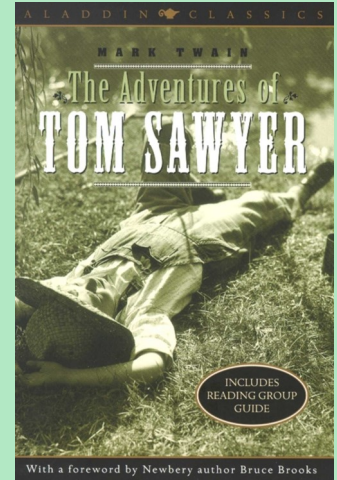
At 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, St. Louis author and long-time radio personality Dennis Owsley will introduce his book *St. Louis Jazz: A History*. Owsley has been an acknowledged expert on jazz for most of his life, and his Sunday evening program *Jazz Unlimited* has been a popular feature of St. Louis Public Radio programming for decades. Join us to hear his take the history of jazz in St. Louis. Copies of the book will be sold at the event by the Novel Neighbor.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

We will have two book discussions in October, both of them on *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain:

**Saturday, October 5, at 2 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 15, at 6 p.m.**



## MYSTIC CAIRNS IN OUR GALLERY



For the month of September, the exhibit in our art gallery will be *Mystic Cairns*, a series of small collages by Jane Miles and paintings by Garry McMichael. Their work explores cairns, or stacked rock structures, which are found all over

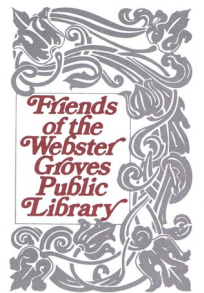
the world throughout history. It takes at least three rocks to make a cairn. They are careful structures that do not appear randomly in nature. 'Only man can make a cairn,' says McMichael, 'and only man can give it meaning.'



## FRIENDS NEWS

*Beyond the Page* makes its return! Mark your calendars for the Friends Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 8, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library. The meeting will feature the latest installment of *Beyond the Page*, the Friends' occasional interviews with notable people in the community. Our guest will be Library Director Tom Cooper. In addition, light refreshments will be served, annual reports will be made and the slate of officers for the upcoming year will be presented.

The meeting is open to anyone who's interested in coming and invitations have been mailed to Friends members. Please reply to Debbie Ladd at 314.961.3784 if you plan to attend. We will also have sign-up sheets if you'd like to volunteer for Friends activities.



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