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KIDS' EVENTS

Baby Story Time with Miss Phyllis

Thursday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 31 at 9:30 a.m.

Story Time with Katie RAH!

Tuesday, October 8 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 10 at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 22 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Video Game Play Day (ages 8 and up)

Thursday, October 10, 6 – 8 p.m.

Legomania!

Saturday, October 12, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Milk & Cookie Time: *Scary Tales!*

Wednesday, October 16, 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.
All ages welcome!

Whiskers & Tales

Monday, October 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Murder Mystery (3rd grade & up)

Wednesday, October 23 at 7 p.m.

Family Movie: *Tom & Huck (PG)*

Saturday, October 26 at 10 a.m.

Tom Sawyer Read-a-Thon!

Saturday, October 26, 1 – 4 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Wednesday, October 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

YA Book Club: *The False Prince*,

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Saturday, October 19, 2 – 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 IMPORTANCE OF SHELVERS

We used to call them pages. I think some people still do. That's because in the old days, many libraries had closed stacks, you had to request the books you wanted to see, and a page was sent to retrieve them. Nowadays, most libraries have open stacks and you're allowed to browse them yourself. All the pages do now is reshelve the books and work to maintain the general organization and neatness of the stacks.

Most of us call them shelvers now. It is the entry-level position in a library, mostly filled by students. For a long time we called the position Student Shelver. But our shelvers are no longer all students.

There is a certain tedium to shelving, as there is a certain tedium to almost all jobs. But there is also satisfaction and interest. I was a student shelver for a few years in college—I studied at Webster College (not yet Webster University) and worked at the old Eden-Webster Library. I liked getting everything put away during a shift, and then spending time straightening shelves, organiz-

ing the many scholarly journals, and keeping the newspapers in order. I suppose, at least I hope, that most people who work as shelvers still do.

There is a little speech I have made often when I interview new candidates for shelver positions. It goes something like this: 'In a library this size, there may be 50 to 70 thousand items on the shelves. Yet a person can walk in the door and name one title among those thousands, and we can find it almost instantly. Do you know why that is? Because you put it there. You did your job correctly and well. Every job in a library is important, and none more so than that of a shelver.'

Over the years, I have seen many good shelvers pass through our doors. Some have worked a few months, some many years. Many of them have been cherished employees we hated to see go. I hope they learned a lot from their time here at Webster Groves Public Library, and I hope they know how much we appreciate their work.

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ONE CITY/ONE BOOK—TOM SAWYER

Here is the schedule of events for October's One City/One Book read. We have plenty of copies of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and hope you'll check one out and join in the fun!

All Month—*Tom Sawyer* Art Contest. Draw or paint a favorite scene or character from the book. Use any medium you like, but you must get a drawing sheet from the Library. Prizes for children, teen, and adult. Last day for entries is October 25. Winners announced November 1.

Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.—Saturday Afternoon Book Discussion Group.

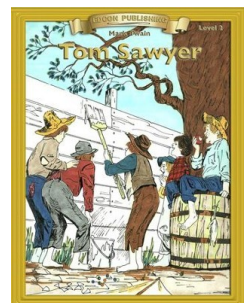
Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m.—Lecture on

Mark Twain and the setting of *Tom Sawyer*, by Karla Armbruster of Webster University.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.—Evening Book Discussion Group.

Friday, Oct. 25, to 8 p.m.—Costume Reception for children and adults. Come dressed as your favorite character from the book. Refreshments, games & activities.

Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m.—Movie showing, *Tom & Huck* (PG) and **1 to 4 p.m.**—*Tom Sawyer* Read-a-thon.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *A Better Man*,
by Louise Penny
2. *Where the Crawdads Sing*,
by Delia Owens
3. *The Dutch House*,
by Ann Patchett
4. *The Nickel Boys*,
by Colson Whitehead
5. *One Good Deed*,
by David Baldacci
6. *The New Girl*,
by Daniel Silva
7. *The Secrets We Kept*,
by Lara Prescott
8. *Summer of '69*,
by Elin Hilderbrand
9. *The Testaments*,
by Margaret Atwood
10. *The Water Dancer*,
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
11. *This Tender Land*,
by William Kent Krueger
12. *The Turn of the Key*,
by Ruth Ware

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Webster Groves Public Library has a 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program. This is an initiative to help parents share up to 1,000 books with their children before they enter kindergarten, thereby exposing them to a rich world of language, imagination, ideas, and shared communication. Here's how it works:

Get Started: Visit wgpl.beanstack.org to register, or pick up a reading log at the Library.

Track Your Reading: Record books online.

Every Book Counts: New book, same book, or storytime book, it all counts!

100-Book Milestones: You completed the log—great! Grab another and keep going. Collect a sticker at every 100 and get a book bag at 500.

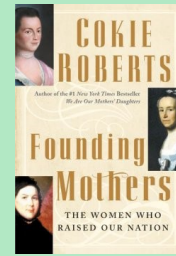
1,000 Books: You did it! Come to the Library and receive a free book to keep!

Keep on Reading: Don't stop at 1,000! Keep reading together! There's more learning ahead.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, November 2, at 2 p.m.



Founding Mothers,
by Cokie Roberts

New Book Discussion Group!

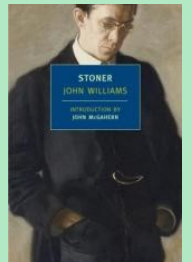
Beginning in November, we will have a new group, which will be discussing classic works of fiction, and meet at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month. The first four books and dates are:

November 19: *Stoner*, by John Williams

December 17: *Ethan Frome*, by Edith Wharton

January 21: *Ceremony*,
by Leslie Silko

February 18: *The Makioka Sisters*, by Junichiro Tanizaki



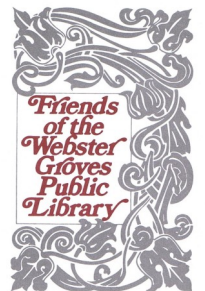
SMALL WORKS XII IN OUR GALLERY

The October exhibit in our gallery will be *Small Works XII*, a juried exhibit from Webster Arts. Webster Arts is a non-profit foundation whose mission is 'to bring art to life by providing opportunities for people of all ages to engage in and enjoy the arts through programs, partnerships, and collaborations.' Their offices and gallery space are on the campus of Eden Seminary.

Small works exhibits are interesting for featuring works in a variety of media—oil, watercolor, collage, photography, fiber, mixed media, and more. There will be an opening reception Friday, October 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., free and open to the public. This is a great time to meet the artists and discuss their work.

FRIENDS NEWS

The Friends are very excited about One City/One Book for the month of October! On Friday, October 25, we will host a costume reception as one of the events scheduled for One City/One Read. Join us from 6 - 8 p.m. for refreshments and cosplay fun as your favorite Tom Sawyer character! We also provided funds for fifty copies of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and they are now available at the Library—but better hurry! They are going fast! Our next scheduled Friends Board meeting is Friday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the Library's meeting room. Anyone is welcome to attend.



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