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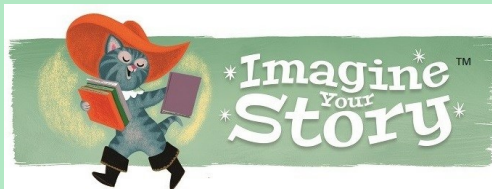


TOP REQUESTS

1. *American Dirt*,
by Jeanine Cummins
2. *Too Much and Never Enough*,
by Mary Trump
3. *The Vanishing Half*,
by Brit Bennett
4. *Camino Winds*,
by John Grisham
5. *White Fragility*,
by Robin DiAngelo
6. *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*,
by Suzanne Collins
7. *The Room Where It Happened*,
by John Bolton
8. *Big Summer*,
by Jennifer Weiner
9. *Friends and Strangers*,
by J. Courtney Sullivan
10. *28 Summers*,
by Elin Hilderbrand
11. *All Adults Here*,
by Emma Straub
12. *Such a Fun Age*,
by Kiley Reid

SUMMER READING EXTENSION

Due to the Library being closed for a while, we are extending the time for readers to complete summer reading club. The original ending date to complete reading and log your books, hours, or minutes was August 8. That will be extended to August 22, and we'll begin drawings for raffle prizes after that date.



REOPENING

On July 29, St. Louis County Library returned all of its locations to curbside-only service, with no public access to its buildings. This was in response to continually increasing numbers of new COVID-19 infections in the county. In rapid succession, most of the MLC libraries followed suit. As Webster Groves Public Library was preparing to return to curbside-only service, we received the news that a staff member was possibly exposed to the virus, and we had to shut down completely pending test results. As of this writing, we do not yet know whether our employee tested positive or negative.

Our plan is to reopen Monday, August 10, offering curbside service to pick up requested items. We will offer a blend of appointments and drive-ups. If you call in advance, we can have your items checked out and waiting to hand to you when you arrive. If you drive up, pull into a designated spot, call us at 314.961.3784, give your name, and a library clerk will retrieve and check out your items, and bring them to you. In either situation, you must have your library card number handy. We ask that you open a trunk or hatch or back car window, so we can put your library materials into your car with minimal contact.

We have no idea how long this reduced service will continue. If you need any help requesting items from our catalog, please call us and someone will assist you.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Curbside pickup hours starting August 10:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ELECTION AFTERMATH

Webster Groves Public Library is proud to serve as a polling place in our community. We are as dedicated to helping create an informed electorate as we are to the democratic process in general. Tuesday's election was very busy, which was good to see, and there was a mix of surprising results and expected results.

The only problem for us is that every time there is an election, people from various campaigns come and place yard signs all over our lawn. By the next day, many of those people have circled back to remove their signs.

But some never do, leaving it up to us to remove their signs and discard them. Sure, it's a minor irritation, but an irritation just the same. This year's election was no different, with several candidates leaving signs in our yard. I hope people who volunteer to work for campaigns will bear this in mind, and complete the job they set out to do.

Of course, I would not like to name any names, but here is a photograph of what I mean:

