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## TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Vanishing Half*,  
by Brit Bennett
2. *Too Much and Never Enough*,  
by Mary Trump
3. *American Dirt*,  
by Jeanine Cummins
4. *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*,  
by Suzanne Collins
5. *The Guest List*,  
by Lucy Foley
6. *Camino Winds*,  
by John Grisham
7. *Caste*,  
by Isabel Wilkerson
8. *28 Summers*,  
by Elin Hilderbrand
9. *Big Summer*,  
by Jennifer Weaver
10. *The Room Where It Happened*,  
by John Bolton
11. *White Fragility*,  
by Robin DiAngelo
12. *The Broken Heart of America*,  
by Walter Johnson

## EXPLORE BINGO

The Webster Groves Public Library Children's Department is offering a monthly bingo game for the 2020-2021 school year for anyone 18 and younger. Explore cards can be found on the [Youth Services Page](#) on our website and on our [Facebook page](#).

To qualify for the drawing, submissions will only be accepted between the 15th and end of the month at [kids@wgpl.org](mailto:kids@wgpl.org). You must find every item on the Explore card to enter the drawing.

One lucky winner will be notified via email the beginning of the following month. Good luck!

## REOPENING: PHASE 2

On Tuesday, September 8, we will once again reopen to allow people into the building for limited service. You may come in to browse for books and movies and check them out. But chairs have been removed from the tables, there are no newspapers out, and several of our auxiliary services, such as passport acceptance and test proctoring, are not available.

We will be doing conversion of VHS tapes. It will just take longer, because we will quarantine any tapes you bring in for four days before beginning the conversion process. Call the Reference Department at 314.961.7277 if you have any questions.

We will also have computers available for half-hour appointments. You do not need to reserve in advance.

We will continue curbside service for those who would rather not enter the building. You may make an appointment to pick up requested items, or just pull into one of our designated spaces and call 314.961.3784.

There are a few important rules to be aware of:

- Face masks are required to enter.
- Maintain social distance of 6'
- No unattended children in the building

Other rules apply, and are posted throughout the building. We hope to continue moving forward in providing library service to the Webster Groves community, and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we find new ways of doing business in these challenging times.

[tcoper@wgpl.org](mailto:tcoper@wgpl.org)

## LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

The Library will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.

## CONTEST WINNER

In July we sponsored an essay contest. We proposed the theme What I've Learned During Quarantine, and invited contestants to write essays of no more than 3,000 words.

The Grand Prize Winner of our contest was Wanda Lovan. Wanda spoke in her essay of her journey through the seasons of isolation (Winter I, II, and III, as she put it), of the trials of working from home, of learning to bake bread again, of home gardening, and many other things.

The most interesting part of this was that Wanda's essay was the only one we received. There seemed to be considerable excitement among local writers about the idea of an essay contest, but in the end, nobody but Ms. Lovan submitted one. This may say more about the ennui and lethargy that is setting in due to COVID-19 isolation than any essay ever could—and Wanda is to be congratulated for actually finding the gumption and taking the time to submit an essay.

## SUMMER READING CLUB WINNERS

Thank you to all who participated in our online summer reading program, Imagine Your Story. Winners have been drawn and will be notified by email later this week on how and when to claim their prizes at the Library. In the spirit of giving back to the Webster Groves community, prizes are Webster

Groves Gift Certificates which are redeemable at dozens of participating businesses.

