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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library  
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## TOP REQUESTS

1. *Caste*  
by Isabel Wilkerson
2. *The Vanishing Half*  
by Brit Bennett
3. *Anxious People*  
by Fredrik Backman
4. *Rage*  
by Bob Woodward
5. *All the Devils are Here*  
by Louise Penny
6. *One by One*  
by Ruth Ware
7. *The Guest List*  
by Lucy Foley
8. *Too Much and Never Enough*  
by Mary Trump
9. *Transcendent Kingdom*  
by Yaa Gyasi
10. *28 Summers*  
by Elin Hilderbrand
11. *American Dirt*  
by Jeanine Cummins
12. *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*  
by Suzanne Collins

## HALLOWEEN GRAB & GO

The Library will host a Halloween candy and craft bag drive-thru on October 24th from 5 – 6 p.m. Stay in your vehicle and pull up to the back entrance. **Do not** park in a space. A small treat bag with candy and crafts will be provided for all youth 18 and under in each vehicle, **while supplies last**. We plan to hand out 200 bags. Allergy free/non-candy bags will be available upon request. Similar to our curbside pick-up process, please roll down your back window or open your trunk/hatch and we will safely place the treat bags in your vehicle. Masks are strongly encouraged for everyone and will be worn by Library staff and volunteers. Feel free to wear costumes or decorate your car. Happy Halloween!

## WEBSTER GROVES CITIZENS

We have been open to serve the public for a few weeks now. Granted, it's limited service, but people seem to greatly appreciate being able to come in and browse for books and movies. Some people have asked why it is that we can be open when some other libraries are not. I think it is because of the people we serve.

In the whole time we've been open, we have had only one or two incidents of people complaining about having to wear a mask—and even those few relented with little argument. If this were more of a problem, we might not be able to keep moving forward in providing some level of normal service.

But the kindness and understanding of our patrons runs deeper. During this time, we choose not to handle money. Fines can wait, unless people want to pay them online. And we are not charging for printing from the computers. If you need to print something, that's fine, just take the pages and go. When we first decided not to charge, staff members asked, What if people abuse the privilege? We figured we would cross that bridge when we come to it. But nobody abuses the privilege, and as a matter of fact we hear so many people promising to make it up to us when we can take money again. One computer user has already sent in a check to cover all his prints.

That is the kind of citizenship we've come to expect in Webster Groves. That is why we can keep opening our doors in these troubled times.

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## LIBRARY HOURS

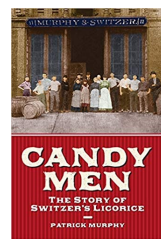
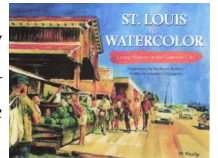
Monday - Thursday	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MEET THE AUTHORS!

Join us Saturday, October 24 at 2 p.m. to meet two favorite local authors, Marilynne Bradley and Patrick Murphy.

The event will be held outside on our front courtyard. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Marilynne Bradley's new book is *St. Louis in Watercolor: Living History in the Gateway City*.



Patrick Murphy's new book is *Candy Men: The Story of Switzer's Licorice*.

Both authors will be selling and signing copies of their books.

## FRIENDS NEWS

The Library is generously allowing the Friends to present the 2020-21 slate of officers for approval at the Meet the Authors event on October 24 (see above) since we were unable to hold our Annual Meeting in June. An Annual Report will be sent to all Friends members in early October. Thank you to all the Friends for their support and we hope to see you on the 24th!

## OCTOBER BINGO

Time for the October EXPLORE bingo challenge! Once you get a coverall for the game, remember to submit your completed EXPLORE bingo card to [kids@wgpl.org](mailto:kids@wgpl.org) to have a chance to win the drawing. Submit between the 15th and end of the month!

EXPLORE cards can be found on our [Youth Page](#) on our website or on the WGPL Facebook page. One lucky winner will be notified via e-mail at the beginning of the following month. Good luck!