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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

This year's Summer Reading theme is **Tails & Tales**—stories and books about our many wonderful animal friends!

Dates are May 22 to August 13.

Sign up online at wgpl.beanstack.org

Take 'n' Make Craft for July is yarn tails! Grab a bag, braid away, and pin to the seat of your pants to give yourself a snazzy tail. Available while supplies last.

Garden Reads, our outdoor story time, will be held on Tuesday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting and with social distancing). Possible other dates TBA. Parents are encouraged to bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Doggy Diner: Pet adoption and reading with the pups. Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Stop by to play with and read to the puppies from Stray Rescue of Saint Louis and maybe even adopt one! Also consider bringing donations of dog food, dog bowls, old towels/blankets, etc.

The Scoop. Do you like seeing your name in print? Scan and e-mail us your originals with Your Name and Contact information for our new WGPL Youth biannual e-source. Produced by our fantastic Teen Advisory Group. For ages 2 – 18.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

We will open at noon on Saturday, July 3, and be closed Sunday, July 4, and Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

WOMEN OF WEBSTER GROVES

Each year for the past five years, the Library has staged an exhibit of some aspect of local history in the month of July. We always premiere these displays on July 4 and allow people to come in during the parade to see them. We have had displays on the history of the parks in Webster Groves, on the development of Community Days, on the mayors in our history, and more.

Last year's display was meant to be on prominent women of Webster Groves, coinciding with the centennial of Women's Suffrage in the United States. But the COVID-19 pandemic prevented that. It will be our display this month.

There are quite a few women of interest in our history, from pioneering entrepreneurs to early television and radio



Sarah Allen founded the Monday Club of Webster Groves, the oldest women's organization west of the Mississippi.

personalities, from politicians to philanthropists, singers, models, movie stars, novelists, athletes, and more.

The display will be up through the month of July, and can be viewed in our gallery any time we're open.

Also throughout the month, we will feature one of the women from the display on our Facebook page, offering a photo, a name, and a brief description of her accomplishments, to 'whet your appetite' for more! Watch for them.

In August, we will deal with another history matter: the bicentennial of our state, which became the 24th state in the union on August 10, 1821. Throughout the month we will feature an interesting fact about Missouri history on our Facebook page. We hope these historical tidbits will be interesting and informative, and make you want to read more about our history.

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ARCHIVE OF WEBSTER-KIRKWOOD TIMES

Was your name ever mentioned in the *Webster-Kirkwood Times*? Was there once a photo of a friend or loved one in the paper?

A few years ago Dwight Bitikofer, former publisher of the *Webster-Kirkwood Times*, gave us his personal collection of the paper. He had issues going back to the founding of the paper in 1978. After organizing them, we found there were nearly 200 missing issues scattered over the decades.

We recently worked with the current publishers of the paper to fill in most of those blanks, and now we are only missing 25 issues.

During the pandemic, our reference depart-

ment staff found time to organize all those papers. A generous grant from the Friends of the Library paid for archival boxes and other materials needed to store them safely.

We also created an index to the paper, so you can easily look up articles going back to the earliest days of the *Webster-Kirkwood Times*.

Now that we are open again, we hope you'll take some time to come in and browse this wonderful resource for local history.

WEBSTER-KIRKWOOD
TIMES

TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Last Thing He Told Me*,
by Laura Dave
2. *Malibu Rising*,
by Taylor Jenkins Reid
3. *The Maidens*,
by Alex Michaelides
4. *Sooley*,
by John Grisham
5. *The Four Winds*,
by Kristin Hannah
6. *Hamnet*,
by Maggie O'Farrell
7. *The Midnight Library*,
by Matt Haig
8. *The Good Sister*,
by Sally Hepworth
9. *People We Meet on Vacation*,
by Emily Henry
10. *Hour of the Witch*,
by Chris Bohjalian
11. *A Gambling Man*,
by David Baldacci
12. *Great Circle*,
by Maggie Shipstead

MLC ARPA GRANT



The Municipal Library Consortium (MLC) has been granted \$225,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The grant, administered by the Missouri State Library, is earmarked for the purchase of e-books and audiobooks for our OverDrive collection.

The American Rescue Plan Act was passed in March of this year, allotting funds to state and local government to aid in recovery in many areas.

Librarians from all nine libraries in the MLC will begin meeting soon to discuss how to spend this wonderful windfall.

For the past several years, e-books have been very popular, and audiobooks even more so. If you have been meaning to learn how to use the Library's collections of these downloadable media but have been putting it off, now is the time to learn! Call us at 314.961.3784 for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, August 7 at 2 p.m.

This meeting is scheduled to be held in the Library's Meeting Room. Masks required, and social distancing will be observed. For more information, contact Debbie Ladd at dladd@wgpl.org.



Doctor Thorne,
by Anthony Trollope

BOOK CLUB KITS—

Remember that while book discussions at the Library aren't quite back to normal, we do have book club kits available for your home group. Kits include 10 copies of the book and a discussion guide, and can be checked out for 6 weeks.

Look them up in our catalogue under the title BOOK CLUB KIT.

LIBRARIES RESUME PASSPORT SERVICE

On July 6, Webster Groves Public Library will begin making appointments for passport applications. Our friends at Kirkwood Public Library started passport service a few weeks ago. Both libraries had paused accepting passports during the COVID-19 health emergency, and will be taking passport applications by appointment only, in order to manage the anticipated rush.

Neither library takes passport photos. You must visit a store such as Walgreen's, CVS, or Walmart for that service.

We have heard from the U.S. Department of State that the wait for a passport to be delivered, after the application is mailed in, can be up to 18 weeks, due to a considerable backlog. Even when applicants pay the extra fee for expediting a passport application, the wait can be 12 weeks.

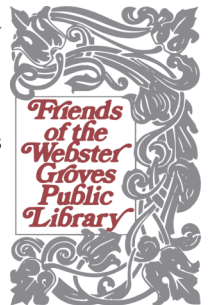
For more information about what is needed to apply for a passport and for fillable online applications, visit travel.state.gov. You may also call our Reference Department at 314.961.7277 with questions.

FRIENDS NEWS

There are two events coming up for Friends members to add to their calendars: the Book Sale will be held in the Library Meeting Room on October 15, 16 and 17.

The Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m., also in the Library Meeting Room.

Thank you again to all new and renewing Friends members—your generous gifts support, among other things, the children's and adults' Summer Reading Programs! Enjoy your summer reads!



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