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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library  
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## KIDS' EVENTS

### Garden Reads Story Time:

Thursday, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, at 9:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

### Monster Mash Costume Contest

October 23, 1 - 3 p.m. (See the article on page two.)



### October Take 'n' Make Craft:

Dragon Bubble wrap craft. Find them in the Library's back foyer!

### Halloween Grab 'n' Go:

Saturday, October 30, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Visit us in your costume at our back entrance to receive a special treat!



**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. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## BOOK FAIRS & ART DISPLAYS

Have you been longing to return to *normal*? Have you been worried that the way we've been living the past year and a half is the new normal? I know I have. But with October we take a few large steps back into the way things used to be—and it feels good.

For one, we have an art display in our gallery sponsored by Webster Arts. It is their Small Works XIV exhibit, featuring works in many mediums by a few dozen artists. From water colors to oil painting, photography to mixed media, there's something for every



taste. This display will be up through October 29.

October also sees the return of the Friends Book Fair, the first one in a few years. It will be held on Friday, October 15 from 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, October 16 from 9 to 4.



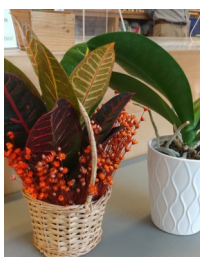
There will be thousands of lightly-used books of every type, priced to gladden the heart of any collector or eager reader.

For information about how you volunteer to help at the Book Fair, see the Friends News on page two of this newsletter.

With these two events happening in the same month, it really feels like the return of normalcy.

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## THANKS TO WOMEN'S GARDEN ASSOCIATION



Anyone who is a regular user of the Library is likely familiar with the fact that there is always some nice plant or floral arrangement on our front desk—and not just the usual things, but interesting, lovely, well-presented specimens.

These have been an ongoing mission of members of the Webster Groves Women's Garden Association, who have brought in these flowers and plants to grace our front desk for many years.

Sadly, we received a letter from them this

month noting that due to decreasing membership, they would no longer be able to offer a monthly plant or floral arrangement.

This is sad news for us, as we (and many of our patrons) have always taken great pleasure in these nice arrangements.

We want to express our gratitude for the many years of joy their efforts have brought us. A plant in a pot may seem like a small thing, but it is a gift, a bit of natural beauty gracing our workspace, and we will surely miss it.

Thank you to all of the members of the Women's Garden Association, and best of luck in your future endeavors!

## TOP REQUESTS

1. *Apples Never Fall*,  
by Liane Moriarty
2. *The Madness of Crowds*,  
by Louise Penny
3. *The Last Thing He Told Me*,  
by Laura Dave
4. *Cloud Cuckoo Land*,  
by Anthony Doerr
5. *A Slow Fire Burning*,  
by Paula Hawkins
6. *Peril*,  
by Bob Woodward and Robert Costa
7. *The Night She Disappeared*,  
by Lisa Jewell
8. *Harlem Shuffle*,  
by Colson Whitehead
9. *The Paper Palace*,  
by Miranda Cowley Heller
10. *Lightning Strike*,  
by William Kent Krueger
11. *Beautiful World, Where are You*,  
by Sally Rooney
12. *Bewilderment*,  
by Richard Powers

## MONSTER MASH COSTUME CONTEST

Visit us in your costume at the Library's back entrance on October 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. and we will take a photo of you before a Halloween backdrop.

All of the photos will be posted in the Library, and voting for the best costume will take place online between October 25 and 29.

Amazon gift cards for \$25 will be awarded to winners in 4 age categories: 0-5, 5-12, 13-18, and adults 19 and up, and in a special Scary Monsters category (all ages). A \$50 gift card will go to the winner in the family category (two or more family members in costume.)

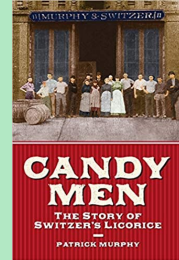
There will be kettle corn and apple juice for everyone who participates!



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, November 6 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](mailto:dladd@wgpl.org).



*Candy Men*  
by Patrick Murphy

### 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.

## LEARN TO MAKE YOUR OWN KOMBUCHA



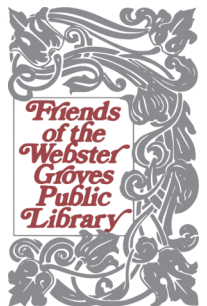
Have you been hearing about kombucha but don't know what it is? Or have you tried it and wish you could make your own? You can learn to make this lightly effervescent, fermented black or green tea drink with Jaime Kirsch on Saturday, October 23, at 10 a.m. The event will be held in the Library's meeting room. Attendees will receive a kombucha starter kit complete with a kombucha culture.

The program is limited to 20 participants. Call 314.961.3784 to reserve your spot. **Masks will be required.**

## FRIENDS NEWS

It's finally here! The Friends Book Sale will be held Friday, October 15, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Library. The price is \$5.00 a bag (bags supplied by the Library). Come find treasures of your own or for friends! The Friends are in need of volunteers to set up and take down the Book Sale. Thursday, October 14 we will be moving books from their storage location to the Library. The storage location is diagonally across the street. On Sunday, October 17 we will be packing books for resale or for use at Library on Ice at the Webster Recreation Center

Please contact Sue Gold, [suegold0502@gmail.com](mailto:suegold0502@gmail.com), if you can help at either of these times.



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