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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Tuesday Story Time:

A new video story time is posted to our Facebook page every Tuesday.

NOVEMBER IS TRIPLE TURKEY MONTH!

November Take 'n' Make Craft:

Colorful Cupcake Cup Turkeys. Find them in the Library's foyer (while supplies last)!



Story Time Craft



Make a turkey with leaves and other materials. Available on November 23.

November Book & Craft Kits

My Favorite Day of the Year, featuring a turkey craft kit. Available early in November.



The Scoop Bulletin Board

We have left one bulletin board in the Children's Room empty for you to post your photos, artworks, stories or poems. Share your genius with the world!

LIBRARY HOURS

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

The Library will be closed Thursday, November 11 for Veterans' Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26, for Thanksgiving.

THE LIBRARY AND THE CITY

Last Friday I met with Assistant City Manager Eric Peterson to discuss some personnel matters. It was the first time we had met since his coming to Webster Groves.

It brought to mind a question we often get, and which I occasionally like to explain, so people understand what exactly is the relationship between Webster Groves Public Library and the City of Webster Groves.

The Library, like all public libraries in Missouri, is an independent taxing district. This is spelled out in the state constitution (Section 182, mostly). Missouri was one of the first states to have rules for the establishment, funding, and administration of public libraries enumerated in its constitution.

The Library is self-governing, having its own board of nine trustees. Those trustees, according to law, are appointed by the Mayor and City Council, but that is the end of their governance. When trustees' terms end, or a trustee resigns, the City Council appoints replacements. The process of becoming a

Library Board trustee begins by filling out the Boards and Commissions application, which is available at the City's website.

There are several types of libraries in Missouri, including municipal, county, and consolidated. We are a municipal library, and we are in a consortium with the other eight municipal libraries in St. Louis County. All these libraries have some kind of administrative relationship with their cities.

We work with the City of Webster Groves mostly in the area of personnel. Our benefits package for full-time employees is administered by the City, as is our payroll. For this service we pay annual fees to the City.

The City's Finance Department also calculates our annual tax rate, based on our voted tax rate and the requirements of Missouri's Hancock Amendment. They also schedule the public hearing for that tax rate.

All of these services are of great benefit to the Library.

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MONSTER MASH COSTUME WINNERS



Genevieve Hauke, winner in the age 0 - 5 category.

On Saturday, October 23 we held a Monster Mash Costume Contest. Young people were asked to come in costume and we took photos of them. We had hoped to hold the event outdoors, but the weather was gloomy and it moved inside.

The photos were posted online, where people could vote for their favorites. There were winners in 4 age categories and a special Best Monster category. The winners were Genevieve Hauke (age 0 - 5), Logan Rushing (age 6 - 12), Brandon Parikh (age 13 - 18), Harper & GiGi Griffin (family), and Ruby Morello (best monster). Winners were awarded Amazon gift cards.



Harper & GiGi Griffin, winners in the family category.

TOP REQUESTS

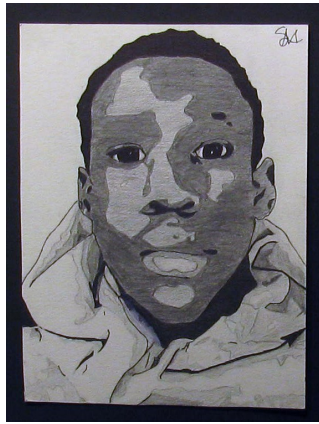
1. *The Lincoln Highway*,
by Amor Towles
2. *State of Terror*,
by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny
3. *Cloud Cuckoo Land*,
by Anthony Doerr
4. *Apples Never Fall*,
by Liane Moriarty
5. *The Judge's List*,
by John Grisham
6. *Crossroads*,
by Jonathan Franzen
7. *The Last Thing He Told Me*,
by Laura Dave
8. *A Slow Fire Burning*,
by Paula Hawkins
9. *Oh William!*,
by Elizabeth Strout
10. *Harlem Shuffle*,
by Colson Whitehead
11. *Bewilderment*,
by Richard Powers
12. *The Man Who Died Twice*,
by Richard Osman

TEENART DISPLAY

The November exhibit in our gallery is art by teens from Webster Groves High School. There are works in oil, graphite, and watercolor, and mixed media.

We will have a meet and greet on Saturday, November 6 from 2 to 3 p.m., when you may come by and meet these talented young artists.

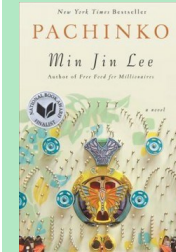
The exhibit will be up through November 30.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, December 4 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.



Pachinko,
by Min Jin Lee

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.

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

Earlier this year, the United States Congress voted overwhelmingly to approve a new federal holiday. Called *Juneteenth*, it commemorates the day in history when African-American slaves in Texas first learned of their emancipation. While Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had been issued in 1863, it took the advance of Union troops to inform enslaved people and enforce it. In much of Texas, the most distant of the old Confederate states, this did not happen until June 19, 1865. That day has long been commemorated in much of Texas, and is now a federal holiday celebrating emancipation in general.

At its July meeting, the Library Board approved this as a new holiday on the Library's calendar. Most other libraries in St. Louis County have already approved this new holiday, or are discussing doing so.

As luck would have it, its first celebration in 2022 comes on a Sunday, so the Library will be closed on Monday for the holiday.

FRIENDS NEWS

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the Friends Book Sale a success: Chris Kunz, Jen Hiatt, Ashley Smith, Barbara Theohar, Jill Johnson, Vaughn Meister, Jeanne Kirkton, Voula Murdock, Pam Agathen, Tristan Archer, Sophia Lamitola, James Gilliland, Blue Weidemann, Grace Hannan, Pat Fitzgerald, Deanna Dopplick, Kevin Randich, Nancy Colón, Nancy Hiatt, Gretchen Loudermilk, Mary LaBarge, Jennifer Hojnacki, JoAnn Nester, Kathleen Schmitz, and Ruth Lane. The book sale brought in nearly \$1400! And a big shout-out to the committee who organized everything: Terry Pirrong, Sue Gold, Dorothy Heltibrand, and Debbie Ladd.

The Friends Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, November 7, at 2 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Jaime Mowers of the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* will give a talk about reviving that newspaper. Please make reservations with

Debbie Ladd, 314.961.3784 or dladd@wgpl.org.

Seating is limited to 40 people.

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