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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Tuesday Story Time:

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

February Take 'n' Make Craft:

Tiny Art Show: Kit includes a 3" x 3" canvas, 3 tempera paint colors and a paint brush. Use these materials (and anything else you have at home) to create your own tiny masterpiece. Return artwork to the Library by Monday, February 28th for our Tiny Art Show in the Children's Room through March 2022. 100 kits will be distributed.

New Book & Activity Kits for Black History Month:

Firebird (ballerina Misty Copeland)—Includes 2 red ribbon wands and red feather headband for ballet pretend play.

Jake Makes a World (Jacob Lawrence, an artist from Harlem)—Includes 4" x 4" mini canvas, 6 tempera paint colors, and a paint brush.

Mae Among the Stars (Mae Jemison, first black woman NASA astronaut)—Includes space stencils, stamps, and 4 crayons.

Trombone Shorty (Troy Andrews, musician from New Orleans)—Includes items to make a Mardi Gras mask to celebrate the time of year that Troy enjoyed playing his music most.

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.

The Library will be closed Monday, February 21 for Presidents' Day.

WHERE IS EVERYTHING?

Last month's newsletter carried the news that we are converting our collection to RFID tagging, which should make checkouts and checkins more efficient and secure. Doing it is a big job, which involves someone processing every single circulating item in the collection.

While we're doing all this, we are also taking the opportunity to do some long overdue rearranging of some collections, in hopes of making better use of the space in the Library. This is helpful in the long run, but in the short run it may be confusing to patrons.

Most everything will remain where it is. Fiction is in the stacks out in the main Reading Room; nonfiction is in the north stack area.

In the lower level, the oversize books and older newspapers have been moved across the room. We hope to eventually move the older newspapers upstairs, by the magazines, so they are more accessible to readers. The biographies have been consolidated and shift-

ed so they occupy only two tiers.

The plan is to move the science fiction and fantasy to the lower level, and move the large print books to the north stacks. This will provide much more space for shelving our fiction collection, which is always too crowded. In the upcoming few months, if you can't find something, please don't hesitate to ask someone where it is.

You may also notice that as we're working on this, we are withdrawing many of our old reference books. As much as this pains me—I began my library career as a reference librarian—these types of books are just not used any more. In an informal poll of our entire reference staff, nobody could remember being asked a question that involved recourse to one of these books for several years. Most of them have grown outdated.

We will, of course, continue to collect any source on local history. We do still get those questions!

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WHITHER, O TAX FORMS?

Usually, by February, many people are starting to get their tax returns filed. For decades, public libraries have distributed tax forms to help that process. But for the past several years, our ability to provide this service has declined, because the entities who provide the forms—the federal and state governments—have greatly reduced what they send us.

The state sends us nothing, and the federal government does not make nearly the variety of forms they used to send us available, and they come later every year. Only yesterday we got our first shipment of 1040 forms. This is part of a larger goal to get people to file

online. It is quicker, you usually get your returns faster, and it wastes a lot less paper.

That said, we are aware that many people are not ready to make that change. Some people never will. In the meantime, we can help you look online to find and print the forms you need. If you're working from home, federal forms can be searched at irs.gov, and Missouri forms at dor.mo.gov/taxation/individual.

Of course, many people need the long manuals to help with their filing, and they don't want to print the whole thing. We can provide those for you.

TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Lincoln Highway*,
by Amor Towles
2. *Cloud Cuckoo Land*,
by Anthony Doerr
3. *The Judge's List*,
by John Grisham
4. *The Maid*,
by Nita Prose
5. *Something to Hide*,
by Elizabeth George
6. *Wish You Were Here*,
by Jodi Picoult
7. *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*,
by Taylor Jenkins Reid
8. *Atlas of the Heart*,
by Brené Brown
9. *The Sentence*,
by Louise Erdrich
10. *Go Tell the Bees that I Am Gone*,
by Diana Gabaldon
11. *One Step Too Far*,
by Lisa Gardner
12. *State of Terror*,
by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny

GLENN DETRICK PHOTOGRAPHY

This month's display in our art gallery is travel photography by Glenn Detrick, *Interesting People and Places from Around the World*. Glenn is a long-time Webster Groves resident and friend of the Library. Over the years he has traveled to many countries, and taken many beautiful photographs. He will donate the proceeds from any photograph sold during the exhibit to the Library.

There will be an opening reception for the exhibit Friday, February 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and meet Glenn and get an early look at his photos.

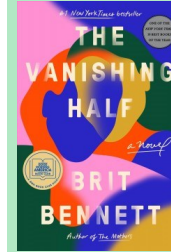
This exhibit will be up through February.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, March 5 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.



The Vanishing Half,
by Brit Bennett

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.

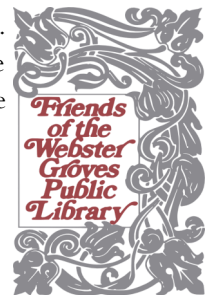
CHANGE IN PASSPORT FEES

For the past several years, the Library has been a passport acceptance agency. You may bring your application, recent photo, and necessary documents to the Library and we will check everything and submit your application to the State Department for processing. There are fees paid to the State Department, which vary depending on age of the applicant, which products you are ordering, and how quickly you need to receive your passport. There is also a \$35 processing fee paid to the Library as the acceptance agency.

Beginning December 27, the fees payable to the State Department were raised. Adult and children's passport fees went up by \$20, to \$130 and \$100 respectively. The fee to for 1 to 2 day mailing of your completed passport has gone up from \$17.56 to \$18.32. If you have been planning to submit an application any time soon, be sure to check the fees. You may find information at the website travel.state.gov. To make an appointment for passport processing, or for more information, call the Reference Department at 314-961-7277.

FRIENDS NEWS

Winter clearly has arrived and the Friends hope you are cozy and warm with your book, e-reader or DVD from the Library. We will be planning activities for 2022 at our next Board meeting on Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. We are actively looking for new Friends Board members! If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact Vice President Laura Wehrenberg at lwehrenberg@sbcglobal.net.



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