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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.

Sunday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Children's Poetry Workshop with Susan Grigsby (see details on the next page)

All Month in April!

Villains Invade the Library!

Beware of villains in the Library through the whole month of April!

There will be villainous decorations and displays, villain activities, movies, crafts, and more.

For complete details about what these diabolical demons are up to, visit the Library's website at www.wgpl.org, and click on the Villains Month post.

The Library would like to thank the many folks we have worked with to make Villains Month happen: The Friends of the Library for financial support, Jeraca's Mom for crocheted items, Brenda Rah and the Northwest Branch of Jefferson County Library, the Teen Advisory Group (TAG), local artist Leah Baird for wonderful illustrations, Betty's Books, and the whole Library staff for their participation and enthusiasm.

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 Sunday, April 17, for Easter.

MEMORIES

I keep many documents and drafts of things I am writing on Microsoft's OneDrive service. That cloud-based storage works well for me, and helps me organize different categories of work into separate folders.

Lately, when I open OneDrive, there is a box carrying the message: Access Your Memories: On any device, anywhere, anytime.

Wow, that's quite a service, especially for someone my age, when accessing memories is an increasingly fraught enterprise. These days I am often unable to 'access my memories.' Someone asks the name of a book I am reading and I can't remember, or I am recommending a great movie I just saw, but can't recall the name.

'Who was in it?' someone might ask, and I'll say, 'That one actress, you know, she's married to that guy who was in all those superhero movies . . .'

I really hope that OneDrive lives up to its promise to help me access my memories,

anywhere, anytime.

Depending on your perspective, technology gets better all the time, or gets more intrusive all the time. The other day we were talking at the Library about how many people still do not have e-mail addresses.

'You're not born with one,' someone quipped.

Not yet. Maybe it's just a matter of time. Your birth certificate will list date of birth, place of birth, parents' names, and your assigned e-mail address. That should make things much easier.

In everything from filing taxes, to registering for Social Security, to managing one's bank account, we are asked to choose between the digital option and the 'real' option. And so many of the 'real' options are going away, even as we speak.

One day, the time before everything was done online will only be a memory.

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NEW RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

Soon, the libraries of the Municipal Library Consortium (MLC) will sign reciprocal agreements with Jefferson County Library and Scenic Regional Library. These agreements expand which libraries our patrons may use, and who may use our libraries. This move was approved by the library board at a recent meeting, and it's just a matter of completing the paperwork.

Many people who live in Jefferson County work in areas of St. Louis County served by MLC libraries—including Webster Groves Public Library. There are also likely to be people living in Webster Groves who work near libraries of Jefferson County Public

Library. Soon, they will be able to get library cards at those libraries and use them for free.

The same is true of the patrons of Scenic Regional Library, which has locations in Franklin, Gasconade, and Warren Counties.

Given our long-standing reciprocal agreements with St. Louis County Library, St. Louis Public Library, and St. Charles City/County Library, it is increasingly easy for residents of Webster Groves to find free library service anywhere in our region.

If you have questions about these new agreements, please call the Library at 314.961.3784.

TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Paris Apartment*,
by Lucy Foley
2. *Run, Rose, Run*,
by Dolly Parton & James Patterson
3. *The Lincoln Highway*,
by Amor Towles
4. *The Maid*,
by Nita Prose
5. *The Recovery Agent*,
by Janet Evanovich
6. *The Match*,
by Harlan Coben
7. *One Italian Summer*,
by Rebecca Serle
8. *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*,
by Taylor Jenkins Reid
9. *French Braid*,
by Anne Tyler
10. *Shadows Reel*,
by C. J. Box
11. *Wish You Were Here*,
by Jodi Picoult
12. *Girl in Ice*,
by Erica Ferencik

EILEEN McINERNY ART

The March exhibit in our gallery is paintings by Eileen McInerny.

There will be an opening reception for the exhibit Friday, April 8th, at 6 p.m. Come by to meet the artist and see these lovely works.



The display will be up through the month of April.

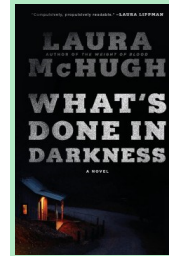
BIKE REPAIR STATION

The Friends of the Library have purchased a bicycle repair station to install in front of the Library. It includes a tire pump, several tools, and a rack to hang your bike on while working on it. The repair station will be installed for us by Riley James, a local resident, as his Eagle Scout project.

We will dedicate and demonstrate the station on Sunday, May 1, during the annual Webster on Wheels event. If you're participating in the event, make sure you stop by to see this great new resource for cyclists in Webster Groves.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m.



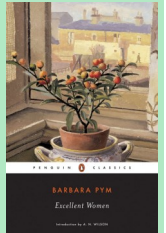
What's Done in Darkness,
by Laura McHugh

New Book Discussion Groups!

In April we will hold new book discussions led by Sam Harned, a retired history teacher and avid reader.

Tuesday, Apr. 26 at 6 p.m.

Excellent Women,
by Barbara Pym



Wednesday, Apr. 27 at 6 p.m.

Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin,
by Timothy Snyder

CHILDREN'S POETRY WORKSHOP



On Sunday, April 24, at 1:30 we will hold a Children's Poetry Workshop led by children's author Susan Grigsby. The event is sponsored by the Webster Groves Arts Commission as part of their observance of National Poetry Month.

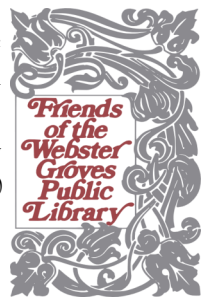
Susan Grigsby has written several books, and her poetry has been published in national literary journals. She is a teaching artist for programs including the St. Louis Poetry Center, Interchange, COCA, and The Center for the Art of Translation's Poetry Inside Out program.

The program is free and open to anyone who wants to attend. Bring your kids in to learn how poetry can spark their creativity and enhance their lives!

FRIENDS NEWS

Thanks again to all new and renewing Friends members! Your dues and gifts will help the Children's Library to celebrate April as Villains Month! The Friends have also purchased the Library's new bike repair station. We hope you will join us on May 1 for a ribbon-cutting and demonstration!

We are happy to welcome Paul Fiess as a new Friends Board member. He's an avid library user and said he wants to stay active as he retires. All interested Friends members are invited to attend Board meetings. Our next meeting is April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library meeting room.



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