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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.

Garden Reads Outdoor Story Time

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting). Please bring a towel or blanket to sit upon.

Saturday, May 14 at 3 p.m.

Outdoor Concert featuring A Cappella from the Webster Groves High School

Monday, May 23

Online registration begins for Summer Reading Challenge for Kids, Teens and Adults.



The program starts on June 1 and goes until August 10.

May Take It and Make It Craft

Edible aquarium art. Kit includes graham crackers, blue frosting, edible fish crackers & candy and decorating sprinkles.

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 and Monday, May 29 & 30, for Memorial Day.

SIGNS OF LIFE!

In April we had a number of live events at the library.

On Friday, April 8, we had the opening reception for our gallery exhibit by Eileen McInerney, and about forty people came.

Our Saturday afternoon book club drew its usual crowd on April 2.

On April 26 and 27 we had new book discussion groups, and several people came to both.

On Sunday, April 24, there was a Children's Poetry Workshop led by author Susan Grigsby and sponsored by Webster Groves Art Commission. They also sponsored the Haiku Poetry Workshop on April 26.

After the past few years of organizations like local public libraries lying low, sheltering, masking, distancing, it is wonderful to see signs of life again. People are turning out to events like never before, and it's probably because they have missed the opportunities

to do things, to learn things, and mostly the society of neighbors.

All of our events are free and open to anyone who wants to attend. Occasionally we need to take reservations, but not often.

We hope we can continue to provide new programs that will interest you and your family, whether it's adult or children's programming. You can stay in touch with what's happening by reading this newsletter. If you do not get it delivered early each month to your e-mail, visit or call the Library and ask for your e-mail address to be added to our list.

On May 20 at 6:30 p.m. we are having an author talk and book signing by Don Corrigan. On May 15 the Friends of the Library are holding their Beyond the Page event, this time featuring the renowned star of many Repertory Theater productions, Joneal Joplin. You don't want to miss either of these.

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BIKE REPAIR STATION DEDICATION



Dorothy Heltibrand, president of the Friends of the Library, cuts the ribbon to dedicate our new bicycle repair station.

On Sunday, May 1, we held a dedication ceremony for our new bicycle repair station. This was held in conjunction with Webster on Wheels, the annual family bike ride event.

The bike repair station was purchased for us by the Friends of the Library. It includes a pump, a station to mount a bicycle to work on it, and a set of tools to help with all types of repairs.

The unit was installed by local Boy Scout Riley James, as part of his fulfillment of the requirement for Eagle Scout designation.

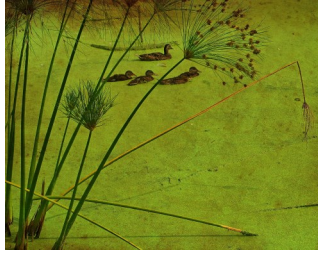
The repair station is out in front of the Library, by our bicycle racks. It is free and available for anyone passing on bikes to use.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Paris Apartment*,
by Lucy Foley
2. *Run, Rose, Run*,
by Dolly Parton & James Patterson
3. *French Braid*,
by Anne Tyler
4. *The Recovery Agent*,
by Janet Evanovich
5. *The Maid*,
by Nita Prose
6. *The Investigator*,
by John Sandford
7. *Lessons in Chemistry*,
by Bonnie Garmus
8. *The Younger Wife*,
by Sally Hepworth
9. *The Lincoln Highway*,
by Amor Towles
10. *One Italian Summer*,
by Rebecca Serle
11. *What Happened to the Bennetts*,
by Lisa Scottoline
12. *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*,
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

MICHAEL LARUE PHOTO EXHIBIT



The March exhibit in our gallery is photography by Michael Larue. Michael is a native St. Louisan whose interest in photography began as a

young boy. He has done medical photography, wedding photography, and other commercial work before settling on his true passion—fine art photography.

His still life, landscape, and urban scape photographs have been displayed and sold in many local galleries.



There will be an opening reception for the exhibit Friday, May 13th at 6 p.m. Come by to meet the artist and see these lovely photographs.

The display will be up through the month of May.

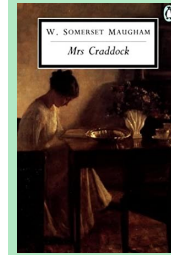
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, June 4 at 2 p.m.



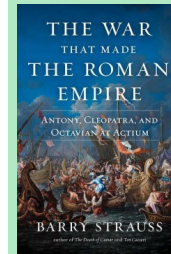
Vanderbilt,
by Anderson Cooper

Tuesday, May 24 at 6 p.m.



Mrs. Craddock,
by W. Somerset Maugham

Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m.



The War that Made the Roman Empire,
by Barry Strauss

VILLAINS BID US ADIEU ...



We aren't as bad as you think! Thank you for allowing us to take over the Library for the entire month of April. From our spies around the building, we saw many smiles, people running around looking for our silhouettes, wondering why the Malfoy Manor was the most popular lair (when we all know it's dark and dreary), and laughter from selfies.

Congratulations to Kathryn, Claire, and Libby on winning the scavenger hunt - use those Betty's Books gift cards wisely!

Until next time—The Villains in Charge—Maleficent, Evil Queen, Hades, Jafar, and Ursula.

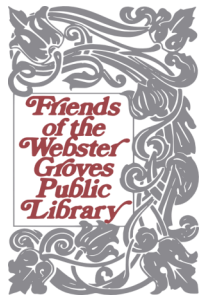


FRIENDS NEWS

We hope you made it by on Sunday, May 1, for the inauguration of the new bike repair station at the Library. We cut the ribbon and greeted cyclists as they rode down Lockwood during the Hub's Family Bike Ride!

We are also very excited to welcome Joneal Joplin as our guest speaker for Beyond the Page on May 15 at 2 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Flyers are available at the Library and on Facebook. The presentation will be livestreamed through Facebook Live. Make your reservations now through Debbie Ladd at 314.961.3784. Attendance will be limited to 100.

Thank you to new and renewing members of the Friends—membership for 2022 is currently at 242 members. We are grateful for your support of the Friends and the Library! Next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Library and all Friends members are welcome.



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