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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

SUMMER READING CLUB BEGINS:

Oceans of Possibilities!

Program runs Jun. 1 - Aug. 10, 2022. Sign up under Online Registration found under Youth Services on our website, or use this link to Beanstack:

<https://wgpl.beanstack.org/reader365>

Tuesday Story Time

A new Story Time posted to our Facebook page every Tuesday.

Garden Reads Outdoor Story Time

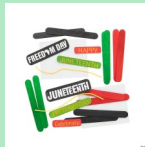
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
(weather permitting).

Please bring a towel or blanket to sit on. Special craft on Tuesday, June

28: Pool Noodle Craft



June Book & Activity Kit Juneteenth Craft



June Take It and Make It Craft
Make a turtle!

"Beat the Heat" Movies 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Wednesday, June 15, 22, and 29.

Stay tuned for movie titles!

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, June 19 and Monday, June 20 in observance of Juneteenth.

COVID-19 ARCHIVE

Last year we sent out notice that we were assembling a COVID-19 archive at the Library. We asked individuals, families, clubs, churches, businesses, and anyone who felt like it to send us their thoughts and memories of living through the pandemic.

The response was good. I have in my office a fat folder full of people's written responses. Some are from individuals. Some churches held workshops for members to write down their thoughts. Some churches sent along journals of the things that happened. In one instance, a church also sent their memories of the disturbances after the murder of George Floyd, because that too happened during the pandemic years. A few people sent poems written as odes to friends or neighbors who died.

We said at the time that we would index and archive and make all of this available to the public. Our plea for memories carried

the caution that everything would be available to the public, so don't include anything too private or that you don't want shared openly.

I am about to start going through it all and organizing it. I am even thinking it might be fun to put together some kind of presentation that we could do here at the Library, readings from people's memories, anecdotes, that sort of thing. We'll see.

In the meantime, this is just one final reminder that this is a living archive. Anytime you feel you have something to share or add, please bring it in. It doesn't matter if it's one story, a multi-page journal, or a poem. This is what we call living history, and in years to come, it will be nice if people ask, 'What was it like in Webster Groves during the pandemic?' and we'll have a ready-made answer to the question.

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JONEAL JOPLIN AS HIMSELF

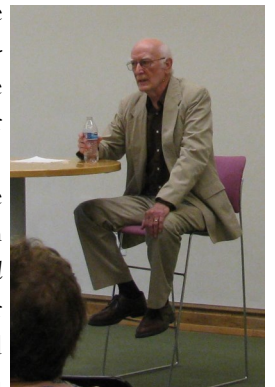
On Sunday, May 15, the Friends of the Library presented the 2022 installment of their popular *Beyond the Page* program. The featured speaker was well-known and beloved acting legend Joneal Joplin.

Mr. Joplin, who has acted in innumerable productions at the Repertory Theater of St. Louis and the St. Louis Municipal Opera, not to mention an active career in commercials and voice-over work, spoke for about forty-five minutes about his life and career, how he came to acting, the people he has worked with, his favorite roles, the roles he missed out on, and much more.

Of course a man with his experience knows how to hold a crowd's interest, and those

who attended were interested and entertained and had quite a few questions for him.

The Friends of the Library have been doing their *Beyond the Page* series for several years, and have featured such speakers as former Repertory Theater artistic director Steven Wolf, playwright Kenneth Jones (*Alabama Story*), and *Webster-Kirkwood Times* editor-in-chief Jaime Mowers.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Sparring Partners*,
by John Grisham
2. *Book Lovers*,
by Emily Henry
3. *Run, Rose, Run*,
by Dolly Parton & James Patterson
4. *The Paris Apartment*,
by Lucy Foley
5. *Lessons in Chemistry*,
by Bonnie Garmus
6. *Lioness*,
by Chris Bohjalian
7. *Nightwork*,
by Nora Roberts
8. *Dream Town*,
by David Baldacci
9. *Sea of Tranquility*,
by Emily St. John Mandel
10. *This Time Tomorrow*,
by Emma Straub
11. *The Summer Place*,
by Jennifer Weiner
12. *Two Nights in Lisbon*,
by Chris Pavone

WOMEN IN FOCUS

The June exhibit in our gallery is photography by Women in Focus.

Women in Focus is a non-profit organization of photographers joined together to support and promote the photographic arts. Founded in 1993 in Atlanta, Georgia by women who recognized the need for a formal network of women photographers who could assist each other in their personal, professional, and artistic growth, Women in Focus is a thriving organization whose diverse membership includes photographic artists ranging from beginners to seasoned professionals, all brought together by their passion for photography. There are currently branches in Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, and Las Vegas.



The St. Louis group meets monthly, participates in gallery shows, and organizes photography outings for the members.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, July 2 at 2 p.m.



Fencing with the King,
by Diana Abu-Jaber

Sam Harned's book discussion groups will be on hiatus for the summer. Watch for announcements of his upcoming discussions as fall approaches.

WEBSTER GROVES COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNT



For the month of June, pick up your Webster Groves map in the Children's Room or at the main circulation desk. Then follow the map to locate the 24 hidden clues throughout the Webster Groves Community.

Clues are letters written in bold fonts with the map as a background. The can be found in visible business windows all over town. Each quadrant spells a word - discover them all. Once completed, submit your name to the drawing for a chance to win the \$50 Ted Drewes Gift Card!

Good luck, me maties!

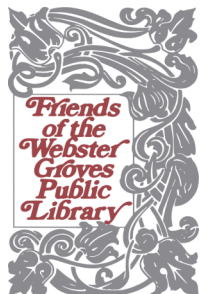
FRIENDS NEWS

No one can hear the words "thank you" too often—the Friends are grateful to everyone in the community who has renewed their Friends membership or become a new member. Our membership stands at 261 and income from dues and gifts is greater than our budget projected! Thanks so much!

The Friends hosted Joneal Joplin on May 15 at *Beyond the Page*. He entertained the audience of about 40 with tales from his career and some of his favorite roles over the years. On May 20, the Friends hosted a book signing for Don Corrigan and his new book, *Amazing Webster Groves*. Thanks to Board member Terry Pirrong for refreshments!

We'll be hosting an event for Friends members early in September—look in these Notes and our Facebook page as we develop the details! All interested Friends members are invited to attend Board meetings—our next meeting is June 14 at 7 p.m. in the Library meeting room.

And a shout out to Board member Sue Gold for her work to make the May 1 dedication of the bike repair station a success!



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