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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

SUMMER READING CLUB:

Oceans of Possibilities!

Program runs June 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>

Oceans of Possibilities Tiny Art Show

100 Tiny Art Kits will be distributed from July 16 - July 30. Each kit contains a 3" x 3" canvas, 3 tempera paint colors, and a paint brush. Young artists will use these materials, and any others they have at home, to create



an ocean themed tiny masterpiece.

We ask that the artist please return their

artwork to the library by August 8. Please label the back with your full name, address and email address or phone number.

The Oceans of Possibilities Tiny Art Show will be on display in the Children's Room from Aug. 22 - Sept. 12 with an artist open house on Sept. 10.

Garden Reads Outdoor Story Time with Miss Phyllis!

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Please bring a towel or blanket to sit on.

THE LIBRARY & THE INTERNET

Browsing through our stacks of Oversize books, I came across *The World Encyclopedia of Flags*. It shows the history of flags, which flags have similar symbols, such as a Christian cross or Islamic crescent, and all the flags of the nations of the world and the states in the United States.

The book was published in 1999. Since then, Mauritania, Rwanda, Myanmar, Venezuela, and several other nations have changed their flags. The book is, to say the least, outdated. I mentioned it to Anne, who orders our books, thinking we might purchase a newer edition.

But it crossed my mind that this is exactly the sort of book that few people consult anymore. For a long time, people have opined that libraries are obsolete, because we have the internet for information. They're wrong—we still do many things besides providing the kind of information people now look up

online, and hundreds of people every year turn to us to use the internet.

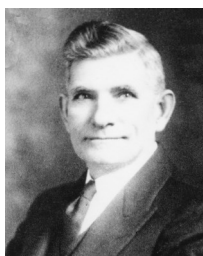
But this is the kind of thing the internet has largely replaced. When I started working in libraries, in the late 1980s, if someone wanted to see what a certain flag looked like, their usual recourse was to a library book.

It was the same with many subjects. If a doctor said you were suffering a certain condition and you wanted to learn more, you went to the library. If you wanted to plant a flower garden and wanted to see what various flowers looked like, you got a library book.

What I call 'graphics heavy' queries have largely been replaced by the internet. Where else but Google will you find 5,000 photos of gladioli? Or the most current flag of Mauritania? I only hope the pictures you find are correct.

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WEBSTER GROVES NAMESAKES

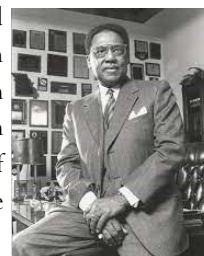


James T. Hixson, namesake of Hixson Junior High

Did you know that Webster University is named for a completely different person than Webster Groves is? Did you know that the men who gave their names to Lockwood Avenue and Swon Avenue were both riverboat captains?

As with any city, many streets, buildings, parks, and other things in Webster Groves are named for people from the city's history. This July, the Library will feature a display in our gallery of famous people who gave their names to such things in our town.

The display premiered during the parade on July 4th, and were open for viewing. It will run through the month of July for everyone to have a chance to see it.



Dr. Henry Givens, Jr., namesake of Givens Elementary School

For several years now, the Library has mounted historical displays about some aspect of Webster Groves history in July. Last year it was women in Webster Groves History. The display before that was a history of our mayors. We hope you will make time to come by and see this one!

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.

TOP REQUESTS

1. *Sparring Partners*,
by John Grisham
2. *Book Lovers*,
by Emily Henry
3. *The Hotel Nantucket*,
by Elin Hildebrand
4. *The Paris Apartment*,
by Lucy Foley
5. *Lessons in Chemistry*,
by Bonnie Garmus
6. *Nightwork*,
by Nora Roberts
7. *Two Nights in Lisbon*,
by Chris Pavone
8. *Happy-Go-Lucky*,
by David Sedaris
9. *The Lioness*,
by Chris Bohjalian
10. *This Time Tomorrow*,
by Emma Straub
11. *Every Summer After*,
by Carley Fortune
12. *Reminders of Him*,
by Colleen Hoover

OUR HISTORY DISPLAYS

Every year, the staff of the Library put together a photo display in July, dealing with what we think are interesting aspects of Webster Groves history.

The subjects we have covered are: the history of Community Days, the history of our local parks, Webster Groves Then and Now, Vanished Webster Groves, the Mayors of Webster Groves, Women in Webster Groves history, and this year, Webster Groves Namesakes.

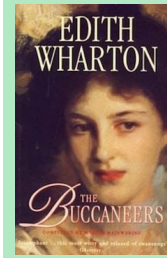
These displays have always been well-received, and many people stop to look at them, to comment on them, and even at times to correct them. We appreciate that, because we do get things wrong once in a while!

But as we look towards upcoming years, we are a little stumped as to what we will do for the next display. Of course there are many interesting subjects to think about, but an important point is that these are photo displays. If there aren't pictures, we can't do a display about it.

Do you have any ideas for what would be a fun and informative display? If you have an idea, contact Tom Cooper at tcooper@wgpl.org, or Debbie Ladd at dladd@wgpl.org.

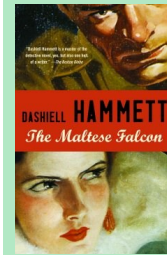
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, August 6 at 2 p.m.



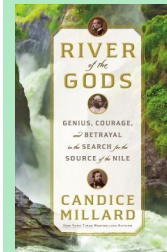
The Buccaneers,
by Edith Wharton

Tuesday, August 30 at 6 p.m.



The Maltese Falcon,
by Dashiell Hammett

Wednesday, August 31 at 6 p.m.



River of the Gods,
by Candice Millard

NEW BOARD OFFICERS

At its meeting in June, the Webster Groves Public Library Board of Trustees elected new officers for 2022–2023. Tess Thompson will serve as president, Peter Ruger as Vice President, and Ed Scholl will again be Secretary/Treasurer. The names of all our board trustees can be found at our website, www.wgpl.org, under the About the Library tab.

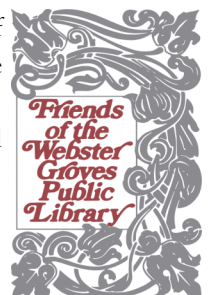
Trustees to the Library's board are appointed by the mayor and city council. They serve three-year terms, and may serve a total of three terms. To be considered for the board, begin by filling out the Boards and Commissions application, available at the city's website, www.webstergrovesmo.gov, and indicate that you are interested in the Library Board.



FRIENDS NEWS

Summer is here and we hope that you have signed up for Summer Reading Programs, which we help the Library support! If you use the Webster Groves Recreation Center or the outdoor pool, check out Library on Ice at the Recreation Center or the Little Library at the pool if you forgot to bring something to read. Enjoy your summer reads!

The Friends Board will not meet in July or August but we are planning an event for Friends members in early September and the annual Book Sale is scheduled for mid-October. Stay cool!



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