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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Margaret

Every Tuesday in May at 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Paint and Sip—Tween Style!

Sunday, May 7 2:30 – 5 p.m.

Recommended for ages 8 – 14.

Video Game Day

Saturday, May 13, 2 – 4 p.m.

Gaming on the Nintendo Switch on the Meeting room's projection wall.

Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, May 11, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for infants to age 2.

LIFE—Library Information Family Education—Youth in Need

Thursday, May 18, 10 – 11 a.m.

LIFE is a community based group for parents and caregivers of children to learn more about library and community services, child development and share experiences.

Legos at the Library

Saturday, May 20, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Cooking with Caitlin—Cupcakes

Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

We will be baking English muffin pizzas using the Library's Charlie Cart, a portable kitchen unit. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

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, May 28, and Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

In the past I have tried to explain the Library's collection as being similar to a garden. You have to weed your collection just like you do a garden. You weed out items that are looking old and worn and you get rid of items that haven't been checked out in years. Then you get your garden ready for planting. At the Library this means straightening shelves, re-organizing materials, and doing a bit of dusting. Then you get to the best part! You get to plant new things and watch them grow. For us this means buying new materials and replacing some of the old. Our blooms are bright and shiny new books just waiting for someone to check them out

and enjoy their pages. An added bonus is that our garden is varied: we not only have new books but we have fun an interactive program for all ages, we have telescopes and kitchen kits, we do passports, help with computers, and so much more. I hope this spring you not only get out to enjoy the budding trees and blooming flowers but that you make a visit to the Library too. We even have a seed exchange program if you want to get some real gardening in during your visit. We hope to see you soon!

Cheers,
Madison

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Registration for the 2023 Summer Reading & Activity Program will begin on May 25. On June 1, participants may begin counting and recording their reading minutes and activities. Major special events

this summer will include the Reptiles and Amphibians of Missouri in June, Nitro Joe Science in July, and Babaloo Music and Fun who will close out the Summer Reading Program on August 12. All ages can participate!

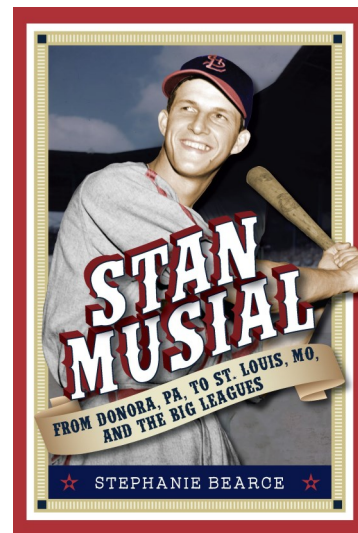
STAN MUSIAL STORY TIME

Saturday, May 6, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

St. Louis author Stephanie Bearce will read stories from her children's biography *Stan Musial: From Donora, PA to St. Louis, MO, and the Big Leagues*

The kids can also make their own rag ball just like Stan used!

Stephanie will be signing copies of her book after the story time.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Lessons in Chemistry*,
by Bonnie Garmus
2. *Demon Copperhead*,
by Barbara Kingsolver
3. *Hello Beautiful*,
by Ann Napolitano
4. *Romantic Comedy*,
by Curtis Sittenfeld
5. *Remarkably Bright Creatures*,
by Shelby van Pelt
6. *Happy Place*,
by Emily Henry
7. *I Will Find You*,
Harlan Coben
8. *The White Lady*,
by Jacqueline Winspear
9. *I Have Some Questions for You*,
by Rebecca Makkai
10. *Hang the Moon*,
by Jeannette Walls
11. *The Wager*,
by David Grann
12. *Simply Lies*,
by David Baldacci

ART AT THE LIBRARY

The Webster Groves Historical Society will be exhibiting their works in the Library's gallery during the month of May. The collection highlights the Hawken House and includes family photos, pieces from 1800 to 1900 and other art that has been donated to the Hawken House Museum over the years.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m.



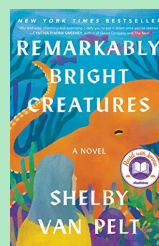
Miracle Play,
by Susan Richards
Shreve

Tuesday, May 30, at 6 p.m.



Kokoro,
by Natsume Soseki

Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m.



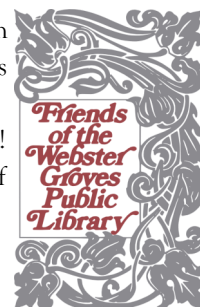
*Remarkably Bright
Creatures*,
by Shelby Van Pelt

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends invite you to *Beyond the Page* on Sunday, June 4 at 2 p.m. in the Library meeting room. Come to meet Madison Morris, our new director, and learn about what led to her library career, her philosophy on libraries, and her hopes and plans for the future. After the event, join the Library Trustees and community members for a welcome reception for Madison!

Planning is underway for the Friends Book Sale, which will be held at the end of September. We are in need of volunteers! We need help sorting books and stocking Library on Ice at the Rec Center, and we need volunteers to serve on the Friends of the Library Board! E-mail lwehrenberg1@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

The next Friends Board meeting is Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.



REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS OF MISSOURI

Join us Saturday, June 3, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in learning about and having up-close encounters with Missouri's snakes, turtles, frogs, toads, and lizards—all of which could be living right in your own backyard!



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