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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Margaret

Tuesdays in July at 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Dogs for our Brave – Read to Therapy Dogs

Every Wednesday in July, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Read to a therapy dog in training.
Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, July 13, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for infants to age 2.

STEAM Ahead Saturday

Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Explore the world of Geometry and Architecture with marshmallows, gumdrops, mini-straws and toothpicks. Recommended for ages 5 – 12.

Legos at the Library

Saturday, July 15, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Join us for some LEGO free play and unstructured creativity! All ages welcome.

Video Game Day

Saturday, July 22, 2 – 4 p.m.
Gaming on the Nintendo Switch on the Meeting room's projection wall. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Paint and Sip: Teen Style

Sunday, July 23 2:30 – 5 p.m.
Have fun painting along step-by-step
Recommended for ages 8–14.

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 Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

At the beginning of June, I spoke at the Friends of the Library's Beyond the Page Event. Since I am still pretty new to the Webster Groves Library, The Friends asked me to speak on my Library career and my overall philosophy on libraries. To prepare, I did a lot of thinking about how I could narrow down my philosophy on Libraries to something that could fit within the timeframe of my talk, would be easy to remember, and most importantly something that would speak to the core of what I think that Libraries can and should be. What I landed on was reading a children's book. Did I think it was a little risky and maybe a little awkward to read a picture book to a room full of adults?

Yes, but the book I chose, *All are Welcome Here*, written by Alexandra Penfold and illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman embodies my core philosophy on libraries: everyone who enters the Library or who interacts with the Library in any way should feel welcome. The Library should help people feel safe, feel seen, and feel respected. I believe the Library has something for everyone and should be a place where all people can feel that they can belong. All are welcome – that is the core of my philosophy on libraries and what I try to bring to work everyday.

Cheers,
Madison

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY



The 2023 Summer Reading & Activity Program is in full swing and there is still time to sign up and participate! Participants can record their reading minutes and activities online or on a paper form that can be picked up at the Library. The more you read the more chances you have to win prizes. New this year is a Summer Fun Bingo Sheet available at both the main circulation desk and children's desk. All ages welcome to participate!

TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Covenant of Water*,
by Abraham Verghese
2. *Hello Beautiful*,
by Ann Napolitano
3. *Happy Place*,
by Emily Henry
4. *Good Night, Irene*,
by Luis Alberto Urrea
5. *Remarkably Bright Creatures*,
by Shelby van Pelt
6. *Romantic Comedy*,
by Curtis Sittenfeld
7. *Zero Days*,
by Ruth Ware
8. *Demon Copperhead*,
by Barbara Kingsolver
9. *The Five-Star Weekend*,
by Elin Hilderbrand
10. *Identity*,
by Nora Roberts
11. *Bad Summer People*,
by Emma Rosenblum
12. *The Celebrants*,
by Steven Rowley

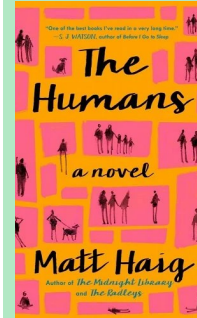
MOODY COLLECTION

In the month of July you will find pictures and documents from the Kate Moody Collection in the Library's art gallery. The Library, in conjunction with the Webster Groves Historical Society, has been working to digitize this collection. The Kate Moody Collection consists of over 10,000 documents assembled by Katherine Twining Moody, a librarian with St. Louis Public Library from 1895-1945. A resident of Webster Groves, she collected photos, newspaper clippings and other documents dealing with the history of the city. The collection also contains genealogical material and reflects some of her interests. These items were collected from the 1880s until her death in 1950. These items are available online, for free, for anyone to access, no account or library card needed, on the [Missouri Digital Heritage website](#).



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, August 5, at 2 p.m.



The Humans,
by Matt Haig

The Tuesday Evening Book Discussion is on break for the Summer and will be back at the end of August.

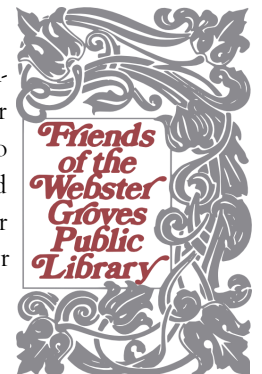
UPDATING JUVENILE LIBRARY CARDS

In order to comply with [Missouri Regulation 15 CSR 30-200.015](#) and receive state funding for the Library, the Library will be asking all parents and guardians to update their children's library cards. To update these accounts, parents and guardians will need to come into the Library and sign off on a new form acknowledging that they are responsible for the materials their children check out on juvenile cards. This form will also be required for any new juvenile library cards. We hope to get as many cards updated this month as we can, because on July 31st, any juvenile card that has not been updated will expire. The expired cards will need to be updated before the card can be used again.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Summer has arrived and the Summer Reading Program is in full swing! The Friends provide financial support for Summer Reading as one of the Library's on-going programs. The Friends also supply the Webster Groves Recreation Center (Library on Ice) and the outdoor pool (Little Library) with books that come in as donations. There's always something to read at the pool or the Rec Center. We are accepting book donations for the annual Friends Book Sale, which will be held September 29 - October 1 this year. Books may be brought to the Library. The Friends Board will not meet in July or August but we're always looking for volunteers to help with the Book Sale or join the Friends Board.



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