



KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Margaret

Tuesdays in October at 10:30 a.m. Ages 2 and up.

Dogs for our Brave

Wednesdays in October, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Read to a therapy dog in training. Ages 5 and up.

Saturday Story Time

Saturday, October 7, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2 and up.

STEAM Ahead Saturday

Saturday, October 7, 11 - 11:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 5 - 12.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, October 5 & 19, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for infants to age 2.

Creatures of Myth and Legend by World Bird Sanctuary

Saturday, October 21, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Join a naturalist from the WBS for a program all about the ways animals inspire myths and legends across the globe. All ages welcome

Sweet & Salty After School Movie

Monday, October 23, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Join us in watching *Hocus Pocus* and eating sweet and salty snacks. Ages 5- 17.

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.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

October 1st through 7th is Banned Books Week. To me, the idea behind Banned Books Week is to highlight people's right to read, to not give in to censorship and to reiterate that the public library should be a place for and have something for everyone. Recently, in a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article it was reported that Missouri ranks number three among states that have banned books in schools over the last year. To me, this makes Banned Books Week more important than ever.

Many times I have heard in passing something along the lines of "if the public library doesn't have something that you disagree with or something that makes you mad then they are doing it wrong". I don't know that I love this sentiment, instead I like to think of it in more positive terms. I believe that no matter who you are, no matter what has happened to you in your life and no matter what your interests or beliefs might be, you will still be able to find something in the public library that interests

you, or helps you, or inspires you.

Banned Books Week is a time to reflect on how lucky we are to have the freedom to read, to learn more about how books and content have been censored in the past and how they continue to be censored today, and I hope it also gives everyone a chance to consider various points of view.

There are plenty of books in this library that I don't want to read. For instance, I am not interested in reading mystery novels (gasp, I know, how dare I), yet despite the fact that I would much prefer to pick up a romance or fantasy novel, the Library still has an entire mystery collection. Who am I to say what someone should or should not read?

All that being said, I hope you stop by this month and discover all the amazing things the Library has to offer!

Cheers,
Madison

OCTOBER TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Tom Lake*,
by Ann Patchett
2. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*,
by James McBride
3. *The Last Devil to Die*,
by Richard Osman
4. *The River We Remember*,
by William Kent Krueger
5. *None of This is True*,
by Lisa Jewell
6. *Happiness Falls*,
by Angie Kim
7. *The Covenant of Water*,
by Abraham Verghese
8. *Family Reins*,
by Billy Busch
9. *Hello Beautiful*,
by Ann Napolitano
10. *The Fraud*,
by Zadie Smith
11. *Holly*,
by Stephen King
12. *Killers of the Flower Moon*,
by David Grann



OCTOBER ART

During the month of October you will find the Small Works Exhibit which is put on by Webster Arts. The reception will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



SMALL WORKS

1904 WORLD'S FAIR

Karl Kindt, educator and historian, will present a program on the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair on Friday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's meeting room. He will share slides of the Fair as it was then and as it is now.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m.



Frankenstein (1818 text or other editions),
by Mary Shelley

Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m.



Mad Honey,
by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer
Finney Boylan

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

Thursday, October 5, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Come play games at the Library! Ages 15 and up.

Paint and Sip

Sunday, October 8, 2:30 - 5 p.m.

All supplies are provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

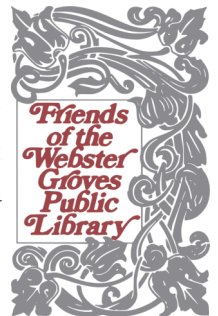
Halloween Film Series

Friday, October 13, Saturday, October 21,
& Saturday, October 28, 7 - 9 p.m.

In the Library meeting room. Parental guidance advised.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who turned out to help set up the Book Sale, staff the sale and take everything down again! The Friends couldn't do it without you! We hope you found a book or two that you've wanted to add to your shelves. The Friends Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, November 5 in the Library meeting room. Current Friends members will receive an invitation—we hope to have a guest speaker as in the past few years. It's a chance to see how your support for the Friends has made a difference at the Library!



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