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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library  
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## KIDS' EVENTS

### Story Time with Miss Margaret

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

### Dogs for our Brave

Wednesday, December 6 & 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Read to a therapy dog in training.  
Recommended for ages 5 and up.

### Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, December 7 & 21, 10 – 10:30 a.m.  
Recommended for infants to age 2.

### Paint and Sip Tween/Teen Style

Sunday, December 10, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Recommended for ages 8 – 14

### Saturday Story Time

Saturday, December 16 & 30, 10 – 10:30 a.m.  
Recommended for ages 2 and up.

### Sweet & Salty After School Movie

Monday, December 18, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Join us in watching *The Muppet Christmas Carol*.  
Recommended for ages 5 – 17.

### STEAM Ahead! Winter Break

Saturday, Wednesday, December 27, 10 – 11 a.m.  
Recommended for ages 8 – 12

## 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 Wed., Dec. 13, for Staff Inservice Day, Sun. & Mon., Dec. 24 & 25, for Christmas, and Sun & Mon., Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, for New Year's.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

With a new year fast approaching I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has visited and supported the Webster Groves Public Library this past year. Interacting with and helping our library patrons is the best and most important part of our jobs and we so appreciate each and every one of you.

I wish you an absolutely wonderful holiday season and the happiest of new years.

Cheers,  
Madison  
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## WISH TREES AT THE LIBRARY

The Library currently has two Wish Trees up in our building. One on our main floor and another on our top floor outside the Children's Room. These trees have ornaments on them that you can take to fulfill wishes and support two of our community partners, Dogs for Our Brave and Youth in Need.

Dogs for Our Brave provides professionally trained service dogs, at no cost, to veterans who have suffered debilitating injury or illness while in service to our country. As part of their training and socialization, the dogs visit our library regularly and children are given the opportunity to practice their reading skills with the dogs as a non-judgmental reading buddy.

Youth in Need is our Safe Place partner. Safe Place is a national youth outreach and prevention program for young people under the age of 24 in need of immediate help and

safety. Youth in Need is our licensed agency responsible for assisting the Library's Safe Place site with signage and training and is the professional contact for youth who request help at our site.

Each ornament on the trees will represent an item the organizations have on their Amazon Gift Wish Lists. Patrons can choose an ornament, follow the QR code link to Amazon with a cell phone camera and purchase the gift online.

The Webster Groves Public Library thanks the community for its anticipated support and wishes everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!



## TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Exchange*,  
by John Grisham
2. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*,  
by James McBride
3. *Tom Lake*,  
by Anne Patchett
4. *Resurrection Walk*,  
by Michael Connelly
5. *The Secret*,  
by Lee Child
6. *Killers of the Flower Moon*,  
by David Grann
7. *Iron Flame*,  
by Rebecca Yarros
8. *Dirty Thirty*,  
by Janet Evanovich
9. *How to Know A Person*,  
by David Brooks
10. *The Last Devil to Die*,  
by Richard Osman
11. *The Mystery Guest*,  
by Nita Prose
12. *The Woman in Me*,  
by Britney Spears



## DECEMBER ART

Returning for the second year, The Virtual Watercolor Artist group is pleased to display watercolor and water-based paintings in the WGPL art gallery from December 1 to 31. They meet weekly on Zoom to share tips, techniques, resources, and their passion for art.



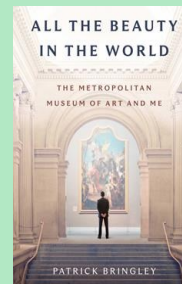
This exhibit celebrates their support for each other as both artists and friends.

Featuring artists Nancy Avdoian, Julie Bantle, Kathy Dowd, Madhura Joag, Fran Kempin, Gerry Klein, Suzanne Galli Koenen, Pat Long, Karen Papin, and Lee Walter.



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, January 6 at 2 p.m.



*All the Beauty in the World*,  
by Patrick Bringley

*There will be no December meeting for the Tuesday Night Book Discussion.*

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Board Game Nite

Thursday, December 7, 6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Come play games at the Library! Ages 15 and up.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Bill McClellan entertained all in the audience with his adventures as a reporter, columnist and member of *Donnybrook* at the Friends Annual Meeting on November 5. In 2023, the Friends have supported new book club kits, large print books and the Library's Summer Reading Programs. The Friends are also funding Hot Reads and adult kitchen kits. Friends membership currently stands at 258.

Our officers and directors for 2024 are: President Sue Gold, Vice President Laura Wehrenberg, Treasurer Ann Hannan, Secretary Debbie Ladd and Board Members Dorothy Heltibrand, Sue Jagler, and Nancy Leahy. We welcome Renee Petty and Sara Fitzpatrick as new Board members and say farewell to Cricket Vandover, who has served on the Friends Board for more than 30 years. She will be missed!

Pavers for the Reading Garden are available for holiday giving! Pavers are 6 × 9 in. (\$75), 6 × 12 in. (\$150), or 12 × 12 in. (\$300). Look for the brochure at the Library or visit the Friends' Facebook page for more information.



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