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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Margaret
Tuesdays in January at 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Video Game Day
Saturday, January 6, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 8 and up

Dogs for our Brave
Wednesdays in January, 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, January 11 & 25, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for infants to age 2.

Saturday Story Time
Saturday, January 13 & 27, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 2 and up.

LEGO at the Library
Saturday, January 20, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Recommended for all ages.



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 Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King Day

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year from the Webster Groves Public Library!

I hope 2024 is everything you want it to be and more. At the Library, the start of a new year is a great time for us to reflect on what we have offered in the past, what has worked really well and what might need tweaking and also to plan for the future. This year we will strive to add new and interesting additions to our collection, add more diverse programming, and have an extra fun summer reading program. We also hope to continue creating great customer experiences and to

maintain and forge community partnerships and collaborations. Overall I am excited to see what 2024 has to hold for Webster Groves Public Library. The possibilities are endless.

I am always interested to hear from Library patrons so if there is something that you are hoping the Library offers in 2024 please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know.

Cheers,
Madison
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WEBSTER GROVES HOUSE HISTORY

Have you ever wanted to explore the history of your Webster Groves home?

An early 20th Century real estate brochure for new home construction had the tag line, "Webster Groves is a suburb of beautiful homes." Well into the 21st century, a key identifying feature of our community is a love for those beautiful hundred year (or more) old homes.

Whether residents of long standing, or new members of the community, Websterites have a keen interest in learning about their homes—not just when they were built, but who lived in them and what their lives were like. On Saturday, March 9, from 2:30 to 4:30, volunteers from the Webster Groves Historical Society will provide a seminar on the steps and resources available to delve into the history of your Webster Groves home.

The seminar will also cover the process to apply for a Century Home Plaque from the Webster Groves Historical Society.

This program started more than 50 years ago and to date has recognized nearly 500

homes with mounted plaques certifying the years they were built and their original owners. If your home was built in the mid-1920s or earlier, you can become part of this great tradition.

How to Research the History of Your Webster Home

CENTURY HOME
Built for
LUDOVICUS & LOUISE
WALBRIDGE
1887

presented by:
WEBSTER GROVES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEW DATE!
March 9th
2:30-4:30PM

Webster Groves Public Library
Suggested for ages 18+

TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Exchange*,
by John Grisham
2. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*,
by James McBride
3. *Resurrection Walk*,
by Michael Connelly
4. *Oath and Honor*,
by Liz Cheney
5. *Tom Lake*,
by Ann Patchett
6. *How to Know a Person*,
by David Brooks
7. *North Woods*,
by Daniel Mason
8. *The Bee Sting*,
by Paul Murray
9. *My Name is Barbra*,
by Barbra Streisand
10. *Prequel*,
by Rachel Maddow
11. *Dirty Thirty*,
by Janet Evanovich
12. *The Edge*,
by David Baldacci

Meet Libby.

The one-tap reading app from your library



ART GALLERY



Artist Wylie Longmire's art will be on display in the WGPL art gallery from January 4 through January 30. His specialty consists of watercolor paintings of forests and rivers, mostly in St. Louis, and rural eastern Missouri. He also loves to paint from various locations in the Midwest. The opening reception will be held Wednesday, January 10, from 7 - 8:45 p.m.



VOICES OF AMERICAN HER STORY

Celebrate the 203 birthday of
Susan B. Anthony!

Reenactor Jenny Grace Morris will bring the women's rights activist and abolitionist to life in a talk show format with Rebecca Now.

Friday, February 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

For ages 16 and up in the library's meeting room

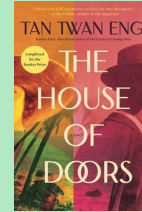
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, January 30 at 6 p.m.



Invisible Man,
by Ralph Ellison

Saturday, February 3 at 2 p.m.



The House of Doors,
by Tan Twan Eng

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

Thursday, January 4, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Come play games at the Library!
Ages 15 and up.

Paint and Sip

Sunday, January 14, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Ages 15 and up.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Happy New Year! We hope you've had a chance to sample Hot Reads! The Friends were happy to provide funding for multiple copies of some of the most popular current titles, so you don't have to wait on a request list! Pavers in the Reading Garden are once again available—check the brochures at the Library, visit the Friends Page at wgpl.org, or e-mail the Friends at friendsofwgpl@gmail.com for more details.

Look for your membership mailing early in January—your support enables the Friends to provide funds for many on-going programs. We are grateful for the generosity of our nearly 300 members and hope that you will join or renew your membership in the Friends. Use our PayPal account to join or renew online!

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