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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Margaret

Tuesdays in April, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Dogs for our Brave

Wednesday, April 10 & 24, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, April 11 & 25, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for infants to age 2.

Saturday Story Time

Saturday, April 13 & 20, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 2 and up.



Sweet & Salty After School Movie

Wonka (PG)
Monday, April 22, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Recommended for 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

April 7th through April 13th is National Library Week. Of course, as a library director, I feel it is important to not only bring attention to National Library Week, but also to give a shout-out of appreciation to WGPL, the staff that work hard every day to make this a wonderful place, and our community members who show us continuous support. I also think it is a wonderful time to show some appreciation for all libraries across the world that are striving every day to create welcoming, safe, joy-filled, community-centered spaces.

For the last few years, the library, books, and intellectual freedom have been immersed in political turmoil. This has unfortunately been the case in Missouri and nationwide and for some, has given libraries a bad

reputation. Despite this challenging time, I have seen libraries and librarians work relentlessly to continue to enrich the lives of and create positive and lasting impacts on their communities.

Long before I even started working in the library world, I would have told you that books and libraries had had a dramatic impact on my life and had helped shape me into who I am today. I know that many others can and would say the same. If that is not a reason to celebrate National Library week, then I don't know what is!

Cheers,
Madison
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS



CONSUMER REPORTS

The Library now provides patrons free access to ConsumerReports.org. On this trusted consumer advice website, you will find the most up-to-date, reliable ratings, reviews, buying guides and videos for thousands of products to help you make the most of your time and money. This resource can be accessed either on the Library's computers/wi-fi or from your home computer/device with your library card number.



TOP REQUESTS

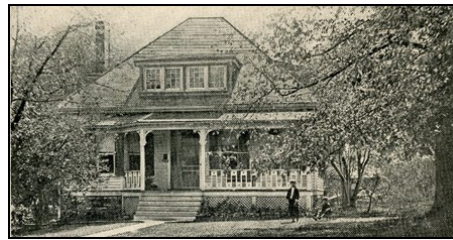
1. *The Women*,
by Kristin Hannah
2. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*,
by James McBride
3. *First Lie Wins*,
by Ashley Elston
4. *Three-Inch Teeth*,
by C. J. Box
5. *The Hunter*,
by Tana French
6. *After Annie*,
by Anna Quindlen
7. *The Bee Sting*,
by Paul Murray
8. *End of Story*,
by A. J. Finn
9. *The Fury*,
by Alex Michaelides
10. *The Truth about the Devlins*,
by Lisa Scottoline
11. *The Phoenix Crown*,
by Kate Quinn
12. *The Frozen River*,
by Ariel Lawhon

ART GALLERY



The Webster Groves Rotary Club will be presenting a display in the WGPL art gallery during the month of April. The reception will be held Friday, April 5, from 7 - 9 p.m.

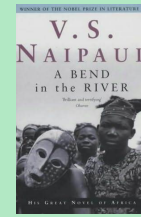
A HOUSE HISTORY THANK YOU



The Library and Webster Groves Historical Society extend a big **Thank You!** to the nearly 100 people who came to our house history research program on March 9, making it a great success. If you were unable to attend and would like to learn more about how to research the history of your Webster Groves home, contact Reference Librarian John Egel through our [Book-A-Librarian program](#) to schedule a time to meet. You can also contact the Webster Groves Historical Society's research team at research@historicwebster.org. And keep a lookout for more local history programs at the Library in the coming weeks and months.

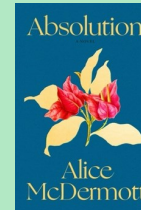
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, April 30 at 6 p.m.



A Bend in the River
by V. S. Naipaul

Saturday, May 4 at 2 p.m.



Absolution
by Alice McDermott

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

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

Paint and Sip

Saturday, April 20, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 15 and up.



BOARD GAME DAY

@ the Library

April 27th

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Ages 15 and up

Webster Groves Public
Library

301 E. Lockwood Ave.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Wow! The generosity of Friends members is amazing—new and renewing members have made gifts to the Friends that are greater than donations for February and March of 2023! Your gifts make it possible to continue supporting Hot Reads, the Summer Reading Program and hospitality for programs like the upcoming Irish Salon on May 3!

Book donations continue to arrive—we appreciate what you bring and ask that you keep in mind that the following items are not saleable: textbooks, dated technology guides, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, and paperbacks with bent or torn covers or broken spines.

Friends members are invited to join us at the next Friends Board meeting, Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

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IRISH AMERICA: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

A symposium in honor
of Charles Fanning
May 3 - 4, 2024



PRESENTATIONS BY



Novelist Alice McDermott,
Keynote Speaker



Charles Fanning
Honoree



Author Terence Winch,
Keynote Speaker

SCHEDULE

May 3, 2024

Webster Groves Public Library
7 - 9 p.m.

- 7 - 7:15 Traditional Irish Music - Eileen Gannon and Robert Ryan
- 7:15 - 7:45 James Silas Rogers interviews Charles Fanning
- 7:45 - 8 Author Terence Winch reads from his new book.
- 8 - 8:15 Break
- 8:15 - 8:30 Traditional Irish Music - Eileen Gannon and Robert Ryan
- 8:30 - 8:50 Author Alice McDermott reads from her new book
- 8:50 - 8:55 Traditional Irish Music - Eileen Gannon and Robert Ryan

May 4, 2024

Missouri History Museum, Forest Park
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- 10 - 11:15 Panel: *Irish American History in our Region and James T. Farrell*
Panelists: Timothy J. White, Xavier University; Shawn Gillen, Beloit College; Greg Koos, Executive Director, McLean Co. Museum, (Illinois); and Ellen Skerrett, Historian (Chicago)
Chair: Dr. David Gardiner, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)
- 11:15 - 11:45 Coffee break, meet and greet.
Introductions and appreciations for our sponsors.

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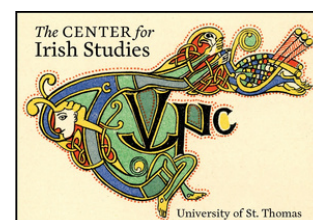
- 11:45 - 12:30 Panel: Charles Fanning's former students carrying on his legacy as professors. Panelists will discuss Charles Fanning's work and influence as a teacher and mentor. Panelists: Eva Roa White, Indiana University-Kokomo; Karen Golightly, Christian Brothers University; Jill Brady Hampton, University of South Carolina-Aiken
Chair: Ron Ebest, St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley
- 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch on your own.
- 1:30 - 2:45 Panel: *The Women of Irish America: Past, Present, and Future*
Panelists: Linda Dowling Almeida, New York University; Jane Elizabeth Dougherty, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale; Sally Barr Ebest, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2:45 - 4 Readings. Launches. Celebrations. Charles Fanning. Terence Winch. Alice McDermott. The symposium will conclude with readings from recently published books, which will be available for purchase.
- 4 - 5 Closing remarks and book signing

LOCATIONS

Webster Groves Public Library
301 E Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119
www.wgpl.org

Missouri History Museum
5700 Lindell Blvd,
St. Louis, MO 63112
www.mohistory.org

This symposium is organized by the Smurfit-Stone Corporation Professorship in Irish Studies, UMSL Global, with the support of the following sponsors: Webster Groves Public Library, Friends of the Webster Groves Public Library, the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), the Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) Saint Louis Irish Arts, and the Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas



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