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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Margaret

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

Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, September 4 & 18, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Saturday Story Time

Saturday, September 7 & 21, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, September 12 & 26, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for infants to age 2.

Video Game Day

Saturday, September 14, 2 - 4 p.m.
Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Crafts with Kim

Saturday, September 28, 10 - 11 p.m.
Recommended for ages 3 and up.



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 Sunday, September 1, and Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I have some news to share! In mid-October, Webster Groves Public Library along with the rest of the Municipal Library Consortium, are changing to a new ILS (Integrated Library System) and will be joining Missouri Evergreen – a consortium of over 60 library systems statewide!

What does this mean for you as a library user?

- A new, more user-friendly catalog
- Access to a combined collection of over 4 million items
- Reduced hold wait times on titles, and more

There will be some minor interruptions to service as we make this transition. Some things to note about this:

- If you have lists saved to your library account, those will not transfer over - Library staff are happy to help you save that information in another format if needed.
- The catalog and access to your account will be down Monday, October 14, through Thursday, October 17. Dur-

ing this time, you will not be able to place holds, browse the catalog, or get a new library card. You will still be able to check out existing holds and items on the shelf with your library card and online resources should still be active.

- We will have to reset your PIN/password - more information to come about this.

The good news is that Library staff will be on hand to answer your questions and ready to help you as we move through this process.

Overall, we think this is going to be a positive change for the Library and the Library community and we think that after a little time, people will be pleased with the end result.

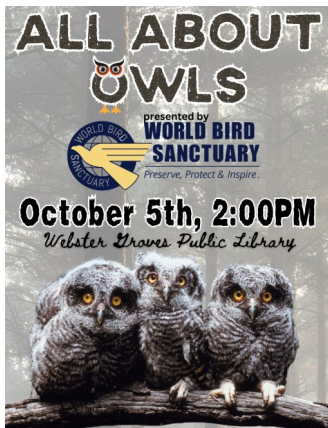
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Cheers,
Madison
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TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Women*,
by Kristin Hannah
2. *All the Colors of the Dark*,
by Chris Whitaker
3. *The Wedding People*,
by Alison Espach
4. *The God of the Woods*,
by Liz Moore
5. *The Friday Afternoon Club*,
by Griffin Dunne
6. *Sandwich*,
by Catherine Newman
7. *Same As It Ever Was*,
by Claire Lombardo
8. *All Fours*,
by Miranda July
9. *Eruption*,
by Michael Crichton
10. *By Any Other Name*,
by Jodi Picoult
11. *The Anxious Generation*,
by Jonathan Haidt
12. *The Demon of Unrest*,
by Erik Larson



ART GALLERY

For the month of September you will find photos on display that were taken by the Women in Focus, St. Louis group. Women in Focus is a group of talented women photographers who are on a mission to shine a spotlight on the magic of photography. The reception will be held on Friday, September 6, from 6 - 7:30 p.m.



Photos that Bring



SUMMER READING ENDS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Program this year! We loved seeing you in the Library, learning about your summer activities and hearing about what books you were reading and enjoying. We had hundreds of participants in the program this year and over 700,000 minutes were read!



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, September 24 at 6 p.m.



The Moviegoer
by Walker Percy

Saturday, October 5 at 2 p.m.



Fire Exit
by Morgan Talty

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

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

Paint and Sip

Saturday, September 21, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Songbirds—Wild Birds Unlimited

Saturday, October 5, 10 - 11 a.m.

"Bringing the Past to Life to Empower the Present!"

Book Discussion with
Rebecca Now

Award-winning author of *Borrowed Courage* and founder of *Voices of American HERstory*, shares her journey as she uncovers the trailblazing women's rights pioneers of the 18th century.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Sojourner Truth Susan B. Anthony Ida B. Wells

Friday, September 13, 7 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Summer has come to an end and hopefully so has the hot weather! The Library Friends Board is resuming our monthly meetings after the summer break. We will meet Tuesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. in the Library meeting room. As always, you are welcome to attend the meeting and learn more about what we do.

Look for new furnishings on the reference level of the Library that are now in place. The new tables were funded by the Friends of the Library, thanks to your donations!



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