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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Margaret

Tuesdays, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

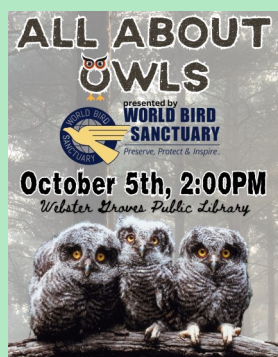
(No story time on October 15.)

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, October 2 & 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 5 and up.



Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, October 10 & 24, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for infants to age 2.

Paint and Sip—Tween Style

Sunday, October 13, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Saturday Story Time

Saturday, October 19, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Crafts with Kim

Saturday, October 26, 10 – 11 a.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.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I know that this is the October newsletter but I want to bring to your attention something that took place at the end of September, Banned Books Week. I think it is so important to talk about Banned Books Week because it highlights a pillar upon which the public library is built and something that is essential to our democracy: the freedom to read. Time and time again both historically and recently, intellectual freedom has come under attack.

Over the last few years we have seen various headlines splashed across the news where free expression and people's right to choose what they read for themselves has been questioned, attacked, and at times suppressed.

This makes it more vital than ever to talk about Banned Books Week, people's free-

dom to read, and the importance of creating and maintaining access to diverse materials with varying content and viewpoints at the public library.

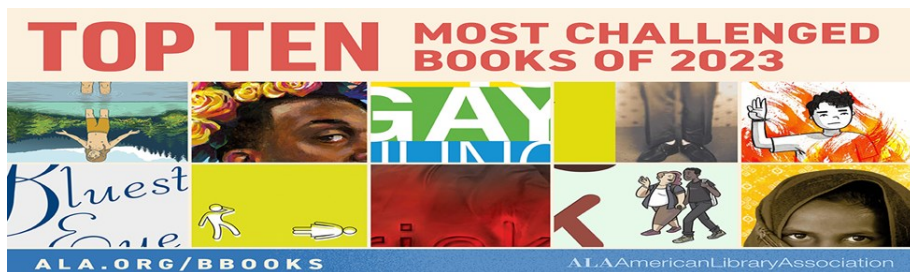
It is my hope that any person could walk into the library and be able to easily access something that interests them, helps them, or excites them.

Banned Books Week is a time to reflect on where we have been and to remind us of the importance of the freedom to read in our everyday lives. To learn more about intellectual freedom and the freedom to read visit [ALA.org](https://ala.org).

Cheers,

Madison

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Gender Queer, All Boys Aren't Blue, This Book Is Gay, The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Flamer, The Bluest Eye, Me and Earl and the Dying Girl, Tricks, Let's Talk about It, Sold

MISSOURI EVERGREEN

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 70 library systems statewide!

Overall, we think this is going to be a positive change and we think that people will be pleased with the end result.

The online catalog will be unavailable

Oct. 14th – 17th and you must have your library card with you to check out during this time.



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. *We Solve Murders*,
by Richard Osman
6. *Tell Me Everything*,
by Elizabeth Strout
7. *James*,
by Percival Everett
8. *By Any Other Name*,
by Jodi Picoult
9. *Here One Moment*,
by Liane Moriarty
10. *Same as it Ever Was*,
by Claire Lombardo
11. *The Night We Lost Him*,
by Laura Dave
12. *Death at the Sign of the Rook*,
by Kate Atkinson

ART GALLERY



SMALL WORKS

During the month of October you will find a Small Works exhibit put on by Webster Arts. A reception will be held on Tuesday, October 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

ONLINE RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT

For several years the Library has offered the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* archives courtesy of NewsBank. We have now expanded our news and research collection by adding two additional NewsBank services. *America's News* provides access to thousands of news sources spanning the U.S., including hundreds of Missouri newspapers as well as national newspapers and magazines. The *Life in America* series provides a comprehensive resource of the experience and impact of the African-American, Hispanic and Asian communities from the early 1700s to today as recorded by the news media and other historical sources.



All of these resources are found by going to the Reference tab on our homepage and clicking [Online Resources](#). They are accessible from anywhere by providing your library card number.

The [Friends of the Webster Groves Public Library](#) have generously provided the funding for these new resources.

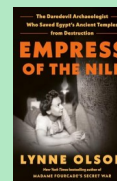
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, October 29 at 6 p.m.



The Sheltering Sky
by Paul Bowles

Saturday, November 2 at 2 p.m.



Empress of the Nile
by Lynne Olson

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

Thursday, October 3, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Songbirds—Wild Birds Unlimited

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

Fall Crafts

Saturday, October 26, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library will hold their Fall Book Sale October 18 - 20 in the Library's meeting room. Friday, October 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. will be Preview Night, with a \$5 admission charge per family. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Books are \$5 per (Friends-supplied) bag. Cash or check only.



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