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### **KIDS' EVENTS**

Story Time with Miss Margaret

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

#### Saturday Story Time

Saturday, January 11, 10 - 10:30 a.m. Recommended for ages 2 and up.

#### Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

#### Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, January 16 & 30, 10 - 10:30 a.m. Recommended for infants to age 2.



## **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025 I can't help but look back on the great year we've had at the Library in 2024. It was a year filled with fun, community connection, a lot of programming, one of our best summer reading programs yet, great book discussions, new collections and resources, many passport appointments, and so much more. I am thrilled that I get to work at such a fantastic library and that WGPL gets to

serve such a wonderful community every day.

Thank you to all of you for your endless support and for making 2024 such a special year at the Library. I can't wait to see what we accomplish in 2025!

Cheers,

Madison
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# WEBSTER GROVES HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

Have you visited the Webster Groves Historical Archive on our website? It has a large collection of documents and images related to our city's history. You'll find Webster Groves High School Year-books dating back to 1911 and all kinds of photographs in nearly a dozen categories. This month we wanted to spotlight two new additions: the photos included in our July 2024 art gallery exhibit on the Webster Groves School District and

three historic atlases of our area from 1878, 1893 and 1909. These are especially useful if you are interested in researching your house's history or just a map nerd like yours truly. If you have any questions about the collections, or want to learn more about the resources we have to explore our community's history, drop Reference Librarian John Egel a line at jegel@wgpl.org.

# **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 closed Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.





# **TOP REQUESTS**

- 1. The Wedding People, by Alison Espach
- 2. Time of the Child, by Niall Williams
- 3. The Grey Wolf, by Louise Penny
- 4. The God of the Woods, by Liz Moore
- 5. Intermezzo, by Sally Rooney
- 6. We Solve Murders, by Richard Osman
- 7. Be Ready When the Luck Happens, by Ina Garten
- 8. Revenge of the Tipping Point, by Malcolm Gladwell
- 9. In Too Deep, by Lee Child
- 10. To Die For, by David Baldacci
- 11. The Waiting, by Michael Connelly
- 12. Here One Moment, by Liane Moriarty



## ART GALLERY



For the month of January you will see the artwork created by participants in the Webster Groves Library's Paint & Sip program. The Paint and Sip events are free and open to the public. A reception will be held later this month. Check the website for updates.

## **HOLIDAY WISHTREES**

We were absolutely blown away by the community support for our Holiday Wish Trees and we can't thank all of you enough. Due to your generosity, every youth in Epworth's Residential Services program was able to have a Christmas gift wish granted. Your support also helped provide needed supplies to Epworth's Therapy team. Thank you so very much for your kindness this holiday season.



# **BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

Saturday, February 1 at 2 p.m.



The Flower Sisters, by Michelle Collins Anderson (the author will be in attendance)

Tuesday, January 28 at 6 p.m.



All the Kings Men, by Robert Penn Warren and The Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck

Thursday, January 30 at 6p.m.



Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

January has arrived and winter is making its presence known! With the weather ahead we will be spending more time inside. How fortunate we are to have a library that provides us with print and e-books and a variety of online and digital resources to keep us busy and entertained indoors. Take time to explore these offerings during the winter season.

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Look for your membership mailing in January. Your support enables the Friends to provide funds for many library resources. We hope you will join or continue your membership to the Friends of the Webster Groves

Public Library. Thank you again for your past generosity and § continued appreciation of our library. It is a treasured resource for all.

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Wishing you a happy new year!



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