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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library  
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## KIDS' EVENTS

### Story Time with Miss Margaret

Tuesdays, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

### Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, Feb. 5 & 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 5 and up.

### Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, February 6 & 20, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for infants to age 2.

### Saturday Story Time

Saturday, February 8 & 22, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

### Paint and Sip: Tween Style

Sunday, February 9, 2:30 – 4:30

Recommended for ages 8 – 14.



## 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, February 17, for Presidents' Day.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to February! I am happy to see the sun shining a bit more and that the snow is finally melting. While this time of year is typically a bit quieter at the Library, things are starting to pick back up.

February is Black History Month so we are honoring the contributions and legacies of Black Americans throughout history. Be sure to check out our collection of books, movies, and resources, featuring powerful stories of resilience, culture, achievements and more.

Valentine's Day is also upon us and we have a special craft day planned for the

kids on February 15.

Speaking of crafts, we have two paint-and-sips coming up this month. One for tweens on February 9 and another for adults on February 22.

Our passport desk continues to be busy with appointments! Planning a vacation abroad? Make sure your passport is up to date. If not, give us a call and we can get you squared away for your next trip.

Cheers,

Madison

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES

If your student, or you, are looking for Black History Month resources, the Library subscribes to *Black Life in America*, the most comprehensive digital archive of primary source documents related to the lives of Black Americans. With your library card number, you have access to more than 19,000 global media outlets, including the largest and richest collection of African American Newspapers. What's more, the sources provided date back to the 18th Century and are updat-

ed daily, giving the full sweep of Black Life in America.

You can access this site from home or school with your library card number, or from our public access computers in the lower level. This and other resources are found [on our website](#) under Online Resources in the Reference menu. If you have questions or want to book time with Reference Librarian John Egel to learn more about this tremendous resource, send an e-mail to [jege1@wgpl.org](mailto:jege1@wgpl.org).



## TOP REQUESTS

1. *Time of the Child*,  
by Niall Williams
2. *The Wedding People*,  
by Alison Espach
3. *Onyx Storm*,  
by Rebecca Yarros
4. *Beautiful Ugly*,  
by Alice Feeney
5. *The God of the Woods*,  
by Liz Moore
6. *The Let Them Theory*,  
by Mel Robbins
7. *Presumed Guilty*,  
by Scott Turow
8. *James*,  
by Percival Everett
9. *Be Ready When the Luck Happens*,  
by Ina Garten
10. *The Serviceberry*,  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer
11. *The Women*,  
by Kristen Hannah
12. *Intermezzo*,  
by Sally Rooney



## ART GALLERY



Artist Suzanne Galli Koenen will have art on display in the WGPL art gallery for the month of February. She works in watercolor, acrylic, and textiles and explores color, shapes, and lines in new and exciting ways.



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m.



*The Instrumentalist*  
by Harriet Constable

Tuesday, February 25 at 6 p.m.



*Native Son*,  
by Richard Wright

Thursday, February 20 at 6 p.m.



*Sense and Sensibility*  
by Jane Austen



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Watch your mail for the 2025 membership brochure. We hope you will continue your past support of the Library by renewing your membership in the Friends organization. If you are not a member, consider joining the Friends of the Webster Groves Public Library.

Your generous donations are appreciated and put to good use in support of our library. Some of our 2024 purchases included a continuation of the "Hot Reads" collection, large print books, book club kits, children's resources and programs, new furniture for the reference area, and more.

This year the Friends will celebrate our 50th anniversary! This was possible because of the support from Friends like you! Let's keep it going together!



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