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KIDS' EVENTS

Story Time with Miss Margaret

Tuesdays, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

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

Recommended for infants to age 2.

Saturday Story Time

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

Recommended for ages 2 and up.



Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, March 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 5 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

After many cold days and more than a few snow days, it finally feels like spring *might* be on its way. *Might* being the key word, of course. March always seems to pack in a little bit of everything—unpredictable weather and a full calendar!

This month, we're celebrating St. Patrick's Day, National Craft Month (keep an eye out for upcoming Paint & Sips and a special spring craft program), and Women's History Month.

Women's History Month always makes me reflect on the strong, inspiring women who have shaped my life.

I'm fortunate to have many women who fit that description, but lately, I've been thinking a lot about my Grandma Morris. She was truly a force of nature—sharp-witted and sassy but still incredibly kind, one of the best cooks I've ever known, mother to five, grandmother to many more, a talented quilter, a flower gardener extraordinaire and an avid reader.

She also had a very controversial reading habit—she *always* read the ending first! No matter the book, she'd flip to the last few chapters before starting from the beginning.

One of my aunts even pulled a few pranks on her by removing the final chapters from the books she was planning to read and hiding them! Don't worry—they weren't library books. And while I'm sure some of you are shocked at the thought of such book "surgery," it still makes me laugh to this day.

My Grandma Morris helped spark my love for reading, and I know she would be absolutely thrilled (and probably not the least bit surprised) that I ended up working in a library. She taught me many, many things, including that there's no single "right" way to enjoy a good story—the important thing is simply to enjoy it.

Cheers,

Madison

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ONLINE RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that with your library card you have online access to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *USA Today*, hundreds of Missouri newspapers such as the *Kansas City Star*, and magazines such as the *Atlantic*?

Our subscription to NewsBank's *America's News* provides access to current and archived editions of these and thousands of other newspapers and magazines nationwide.

What's more, with NewsBank's preset search categories you can explore and stay informed on local and national topics, people, and events in areas such as business, health, education, jobs and careers, and political and social issues.

All of this is available to you either in the Library or anywhere on any device 24/7 with your library card number. Simply go to our [Online Resources](#) page under the Reference menu at wgpl.org.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *James*,
by Percival Everett
2. *Time of the Child*,
by Niall Williams
3. *Beautiful Ugly*,
by Alice Feeney
4. *The Let Them Theory*,
by Mel Robbins
5. *The God of the Woods*,
by Liz Moore
6. *Onyx Storm*,
by Rebecca Yarros
7. *Dream State*,
by Eric Puchner
8. *This Is a Love Story*,
by Jessica Soffer
9. *Wedding People*,
by Alison Espach
10. *Three Days in June*,
by Anne Tyler
11. *Presumed Guilty*,
by Scott Turow
12. *The Serviceberry*,
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

ART GALLERY



SMALL WORKS

Webster Arts presents their Small Works collection for your viewing pleasure in the WGPL art gallery during the month of March. Come experience the art and vote for your favorite piece! The winning artist will be announced at the closing reception on March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY GRANT

We recently applied for and received a grant that has enabled us to make some computer updates at the Library. The grant will allow us to update catalog computers and a staff laptop. *This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.*

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, March 25 at 6 p.m.



Mrs. Bridge,
by Evan S. Connell

Thursday, April 3 at 6 p.m.



Emma,
by Jane Austen

Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m.



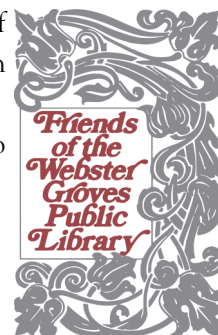
The Mighty Red,
by Louise Erdrich



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Friends of the Webster Groves Library! The success & longevity of our organization is due to Friends members. Your generous donations are appreciated and put to good use in support of our library. Please consider [renewing or joining](#) as a new member and continue to enrich our library.

The Friends Board is planning events throughout the year to celebrate the founding of our organization and to show appreciation for our library friends!



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