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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.

Saturday Story Time

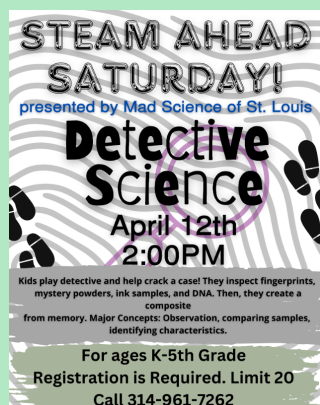
Saturday, April 5, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

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

Recommended for infants to age 2.



Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, April 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Paint and Sip—Tween Style

Saturday, April 26, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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 be Closed Sunday, April 20, for Easter.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

On March 14, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which is the federal agency tasked with distributing congressionally appropriated funds to state libraries, which in turn are used to help fund statewide initiatives and subgrants to libraries.

For WGPL and libraries throughout the state, IMLS money funds a statewide courier system that allows libraries to share items amongst each other to maximize what is available to all Missouri library users.

The funds also provide funding for an integrated library system consortium (Missouri Evergreen) which allows 70+ libraries throughout Missouri to share a card catalog system which further strengthens this idea of resource sharing amongst libraries. IMLS funding enabled WGPL and the rest of the Municipal Library Consortium of STL to migrate to the Missouri Evergreen Consorti-

um in October of 2024.

IMLS funds have also been used to provide access to staff training opportunities, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library, and, for WGPL, it has enabled us to apply for grants that have helped us to keep our technology up to date for both staff and patrons, to provide special programming for the community, to help fund the yearly Summer Reading Program, and more.

While an elimination of this agency would have financial repercussions on WGPL and an overall negative impact on our Library, the negative impact for Missouri's rural and smaller libraries could be absolutely devastating and would put library services for the communities that need them most in jeopardy.

For more information visit ala.org.

-Madison

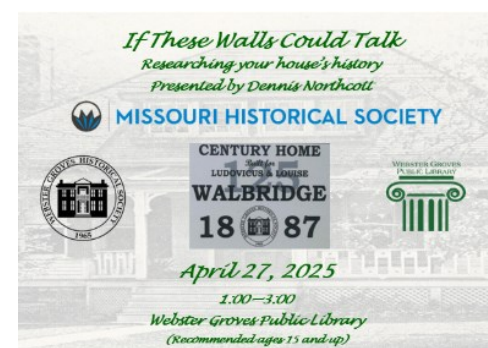
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IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK: RESEARCHING YOUR HOUSE'S HISTORY

Your Webster Groves home has a story to tell. When was it built? Who lived there, and what were their lives like?

Join us on Sunday, April 27, in our meeting room from 1:00 to 3:00 as Dennis Northcott, Archivist for the Missouri Historical Society, presents "If These Walls Could Talk". Dennis will discuss the how-tos of researching the history of your Webster home, including the wealth of resources available at the Missouri Historical Society. Gregg Bogosian, Research Manager for the Webster Groves Historical Society, will also be on hand to discuss the organization's long standing and popular Century Home Plaque program, and John

Egel, our Reference Librarian, will offer tips for using the Library's many online resources to dig into the history of your Webster Groves home.



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Beautiful Ugly*,
by Alice Feeney
2. *Wild Dark Shore*,
by Charlotte McConaghy
3. *The Let Them Theory*,
by Mel Robbins
4. *Time of the Child*,
by Niall Williams
5. *Sunrise on the Reaping*,
by Suzanne Collins
6. *Broken Country*,
by Clare Hall
7. *Battle Mountain*,
by C. J. Box
8. *This is a Love Story*,
by Jessica Soffer
9. *Onyx Storm*,
by Rebecca Yarros
10. *Stone Yard Devotional*,
by Charlotte Wood
11. *Dream State*,
by Eric Puchner
12. *The Wedding People*,
by Alison Espach

ART GALLERY



Wildlife Art created by artist Radine Bright will be displayed in the art gallery during the month of April. Radine specializes in painting wild birds. She is captivated by the large variety of birds, their distinct markings and plumage, habitats, unique characteristics, songs, and calls.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 p.m.



The Heart is a Lonely Hunter,
by Carson McCullers

Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m.



Sensational,
by Kim Todd

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

Thursday, May 1, 6 – 8 p.m.

Recommended for ages 15 and up.

Irish Event

Friday, May 2, 7 – 9 p.m.

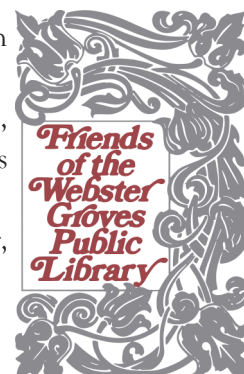


FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

It's not too early to think about the annual book sale. This year the Friends book sale will take place on October 17 – 19. Sale proceeds go to support your library.

We have been sorting donations already and are ready for more. If you are spring cleaning your bookshelves, think of donating books for our sale, but first please check the [list of items we do not accept](#) (on the Friends page found under About the Library at wgpl.org)!

If you have questions about donations, or are interested in volunteering to help sort books, contact Sue Jagler, our book sale chairperson, at suejagler@yahoo.com.



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