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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, Dec. 3 & 17, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, December 4 & 18, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for infants to age 2.



Preschool Playdough Explorers

Friday, December 12, 10 – 11 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 – 5.

Saturday Story Time

Saturday, December 13, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

True Colors Open Art Studio

Saturday, December 20, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

All ages and abilities welcome.

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 open at 10:30 a.m. on December 6 to accommodate the Santas on the Loose run. The Library will be closed December 10 for Staff Day, December 24, 25 & 26 for Christmas, and December 31 & January 1, for New Year's.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy Holidays from Webster Groves Public Library!

We're feeling festive this month and invite you to celebrate with us in a variety of fun and meaningful ways! Our Wish Trees are up once again to help grant holiday wishes for youth supported by Epworth, one of our valued community partners – see details on the next page if you'd like to participate.

On December 6, the Santas on the Loose 5K will kick off right from our parking lot. This community event is organized by the Chamber of Commerce, with proceeds benefiting St. Louis Crisis Nursery.

Throughout the month, we'll also offer special programs and drop-in fun, including Open Art Studio time for all ages, paint-and-sip events, book discussions, and more. And

of course, we have shelves full of holiday-themed books, movies, and music ready to check out and enjoy all season long.

Wishing you a cozy and joyful holiday season.

Cheers,
Madison
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THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

2025 has been a wonderful year here at the Library, made even more special as the Friends of the Library celebrated their 50th anniversary. For fifty years, the Friends have been an incredible part of our story—helping us grow, improve, and create a place where everyone feels welcome. Their support has touched every part of what we do, from the spaces we build to the collections and programs our community loves.

This year, they kept that tradition going by supporting our Hot Reads, large print, and book club kit collections, and by helping us refresh the Children's Room with new seating, new computer tables, and play items. They also played a big role in another fun and successful Summer Reading program!

We're so grateful for everything the Friends have done over the past 50 years, and we're

excited to see what we can accomplish together in coming years!



TOP REQUESTS

1. *Buckeye*,
by Patrick Ryan
2. *The Correspondent*,
by Virginia Evans
3. *The Secret of Secrets*,
by Dan Brown
4. *The Black Wolf*,
by Louise Penny
5. *Heart the Lover*,
by Lily King
6. *The Widow*,
by John Grisham
7. *Nobody's Girl*,
by Virginia Roberts Giuffre
8. *The Impossible Fortune*,
by Richard Osman
9. *The Seven Rings*,
by Nora Roberts
10. *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny*,
by Kiran Desai
11. *Nash Falls*,
by David Baldacci
12. *Awake*,
by Jen Hatmaker



ART GALLERY



Returning for the fourth year, The Virtual Watercolor Artists group will have their paintings on display in the art gallery for the month of December.



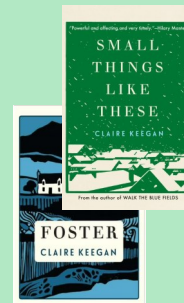
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday, December 9 at 7 p.m.



The Kind Worth Killing,
by Peter Swanson

Saturday, January 3 at 2 p.m.



Foster and Small Things Like These,
by Claire Keegan

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

Thursday, December 4, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Small Business Market Research

Tuesday, December 9, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Club

Tuesday, December 23, 1 – 3 p.m.

Paint and Sip

Saturday, December 27, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY WISH TREES

This holiday season, the Library is partnering with Epworth Children & Family Services to grant gift wishes for youth currently using Epworth's residential services. Library patrons are invited to take an ornament listing a teen's individual wishes or fulfill requests from the therapy and dorm teams for materials that support clinical and residential services.

Visit our Holiday Wish Trees located on the Upper Level (Children's Department) and the Main Level and choose an ornament. Please bring unwrapped items to the Webster Groves Public Library and drop them off at the main or children's circulation desks. All gifts will be delivered to Epworth on December 23.

Thank you for helping us share joy, hope, and generosity this season.



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