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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 Dog

Wednesday, Feb. 4 & 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Little Connections

Thursday, February 5 & 19, 10 – 11 a.m.

Happy Hands Preschool Activity Club

Friday, February 6 & 27, 10 – 11 a.m.

Tween Paint and Sip

Sunday, February 8, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 8 – 14.



Valentine Cookie Decorating

Saturday, February 14, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

All ages.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, February 12 & 26, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for infants to age 2.

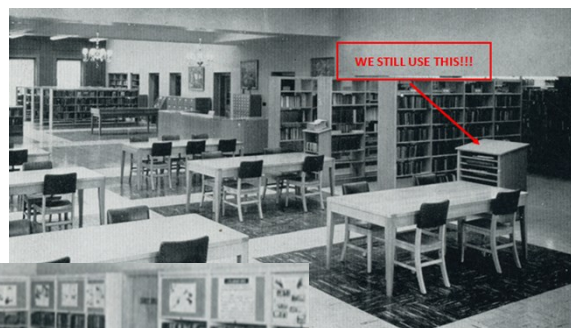
AN ANNIVERSARY YEAR

This year—we hope no one tires of hearing—marks the 75th anniversary of our library building. We've been flipping through scrapbooks the last few weeks reminiscing and marveling at the changes that have occurred in a building that, seen from the street, presents itself pretty much the same as it did three score and fifteen years ago. The photos below show the inside as it appeared on Opening Day (except of course people back then did see things in color).

The sleek and modern front desk welcomed patrons underneath classic chandeliers. We'd be lying if we said we're not tempted to bring those back. The tables in the photo to the

right are the same ones on our main floor today, albeit refurbished with electrical outlets and lamps. The note above the map stand provides further confirmation that librarians are loathe to rid themselves of useful things. The children's area photo comes from a profile of the Library in a 1954 library industry journal. The photo's original caption described the space as "reflecting good taste and practicality," which we're sure you'll agree could also describe your average librarian. Be on the lookout all year for more fun tidbits on our wonderful library!

Written by John Egel



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 Monday, February 16, for Presidents' Day.

February 1st -28th
2026

GOING FOR GOLD!
WINTER READING CHALLENGE

180
minutes

300
minutes

90
minutes

All ages may participate!

TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Correspondent*,
by Virginia Evans
2. *Theo of Golden*,
by Allen Levi
3. *Buckeye*,
by Patrick Ryan
4. *Heart the Lover*,
by Lily King
5. *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny*,
by Kiran Desai
6. *Nobody's Girl*,
by Virginia Roberts Giuffre
7. *My Husband's Wife*,
by Alice Feeney
8. *The First Time I Saw Him*,
by Laura Dave
9. *The Rest of Our Lives*,
by Ben Markovits
10. *The Black Wolf*,
by Louise Penny
11. *1929*,
by Andrew Ross Sorkin
12. *The Widow*,
by John Grisham

ART GALLERY



Landscape artist Wylie Longmire's paintings will be on display for the month of February. Mr. Longmire specializes in watercolor paintings of nature in St. Louis and rural eastern Missouri.



Reenactor Patience Davis will bring the social activist and abolitionist, Harriet Tubman, to life in a talk show format with Rebecca Now.

February 20, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Webster Groves Public Library Meeting Room

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

See next page.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

Thursday, February 5, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, February 11, 10 – 11 a.m.

Valentine's Themed Trivia Night

Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Book Discussion: African Founders

Sunday, February 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

HERstory: Harriet Tubman

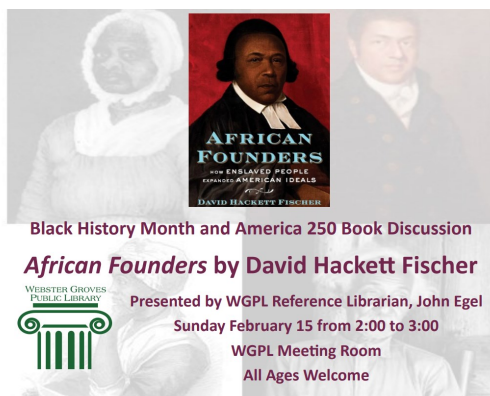
Friday, February 20, 7 – 8 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Club

Tuesday, February 24, 1 – 3 p.m.

Pet-Themed Craft Day

Saturday, February 28, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Watch your mail for the 2026 membership brochure. Your membership enables the Friends of the WGPL to continue to provide our library with resources and programs. 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.

Looking ahead, the Friends Board is planning "Beyond the Page" author events for our members and continuing to provide additional resources for library users.



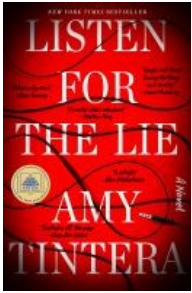
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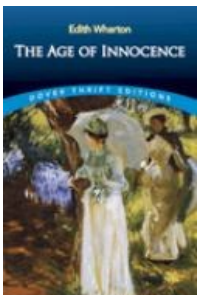
Book Discussion Groups



Listen for the Lie

by Amy Tintera

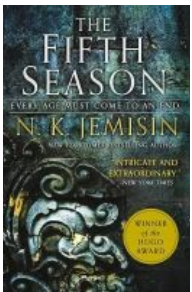
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.



The Age of Innocence

by Edith Wharton

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



The Fifth Season

by N. K. Jemisin

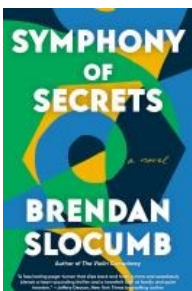
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.



The Tenant of Wildfell Hall

by Anne Brontë

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



Symphony of Secrets

by Brendan Slocumb

Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.