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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.

### Little Connections

Thursday, March 5 & 19, 10 - 11 a.m.

### Happy Hands Preschool Activity Club

Friday, March 6 & 27, 10 - 11 a.m.

### Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

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

Recommended for infants to age 2.

**POKEMON  
CARD TRADING**  
March 11<sup>th</sup>  
3:30-4:30 PM

**1000 Books  
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**  
The concept is simple, the  
rewards are priceless.

## 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.

## AN ANNIVERSARY YEAR

This Women's History Month has special resonance at the Webster Groves Public Library as we mark 75 years in our current location. Many women have helped guide and grow the Library, but this month we honor Luetta "Etta" Kenamore, who led the effort to construct our beautiful building at 301 E. Lockwood Avenue.

Etta served as the first female President of the Library Board from 1940 to 1953. During this time, Webster Groves Public Library had the highest circulation of any public library in St. Louis County and needed to expand from a shared building at the high school. Etta chaired a special committee charged with identifying potential sites for a new building, and she played a pivotal role in securing passage of the 1945 bond issue, which raised \$150,000 for construction. She

then went on to lead the construction project. Etta had sterling qualifications for the task. She had previously supervised construction of City Hall in 1931 and served on the post-World War II planning committee, which led to the construction of several recreational facilities. Etta utilized this experience to see the library project through to completion despite numerous obstacles, including a stone shortage and a steel strike.

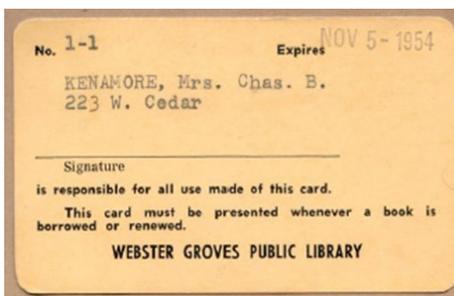
On November 5, 1951, Etta officiated at the grand opening of the Webster Groves Public Library at 301 E. Lockwood Avenue alongside Mayor Clarence Appel. The Library honored her leadership by issuing her library card number 1-1, the first from the new location.

*Written by Beth Williamson*



Luetta "Etta" Kenamore

Etta (5) as part of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (1931) for the current City Hall building



Library card 1-1 issued to Etta when our building opened November 5, 1951



Etta with Mayor Appel at 301 E. Lockwood's Grand Opening

## TOP REQUESTS

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

## ART GALLERY



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 31 at 6:00 p.m.

## TECHNOLOGY GRANT

We recently applied for and received a grant that has allowed the Library to update staff and circulation computers. 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

See next page.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

- Board Game Nite**  
Thursday, March 5, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- Chair Yoga**  
Wednesday, March 11, 10 - 11 a.m.
- Adult Game Afternoon**  
Saturday, March 14, 12:30 - 4:15 p.m.
- Mahjong 101**  
Sunday, March 15, 2 - 5 p.m.  
Registration Required.
- Paint and Sip**  
Saturday, March 21, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- HERstory: Women's History Month**  
Friday, March 27, 7 - 8 p.m.
- Adult Spelling Bee**  
Saturday, March 28, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Registration Required.

**"Scribbling Women" of the 19th Century**  
"Scribbling Women" by Rebecca Now  
March 27, 2026  
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Webster Groves Public Library  
For ages 12 and older

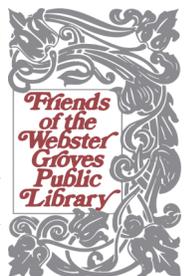
**ADULT SPELLING BEE**  
Are you secretly an amazing speller? Prove how good you are at the Webster Groves Adult Spelling Bee! Winner goes on to compete at the Municipal Library Consortium Championships!  
**MARCH 28**  
AT 1:30-3:30 PM  
WEBSTER GROVES PUBLIC LIBRARY  
301 E. Lockwood Ave. 63119  
**REGISTER NOW**  
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY CONSORTIUM  
314-961-3784

**MAHJONG 101** with Magpie  
Sunday, March 15 · 2 to 5 p.m.  
Learn how to play American mahjong! Join this introductory mahjong lesson for beginners without any prior experience. Meet the tiles, review the card, and learn the National Mah Jongg League rules. Everything you need to learn and play will be provided.  
Limited to 16 spots. Advanced registration required.  
WEBSTER GROVES PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 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.



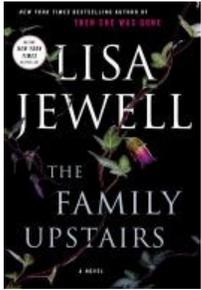
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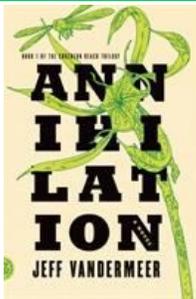
## Book Discussion Groups



### *The Family Upstairs*

by Lisa Jewell

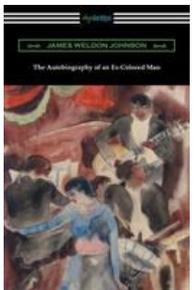
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.



### *Annihilation*

by Jeff VanderMeer

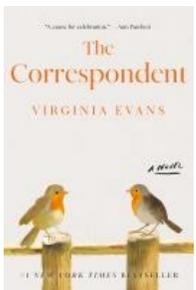
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.



### *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man*

by James Weldon Johnson

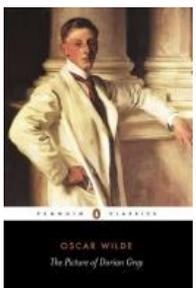
Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



### *The Correspondent*

by Virginia Evans

Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.



### *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

by Oscar Wilde

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.