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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, April 2 & 16, 10 - 11 a.m.

Happy Hands Preschool Activity Club

Friday, April 3 & 24, 10 - 11 a.m.

Pokémon Card Trading


Wednesday, April 8, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Recommended for ages 6 - 12.

Infant Story Time with Miss Margaret

Thursday, April 9 & 23, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for infants to age 2.

Paint and Sip—Tween Style

Sunday, April 12, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Recommended for ages 8 - 14.



Tuesday, April 21st
7-8 PM

For ages 12-18. Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-8PM.
Contact our Teen Coordinator at: cderoy@wgpl.org for more information.

Make a LEGO Planter

Saturday, April 25, 2 - 3p.m.
Recommended for ages 10 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.

AN ANNIVERSARY YEAR

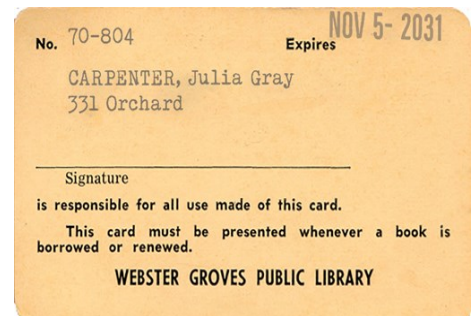
As our 75th Anniversary year rolls along, we thought to share a rather timely email we received out of the blue:

My name in 1970, the year that I received my library card from my neighborhood library, was Julia Gray. I lived at 331 Orchard Avenue just down the street. My library card number was 70-804. I remember it because each Monday during the summer, I would walk to the library with a friend and forget my card! But I knew my number. These trips were and still are very dear to me. My friend always got 5 books, I found out on our first trip. Woah! That was three more than I could read in a week at the time. I remember setting that as my goal. Within a few weeks, I could do it. And fell in love with reading. I still remember dreams I would have based on some of those books! I am asking if I can receive a duplicate library card! Hopefully a cardboard one, but if not, the modern type will do. Is this possible?

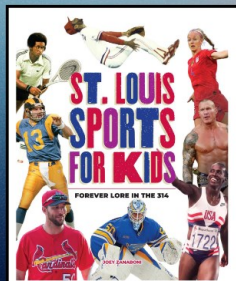
We telephoned our correspondent, now Julia Carpenter, and learned she recently retired to Arkansas following a career as an officer in the Marine Corps and as a teacher. A couple of months ago while reminiscing about growing up in Webster Groves, she found our website and the memories of sum-

mer days walking along Orchard Ave. with her friend to load up on books came flooding back. Julia also further stressed the lifelong dreams her childhood books inspired and how she would share those with her students. Life took Julia away from Webster Groves decades ago, and she travelled the world, but the library up the street from her childhood home stayed with her.

So to answer Julia's question...Is it possible to have a replacement card? With librarians—and Photoshop—all things are possible! Finding the card format Julia might have had in 1970 (actually based on one from our building's opening year of 1951), our resident tech wizard Tim Nix created a fair replica, which is on its way to Arkansas.



Written by John Egel



Joey Zanaboni, play-by-play announcer for St. Louis CITY SC and the St. Louis Ambush, will discuss his new book, *St. Louis Sports for Kids* on April 11, 2026 from 10:00 to 11:00. For all ages!



TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Correspondent*,
by Virginia Evans
2. *Theo of Golden*,
by Allen Levi
3. *My Husband's Wife*,
by Alice Feeney
4. *The Crossroads*,
by C. J. Box
5. *The Night We Met*,
by Abby Jimenez
6. *Strangers*,
by Belle Burden
7. *Kin*,
by Tayari Jones
8. *Project Hail Mary*,
by Andy Weir
9. *We the Women*,
by Norah O'Donnell
10. *A World Appears*,
by Michael Pollan
11. *Mattering*,
by Jennifer Breheny Wallace
12. *It's Not Her*,
by Mary Kubica

ART GALLERY



Visit the WGPL art gallery during the month of April to see beautiful works created by artists from the St. Louis Colored Pencil Artists Group.

SHUSHBOOTH

Do you need a quiet space to take a phone call, join a Zoom meeting, or just get some work done? Through a generous donation from the Friends of the Webster Groves Public Library, we have installed a Shushbooth privacy pod in our lower level. It's available on a walk-in basis, or you can call the Reference Desk at 314.961.7277 to reserve a time.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

See next page.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite

Thursday, April 2, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, April 8, 10 - 11 a.m.

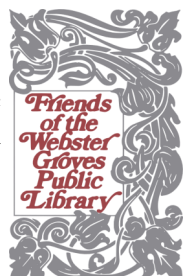
Spring Crafts

Saturday, April 11, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.



FRIENDS OF THE 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. Check out the [Friends of the Library webpage](#) to learn more about our organization and how you can help support the Library.



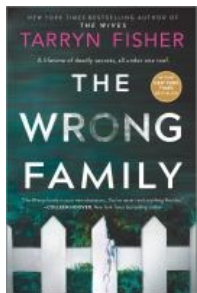
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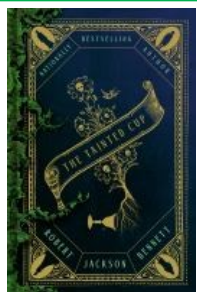
Book Discussion Groups



The Wrong Family

by Tarryn Fisher

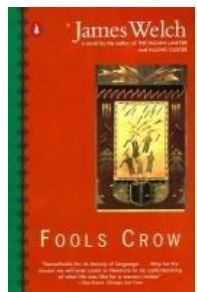
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The Tainted Cup

by Robert Jackson Bennett

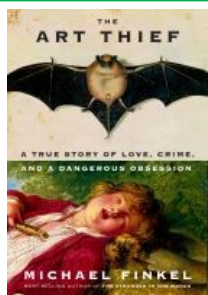
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Fools Crow

by James Welch

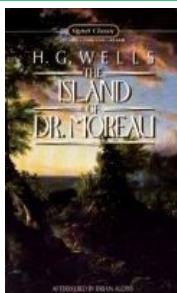
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



The Art Thief

by Michael Finkel

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.



The Island of Doctor Moreau

by H. G. Wells

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.