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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library  
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## KIDS' EVENTS

### Story Time

Tuesdays, 10 - 10:30 a.m.  
Recommended for ages 2 and up.

### Infant Story Time

Thursday, June 11 & 25, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

### Family Movie — *Walking with Dinosaurs* (PG)

Thursday, June 11, 1 - 3 p.m.

### Cave Guide Corey — Missouri Caves

Saturday, June 13, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

### Mad Science — *Unearth a Story*

Monday, June 15, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

### Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, June 16, 7 - 8 p.m.  
Recommended for ages 12 - 18

### Dinos in the Garden

Thursday, June 18, 2 - 3 p.m.  
Registration Required

### Wild Heart — *Wildlife Gone Under*

Saturday, June 20, 1 - 2 p.m.

### Junior Archaeologists

Saturday, June 27, 1:30 - 3 p.m.



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

For nearly a century and a half, the Webster Groves Public Library has been one of our community's most valued public institutions. It is a place where children take their first steps toward becoming lifelong readers, students discover resources that support their success, families gather for learning and enrichment, and residents of all ages find opportunities to connect, create, and grow. More than just a building filled with books, the Library is a vital community resource that strengthens education, expands access to information and technology, and helps make Webster Groves a vibrant place to live.

Each year, thousands of community members rely on the Library for books, digital resources, educational programs, public computers, meeting spaces, outreach services, and countless opportunities for lifelong learning. The Library's mission has remained constant: to provide access, opportunity, and enrichment for everyone in Webster Groves.

As the Library plans for the future, it faces several financial challenges. Rising costs for books, technology, utilities, and other essential services continue to impact operations. At the same time, the Library's historic facility requires ongoing maintenance and improvements to ensure it remains safe, welcoming, and functional for future genera-

tions. In addition, a portion of the Library's current funding is scheduled to expire in 2029, creating a need for long-term financial planning today.

To address these challenges, the Library is asking voters to consider Proposition L, a proposal that would increase the Library's property tax levy by 12 cents.

If approved, Proposition L would provide funding to help maintain the high-quality services residents depend on, preserve and improve the Library's aging facility, and establish a sustainable financial foundation for the years ahead. The proposal is designed to ensure that the Library can continue serving the community while responsibly planning for future needs.

The Webster Groves Public Library has long been an investment in our community's success and quality of life. Proposition L represents an opportunity to strengthen that investment and ensure the Library remains a vibrant, welcoming resource for generations to come.

For more information, visit [wgpl.org/taxlevy](http://wgpl.org/taxlevy).

Cheers,  
Madison  
[mmorris@wgpl.org](mailto:mmorris@wgpl.org)

## 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 Friday, June 19, for Juneteenth.



## TOP REQUESTS

1. *Theo of Golden*,  
by Allen Levi
2. *The Calamity Club*,  
by Kathryn Stockett
3. *Yesteryear*,  
by Caro Claire Burke
4. *The Correspondent*,  
by Virginia Evans
5. *The Keeper*,  
by Tana French
6. *Strangers*,  
by Belle Burden
7. *The Things We Never Say*,  
by Elizabeth Strout
8. *The Last Mandarin*,  
by Louise Penny & Mellissa Fung
9. *London Falling*,  
by Patrick Radden Keefe
10. *Go Gentle*,  
by Maria Semple
11. *Project Hail Mary*  
by Andy Weir
12. *The Midnight Train*,  
by Matt Haig

## ART GALLERY



Visit the WGPL art gallery during the month of June to see works of art from former Webster resident and school teacher, Patricia Bohn.

## OPEN ART STUDIO

Join us each Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:30 for our weekly Open Art Studio! Create, explore, and experiment with a variety of art materials in a relaxed, self-directed setting.

All supplies will be provided, including canvas, art paper, fabric, markers, paint pens, colored pencils, glue, adaptive scissors, paint daubers, and more. Come back week after week to try new materials, explore new ideas, and create something different each time.

All ages are welcome.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### Saturday Afternoon Book Club

*Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan  
Saturday, June 6 at 7 p.m.

### Psychological Thriller Book Club

*Strange Sally Diamond* by Liz Nugent  
Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

### Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

*Jade City* by Fonda Lee  
Wednesday, June 24 at 7 p.m.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Songwriting Class

Monday, June 1, 8, 15 & 22, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

### Summer Family Movie—*Walking with Dinosaurs* (PG)

Thursday, June 11, 1 - 3 p.m.

### Board Game Nite

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

A poster for 'Bard in a Box' featuring a central illustration of a box filled with books and a small figure. The text reads: 'BARD in a Box', 'Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>', 'A Midsummer Night's Dream 2:00-3:30 PM', and 'Romeo and Juliet 3:30-5:00 PM'.

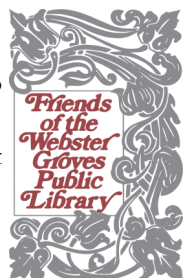
A colorful poster for 'Paleo Palette Open Art Studio'. It features a central illustration of a palette and brushes. The text reads: 'Paleo Palette Open Art Studio', 'Wednesdays, June 3 - July 29', '1:30-3:30 PM', and 'All ages and abilities welcome!'.

A poster celebrating the 142nd anniversary of the Webster Groves Public Library. It features a historical photograph of the library building. The text reads: 'Come learn the 142 year history of a public library in Webster Groves', 'Monday June 8 at 10:00 am', and 'Presented by Webster Groves Public Library Reference Librarian John Egel'.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Be sure to visit the Friends of the Library at the Webster Arts Fair! We'll have a booth with information about our work, ways to support the Library, and a fun activity for kids. Stop by and say hello! We'll be there Saturday and Sunday!

To learn more about the Friends and how you can help support the Library, visit the [Friends of the Library webpage](#).



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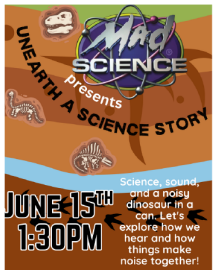
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## Summer Event Schedule 2026

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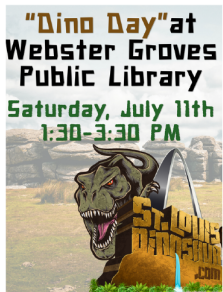
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 	1 LEGO Mania 1:30-3:30PM  Songwriting Class 6:30-8PM	2 Story Time 10:00AM	3 Dogs For Our Brave 9:30AM  Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM	4 Little Connections Babies & Caregivers Play Time 10-11AM  Board Game Night 6-8:30PM	5 Happy Hands Playdough 10-11AM	6 Saturday Afternoon Book Club 2:00PM
7	8 Songwriting Class 6:30-8PM	9 Story Time 10:00AM  Psychological Thriller Book Club 7-8PM	10 Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM	11 Infant Story Time 10:00AM  Summer Movie-Walking with Dinosaurs 1-3PM	12 	13 Cave Guide Corey 1:30-2:30PM
14 Paint and Sip Tween Style 2:30-4:30PM	15 Mad Science 1:30-2:15PM  Songwriting Class 6:30-8PM	16 Story Time 10:00AM  Teen Advisory Board 7:00PM	17 Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM	18 Little Connections Babies & Caregivers Play Time 10-11AM  Dinos in the Garden 2-3PM	19 <b>JUNE TEENTH</b> Library Closed	20 Wildlife Gone Under Sing Along 1-2PM
21 	22 Make Your Own Terrarium 6-7PM  Songwriting Class 6:30-8PM	23 Story Time 10:00AM	24 Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM  Sci Fi-Fantasy Book Club 7-8 PM	25 Infant Story Time 10:00AM	26 Happy Hands Crafts 10-11AM	27 Junior Archaeologist 1:30-3PM
28 St. Louis Shakespeare "Bard in a Box" 2-5PM	29 Tie-Dye at the Library 2-3PM	30 Story Time 10:00AM				



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 Jawprints	29	30 Dino	1 Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM	2 Summer Movie- Super Mario 1-3PM Board Game Nite 6:00-8:30PM	3 Happy Hands Playdough 10-11AM	4 4th of July Library Closed
5 Jawprints	6 Slime Time 2-3PM	7 Story Time 10:00AM	8 Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM Bedazzle-a-Book 6-8PM	9 Infant Story Time 10:00AM	10 Step Back in Time 10:30-12:30 Step Back in Time 2:30-4:30	11 Dino Day with St. Louis Dinosaur 1:30-3:30PM
12 Jawprints	13 Camping Story Time 6-6:45PM	14 Story Time 10:00AM Psychological Thriller Book Club 7-8PM	15 Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM	16 Little Connections Babies & Caregivers Play Time 10-11AM	17	18 Do-Art Comic Book Workshop 1:30-3:30PM
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26 Celia's Sing- Along Dance Party 2:30-3:30PM	27 Pajama Story Time 6-6:45PM	28 Story Time 10:00AM	29 Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM	30	31 Fossil	1 Animal Tales: Fossils Alive 1:30-2:30PM Saturday Afternoon Book Club 2:00PM

Scan Here to Sign Up  
for Summer Reading:



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