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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, July 9 & 23, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Step Back In Time — American Revolution

Friday, July 10, 10:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Dino Day

Saturday, July 11, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Comic Book Workshop

Saturday, July 18, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 21, 7 – 8 p.m.

Recommended for ages 12 – 18

LEGO Mania

Monday, June 20, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

World Bird Sanctuary

Thursday, July 23, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Celia's Sing-Along Dance Party

Sunday, June 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Pajama Story Time

Monday, June 27, 6 – 6:45 p.m.

Animal Tales — Dinosaurs Among Us

Saturday, August 1, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Last month, I shared some of the reasons why the Webster Groves Public Library is asking voters to consider Proposition L and the importance of planning for the Library's future. This month, I'd like to share a more personal perspective on why this work means so much to me.

When people ask how I decided to become a librarian, I like to joke that it all started when I was seven years old and my mom told me she was no longer buying me books because I read them too quickly. Instead, we started making weekly trips to the library.

Looking back, that really is where it all began.

Books meant everything to me. They took me on adventures, introduced me to people and places I never would have known otherwise, and taught me that there is almost always another way to look at the world. They sparked my imagination, challenged my thinking, and broadened my perspective in ways I couldn't have understood at the time. Access to a public library changed my life, and it continues to shape who I am today.

Now, as Director of the Webster Groves Public Library, I have the privilege of seeing that same impact every single day.

I see it in the child excitedly holding their very first library card while checking out a *Magic Tree House* book. I see it in the person learning about the history of their Webster Groves home in our Reference Department. I see it in someone using one of our public computers to apply for a new job. I see it in the grandmother bringing her grandchildren to the same Storytime she once attended with her own children. I see it when old friends unexpectedly reconnect while visiting the Library or when community organiza-

tions gather in our meeting room to strengthen the connections that make Webster Groves such a great place.

These moments happen every day, and they are reminders that a public library is so much more than a place to borrow books. It is a place where people learn, connect, discover, and build community.

On August 4, Webster Groves voters will have the opportunity to decide on Proposition L, a 12-cent increase to the Library's property tax levy.

If approved, Proposition L would help protect the services our community relies on, maintain our historic library building, and provide the long-term financial stability needed to continue serving Webster Groves for generations to come.

For more information, visit wgpl.org/taxlevy or drop in for our open house on Thursday, July 23, from 5:30 – 7.

Cheers,
Madison
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TAX LEVY OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD
5:30-7:00PM

Stop by the library to learn more about Proposition L.

Review informational materials, ask questions, and talk with library staff and board members about the library's funding, services, and future plans.

TOP REQUESTS

1. *Theo of Golden*,
by Allen Levi
2. *Yesteryear*,
by Caro Claire Burke
3. *Whistler*,
by Ann Patchett
4. *The Calamity Club*,
by Kathryn Stockett
5. *The Things We Never Say*,
by Elizabeth Strout
6. *Land*,
by Maggie O'Farrell
7. *The Correspondent*,
by Virginia Evans
8. *Mad Mabel*,
by Sally Hepworth
9. *The Keeper*,
by Tana French
10. *Our Perfect Storm*,
by Carley Fortune
11. *The Midnight Train*,
by Matt Haig
12. *Villa Coco*,
by Sean Andrew Greer

ART GALLERY



To commemorate the 75th anniversary of our building here on Lockwood Ave., during July our art gallery will feature images spanning the full 142-year history of a public library in Webster Groves. Please take a bit of time to visit the gallery and reminisce.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Psychological Thriller Book Club

Never Lie by Freida McFadden
Tuesday, July 14 at 7 p.m.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

The Water Knife by Paolo Bacigalupi
Wednesday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

Saturday Afternoon Book Club

The Moonshine Woman by Michelle Collins Anderson
Saturday, August 1 at 2 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Bedazzle-A-Book

Wednesday, July 8, 6 - 8 p.m.

Lawn Care — Missouri Botanical Garden

Wednesday, July 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Paint and Sip

Saturday, July 25, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Board Game Nite

Thursday, August 6, 6 - 8:30 p.m.



SUMMER READING

There is still time to sign up for Summer Reading! You can sign up at wgpl.beanstack.org or pick up information at the Library. Raffle prizes will be drawn on Wednesday, August 5th!



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WEBSTER GROVES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Event Schedule 2026

JULY

**"Dino Day" at
Webster Groves
Public Library**
Saturday, July 11th
1:30-3:30 PM

**Do Art
Productions**
COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP
July 18th
1:30-3:30PM
Ages 8 and up
SEE HOW EASY CARTOONING,
AND
CREATIVE EXPRESSION CAN BE!

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 JULY	29	30 JULY	1	2	3	4 JULY
			Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM	Summer Movie- Super Mario 1-3PM Board Game Nite 6:00-8:30PM	Happy Hands Playdough 10-11AM	4 th of July Library Closed
5	6 JULY	7	8	9	10	11
	Slime Time 2-3PM	Story Time 10:00AM	Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM Bedazzle-a-Book 6-8PM	Infant Story Time 10:00AM	Step Back in Time 10:30-12:30 Step Back in Time 2:30-4:30	Dino Day with St. Louis Dinosaur 1:30-3:30PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Camping Story Time 6-6:45PM	Story Time 10:00AM Psychological Thriller Book Club 7-8PM	Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM	Little Connections Babies & Caregivers Play Time 10-11AM		Do-Art Comic Book Workshop 1:30-3:30PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	LEGO Mania 1:30-3:30PM	Story Time 10:00AM Teen Advisory Board 7:00PM	Open Art Studio 1:30-3:30PM Sci Fi-Fantasy Book Club 7-8 PM	Infant Story Time 10:00AM World Bird Sanctuary 1:30-2:30PM	Happy Hands Crafts 10-11AM	Paint and Sip 1:30-4:30PM
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Scan Here to Sign Up
for Summer Reading:



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