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The newsletter of Webster Groves Public Library
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KIDS' EVENTS

Storytime

Tuesdays, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and up.

Babytime

Thursdays, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 0 – 2.



Happy Hands – Crafts

Friday, September 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Toddler Tunes

Monday, September 21, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

String Art

Saturday, September 26, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Homeschool Hour

Monday, September 28, 1 – 2 p.m.

Recommended for ages 6 – 11.

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

Summer reading has officially wrapped up, and school is back in session! We had fantastic participation in this year's Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program and amazing attendance at programs throughout the summer. It was wonderful to see so many kids, teens, and adults reading, participating, and spending time at the Library all summer long.

We also had a packed schedule of programs, with everything from LEGOs and crafts to science, animals, music, and even giant dinosaurs roaming the Library! Thank you to everyone who joined us for a program, participated in summer reading, stopped by to pick out books, and helped make the Library such a busy and fun place to be this summer. And, of course, a huge thank you to our Library staff for all the work that went into

making another summer reading program a success.

Another huge part of the summer was the passing of Proposition L. We continue to be incredibly grateful for the community's support and are excited about what's ahead for the Library. As we plan for the future, we want to hear from you! Keep an eye out for a patron survey in next month's newsletter. We'll be asking what you think the Library is doing well, where we can improve, and what you would like to see in the future. Your feedback will help us as we make plans for the years ahead.

Cheers,

Madison

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LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST



As we continue celebrating the 75th anniversary of our grand old building, we're launching a library card design contest! One winner will be selected from each age group: 8 and under, 9–12, 13–17, and 18+. Winning designs will be turned into library cards available to everyone! Entries are due October 22. [Click here](#) for details and the entry form or stop by the Circulation Desk.

Winners will be announced Saturday, November 7, as part of our Library Birthday Celebration! Join us for crafts and treats beginning at 1:00 PM, followed by a reception in the Meeting Room from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!

TOP REQUESTS

1. *Whistler*,
by Ann Patchett
2. *The Calamity Club*,
by Kathryn Stockett
3. *Theo of Golden*,
by Allen Levi
4. *Yesteryear*,
by Caro Claire Burke
5. *Regime Change*,
by Maggie Haberman
6. *Land*,
by Maggie O'Farrell
7. *Villa Coco*,
by Sean Andrew Greer
8. *Mad Mabel*,
by Sally Hepworth
9. *John of John*,
by Douglas Stuart
10. *Daughters of the Sun and Moon*,
by Lisa See
11. *Country People*,
by Daniel Mason
12. *Big Little Truths*,
by Liane Moriarty



ART GALLERY



Throughout September, the Library's Art Gallery will feature photography by Women in Focus St. Louis, a talented group of women photographers. This year's exhibit celebrates Webster Groves through their unique perspectives. Join us for a reception on Friday, September 11, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. to view the exhibit and meet the photographers.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

See the next page for book discussion information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Mahjong Night

Thursday, September 10, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn How to Quill

Saturday, September 12, 1:30 - 3:30p.m.

Paint and Sip

Saturday, September 19, 1:30 - 4:30p.m.

Monday Matinee — *Hamnet*

Monday, September 21, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Cricut Art

Tuesday, September 29, 6 - 7 p.m.

Board Game Nite

Thursday, October 1, 6 - 8 p.m.

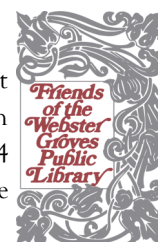
Bedazzle-A-Book

Tuesday, October 6, 6 - 8 p.m.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Webster Groves Public Library are hosting their Annual Book Sale this October! Stop by to browse a great selection of gently used books, find some new-to-you favorites, and support the Friends and the Library. The sale will be open Friday, October 16 from 5 - 8 p.m.; Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sunday, October 18 from 1 - 5 p.m. We hope to see you there!

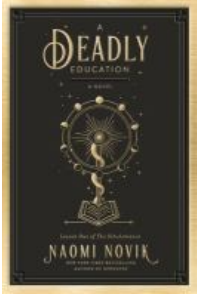


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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



A Deadly Education

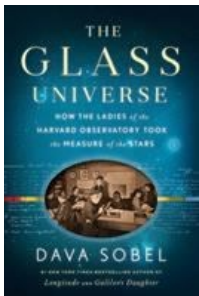
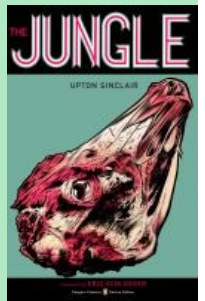
by Naomi Novik

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

The Jungle

by Upton Sinclair

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



The Glass Universe

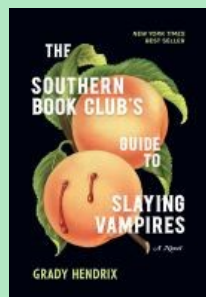
by Dava Sobel

Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires

by Grady Hendrix

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.



All book clubs are for ages 18 and older.