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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 Birthday Library Crafts
Saturday, November 7, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Let's Create: Box Collage
Monday, November 9, 6 – 7 p.m.
Recommended for ages 5 and up.
Registration is required.

Happy Hands
Friday, November 13, 10 – 11 a.m.
Recommended for preschoolers.

Toddler Tunes
Monday, November 16, 10 – 11 a.m.
Recommended for ages 1 – 3.

Pokémon Trading Card Event
Wednesday, November 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Recommended for ages 6 – 12.

Homeschool Hour
Monday, November 30, 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.

The Library will be closed Wednesday, November 11, for Veterans' Day and Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, for Thanksgiving.

CELEBRATING A RICH PAST... AND A BRIGHT FUTURE

November is an exciting month at the Library. Saturday the 7th will see the culmination of a year-long celebration of our historic place in this great community. Our grand old building at 301 E. Lockwood Ave. opened November 5, 1951. To mark this occasion, we will host a Diamond Jubilee on Saturday, November 7—a 75th birthday party with an open invitation.

Festivities will start at 1:30 with 75th birthday craft stations in the Young Adult and Children's sections, and cupcakes and punch in the atrium.

From 4:30 to 6:30 a reception with light appetizers and drinks will continue the celebration. This informal gathering will give patrons and staff a chance to socialize, take photos, laugh, and reminisce. The City of Webster Groves will present a Proclamation, and the winners of a library card design contest will be announced. Fun times to be sure.

Since January, we have acknowledged not just this brick-and-mortar anniversary, but a rich 142-year tradition of free public access to literature and learning in Webster Groves. We are grateful to local publications such as the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* and *Neighbors of Webster Groves* for sharing our story and to the many patrons who have shared their own stories with us.

In capping off this historical recognition, our Diamond Jubilee will also allow us to thank the people of Webster Groves for the approval of Proposition L in the August election. The community's overwhelming support of course represents an important investment in WGPL, yet it also reflects the high regard residents have for their hometown library, their appreciation of its long-standing cultural role, and their desire to see it prosper for years to come. A special community and a special library deserve a party.

So, on Saturday, November 7, please come celebrate the wonderful history and bright future of the Webster Groves Public Library!

Thanks go out to our tremendous Friends of the Library for providing the financial support for this day of celebration.

John Egel



TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Calamity Club*, by Kathryn Stockett
2. *Whistler*, by Ann Patchett
3. *The French Illusion*, by John Grisham
4. *Partita*, by Barbara Kingsolver
5. *Mad Mabel*, by Sally Hepworth
6. *The Pirate Queen*, by Ariel Lawhon
7. *Miss Wolcott's Ghost*, by Louise Penny
8. *Exit Party*, by Emily St. John Mandel
9. *American Hagwon*, by Min Jin Lee
10. *Hollow Bones*, by Jodi Picoult
11. *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi
12. *Peck & Peck*, by Bonnie Garmus

ART GALLERY



November's art gallery exhibit celebrates the Theatre Guild of Webster Groves. On display will be artifacts documenting a century of community theatre as the Guild begins its 100th season. On Friday, November 6, the Guild will host a reception at the Library from 5:30 – 7:30. This reception is free and open to the public. RSVP to info@webstergrovestheatreguild.com.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

See the next page for book discussion information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Board Game Nite
Thursday, November 5, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Library Birthday Party
Saturday, November 7, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
See page 4 of this newsletter for details.

Saturday Paint and Sip
Saturday, November 14, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Ages 15 and up.

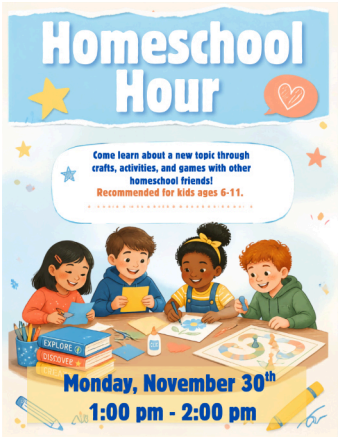
Monday Matinee: *The Devil Wears Prada 2*
Monday, November 16, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Holiday Crafts
Saturday, November 21, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Ages 12 and up.

Every House Has Its Stories
Monday, November 23, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.







FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Library by purchasing books.

The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will be held on the evening of November 12. Friends members should keep an eye on their e-mail for additional details.

For more information about supporting the Friends of the Library, please visit the Friends page on the Library's website.

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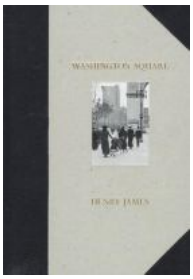
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



Washington Square

by Henry James

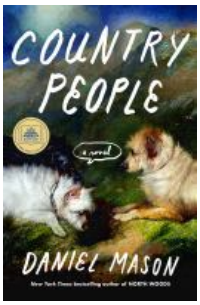
Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

These Burning Stars

by Bethany Jacobs

Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.





Country People

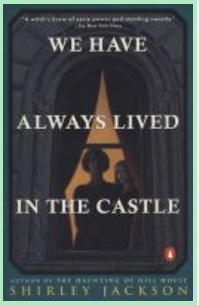
by Daniel Mason

Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

We Have Always Lived in the Castle

by Shirley Jackson

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.



All book clubs are for ages 18 and older.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

75th

You're Invited to a Birthday Party!

November 7, 2026

Our grand old Library building is turning 75!
Come celebrate with us Saturday, November 7th!

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Happy Birthday Crafts

We'll have craft stations in the Young Adult area and Children's Library. Cupcakes in the atrium!

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
75th Birthday Party

Join us in the evening for a party with light appetizers, drinks and lots of stories to share. Library card contest winners announced!

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