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## St. Joseph Public Library's Mission, Vision, and Values:

### Mission

The St. Joseph Public Library provides our community physical and virtual gathering spaces to access information, education, and recreation.

### Vision

The St. Joseph Public Library offers our community a window to the past and a gateway to the future.

### Values

The St. Joseph Public Library values:

**ACCOUNTABILITY** *We are dedicated to delivering on our commitments and the sound stewardship of our taxpayer dollars.*

**EXCELLENCE** *We are courteous professionals who strive to create extraordinary experiences for our community.*

**EQUALITY** *We are free and open to all people and ideas. We treat everyone with respect and compassion.*

**INNOVATION** *We are always learning. We continually explore new ways of doing things better and doing better things.*

**PASSION** *We love the library, we love St. Joseph, and we love what we do.*

**TEAMWORK** *We build connections and celebrate the diversity of our experiences.*

## Visit the library website at [sjpl.lib.mo.us](http://sjpl.lib.mo.us) to access:

- Online card catalog
- Kids and Teen pages
- Reference information
- Calendar of events
- Multiple databases, accessible with an SJPL library card
- Digital archives
- eBooks, eMagazines, and eAudiobooks

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## *A Message from Your Library*

National Library is April 19-25 and this year's theme is "Find Your Joy." What brings you joy? Whether it's cozying up with a new book, learning a new skill, gathering with others, or something else, you can find your joy at the St. Joseph Public Library.

We are holding prize drawings during National Library Week so be sure to visit your preferred branch that week to enter the drawing. Prizes include a copy of *Little Blue Truck Makes a Friend* by Alice Schertle as well as a stuffed toy of the book's main character for babies to six-year-olds, a \$25 gift card from The Shop Bakery for ages seven through 17, and a \$25 gift card from The Story Collective for adults 18 and over.

Keep reading the newsletter to find out what's happening at the library during April and May that might spark your joy. For me I am most excited about two things. First, our annual Seed Library, which is a true labor of love for a few of our staff members. Visit the Downtown or East Hills libraries to pick out vegetable, herb, or flower seeds before the end of April. Second, the dinosaurs are coming! The Summer Reading Program this year, *Unearth a Story*, kicks off on May 31 at the Carnegie Library and the party, open to all ages, will feature dinosaurs. I can't wait.

Whatever brings you joy, the St. Joseph Public Library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, we're here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

Come visit today and find your joy.

*Mary Beth Revels*

Library Director

# Thank you

Everything we do wouldn't be possible without the support of people like you.

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# All Ages Programs

## Carnegie

### Gnome Day at the Library

Stop by the library to make gnome crafts and do a gnome scavenger hunt.

**Carnegie Library**

Saturday, May 2

1 p.m.



### Book Buddies Reading Dogs

The Pony Express Therapy Dogs are great listeners for children of all ages and reading levels!

**East Hills Library**

Saturdays, April 4 & May 2

10:30 a.m.

## East Hills

### Family Fun Time: Giant Games

Families of all types are invited to try their luck at Giant Games. We'll have Life-size Candy Land (where YOU are the playing pieces), giant Uno, giant Connect 4, and Giant Checkers. Come for a ginormous good time!

**East Hills Library**

Saturday, April 11

2 p.m.

### Wicked: For Good Sing-Along **R**

Now is your chance to belt out all the lyrics with no judgment in this showing of *Wicked: For Good!* (2025, 138 Minutes, Rating PG.) Popcorn, lemonade, and water provided while supplies last.

**East Hills Library**

Sunday, April 26

1:30 p.m.

### Family Fun Time: Flower Pots **R**

Families of all types are invited to work together to paint a large terracotta planter. After painting, we will plant some wildflower seeds to help the pollinators. Each family will leave with one large planter.

**East Hills Library**

Saturday, May 2

10 a.m.

### Inconceivable! Interactive Princess Bride Movie **R**

Whether it's your first time watching or your twentieth, this interactive showing of the cult classic *The Princess Bride* will be a unique experience. Shout out iconic lines, use the provided props, enjoy the swashbuckling tale of TRUE WUV, and have an inconceivably good time! Costumes encouraged (no real weapons, please).

The *Princess Bride* was released in 1987, is 98 minutes long and is rated PG.

**East Hills Library**

Saturday, May 2

2 p.m.

# THE LEGO GUY

## CODY WELLS

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

**DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

**10 A.M. - NOON**

**CARNEGIE LIBRARY**

**2 - 4 P.M.**



**C3Brix**  
Rebuild your childhood



# SUMMER READING Kickoff Party

## THE DINOS ARE COMING!

I'M EGGO!



I'M DUCKY!



I'M LUNA!



I'M TRIXIE!



FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
FEATURING HYPER-REALISTIC DINOSAURS!

**CARNEGIE LIBRARY**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 31**  
**1:30 - 3 PM**

DIG FOR  
"FOSSILS"

FREEZER  
POPS

PETTING  
ZOO



For more information scan the QR code or go to  
<https://sjpl.librarymarket.com/event/srpkickoff2026>

Registration may not open until 30 days prior to event.

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# Storytimes

**Mondays**  
**10 a.m.**

February 16 - April 27

**Storytime**

0 - 6 year-olds  
**Washington Park  
Library**

**Wednesdays**  
**10 a.m.**

February 4 - April 29

**Toddler  
Storytime**

18 months - 3 year-olds  
**East Hills  
Library**

**Thursdays**  
**10:30 a.m.**

February 5 - April 30

**Storytime**

0 - 6 year-olds  
**Downtown  
Library**

**Tuesdays**  
**10 a.m.**

February 3 - April 28

**Preschool  
Storytime**

3 - 6 year-olds  
**East Hills  
Library**

**Wednesdays**  
**10:30 a.m.**

February 4 - April 29

**Storytime**

0 - 6 year-olds  
**Carnegie  
Library**

**Fridays**  
**10 a.m.**

February 6 - May 29

**Pre-K  
Play**

birth - 18 months  
**East Hills  
Library**



by Lorraine Nam from *I'm So Happy You're Here*

*Celebrate*  
**NATIONAL  
LIBRARY  
WEEK**

**April 19-25, 2026**

**ALA** American  
Library  
Association

**Library  
Champions**  
Investing in America's Libraries

# Children's Programs

## Downtown

### No Sew Bunny **R**

Come make a sock bunny! There is no sewing involved in this fun craft.

#### Downtown Library

Monday, April 6 3:30 p.m.

### Bunny Snack and Craft **R**

Hop on over and join us for an afternoon of fun. We will enjoy some bunny trail mix and a story. Take home a bunny craft with a sweet treat!

#### Downtown Library

Monday, April 13 4 p.m.

### Flower Painting **R**

Create beautiful flowers using the most unlikely objects as your paint brush!

#### Downtown Library

Monday, May 11 3:30 p.m.

### Flower Art **R**

Spring into the library for a fun art project creating flowers from tissue paper.

#### Downtown Library

Wednesday, May 27 10 a.m.



**EAST HILLS LIBRARY**

**Thursdays**  
**April 16 & May 21**  
**6 p.m.**

**THE ONLY THING TO BRING IS YOUR IMAGINATION!**



# TRICKY TUESDAY

Join us for a fun activity, storytime, craft or maybe all three!  
4 P.M. EVERY TUESDAY @ WASHINGTON PARK LIBRARY

April 7 **Bunnies**

May 5 **Cinco de Mayo**

April 14 **Poetry**

May 12 **Flowers**

April 21 **Under the Sea**

May 19 **Chickens**

April 28 **Movie Day - Bad Guys 2**

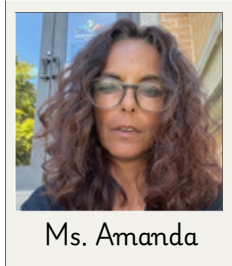
May 26 **Movie Day - Zootopia 2**



**\*CRAFTS CAN BE MESSY, PLEASE WEAR CLOTHING THAT IS OK TO GET STAINED.\***

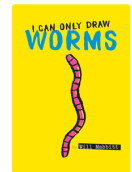
# Librarian Recommended Kid Approved

Spring is here! Here are some recommendations from our Children's librarians on books, databases, and STEAM kits for you and your kids to enjoy.



Ms. Amanda

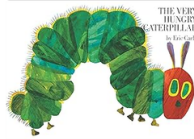
Carnegie Library



All About  
Dinosaurs  
STEAM Kit

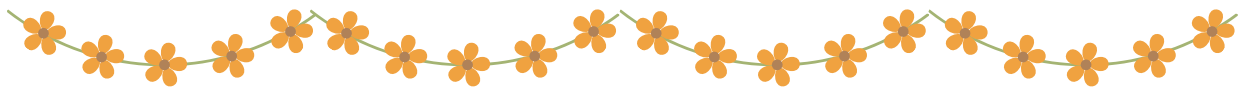


Learn to Move  
& Play  
STEAM Kit



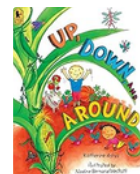
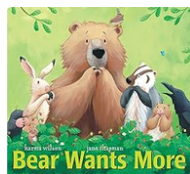
Ms. Lisa

Downtown Library

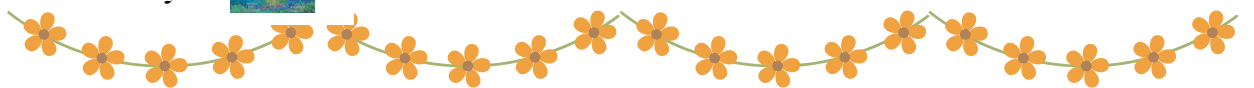


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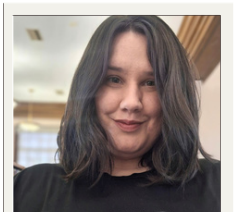
East Hills Library



Outdoor Adventures  
Pretend Play  
STEAM Kit



Tot Time  
Game Night  
STEAM Kit



Ms. Kirstie

Washington Park  
Library

# Teen Programs

## Downtown

### Egg **R**

The St. Joseph Public Library Teen Advisory Board suggested an egg hunt. They said, "Just call it egg. It is what the teens want." Egg Hunt for Teens through the stacks of the library!

**Downtown Library**  
Friday, April 3 1:30 p.m.

### Teen After Hours – Throwback **R**

Throwback to the old days of recess and gym. Hide & Seek, parachutes, and more!

**Downtown Library**  
Friday, April 17 6 p.m.

### Teens Taste: Cheese **R**

We would love for you to come and try all of the fun cheeses that we can get our hands on near us!

**Downtown Library**  
Monday, April 20 4 p.m.

### Cheese Sculptures **R**

You have probably heard of soap sculpting. Well, get ready for a whole new tasty take. Let's make cheese sculptures together!

**Downtown Library**  
Thursday, April 30 3:15 p.m.

### Teens Taste: Rice Edition **R**

Taste different rice dishes from all over the world using different grains and tons of flavor!

**Downtown Library**  
Friday, May 29 Noon

## East Hills

### Chess Club

Teens and adults of all skill levels are invited to the East Hills Library to meet with others who share a passion for the game of Chess. Let's learn and play together!

**East Hills Library** 6 p.m.  
Thursday, Apr. 2 & 16; May 7

### Teen After Hours: Paint Night **R**

Check the library out after hours and join us for a night of painting fun! Paint and canvases provided, just bring your creativity!

**East Hills Library**  
Sunday, May 17 4 p.m.



Above: Teens making Valentine's boxes at East Hills.

Below: Teen Advisory Board members volunteered at Super Science Saturday at MWSU.



## Washington Park

### Slay Crochet! Crochet Club

We'll provide all the materials and teach you the basics and more, so you'll leave with some new skills! Come stitch, chill, and slay with us! For Teens and Adults.

**Washington Park Library** 5 p.m.  
Thursdays, April 9 & May 14

### Mini Beaded Plants **R**

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**Washington Park Library**  
Thursday, April 23 5 p.m.

### Evening Bingo **R**

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**Washington Park Library**  
Thursday, April 30 5 p.m.

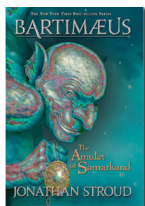
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**Washington Park Library**  
Thursday, May 28 5 p.m.

# FOR TEENS, BY TEENS

We asked our Teen Advisory Board for recommendations of the books, movies, and music they are enjoying.



## Bartimaeus Sequence By Jonathan Stroud

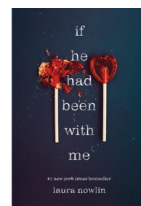
"A fantasy book full of sparkly footnotes and complex characters. Highly recommend."

-Tristan, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## If He Had Been With Me By Laura Nowlin

"5 stars. It is a great dramatic romance with a dramatic ending."

-Natalie, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Red Rising Trilogy By Pierce Brown

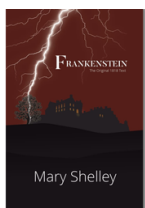
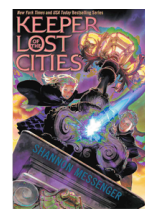
"It was a thrilling read that I couldn't put down. It's a very long series and you can travel with the characters."

-Luka, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Keeper of the Lost Cities By Shannon Messenger

"I have loved this book for a couple years since I read it first. It's a long series, but in a REALLY GOOD way."

-Doveny, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Frankenstein By Mary Shelley

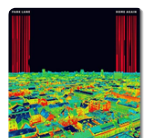
"Mary Shelley's gothic, romanticist horror, horrified readers in 1818 and terrified me today all the same."

-Jack, recently graduated

## You've Reached Sam By Dustin Thao

"After reading this, I sobbed for hours. It's such a sweet and beautiful book."

-Jady, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Home Again By Park Lane ft. LaKeshia Nugent

"I recommend because of how good the singer is plus the piano and the guitar"

-Andon, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Night at the Museum

"A hilarious adventure into the life of a regular guy!"

-Natalia, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Clue

"Incredibly funny and quotable"

-Carter, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Library Database



## LearningExpress Library and College Admissions Test Prep

LearningExpress Library provides interactive online practice tests and a tutorial course series designed to help users succeed on academic and licensing tests. It offers immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of results. Includes practice ACT, SAT, high school equivalency tests and more. Use your library card to access.

## Downtown

### Watercolor Painting **R**

This will be a gentle introduction to basic watercolor techniques with beautiful results. All supplies provided.

#### Downtown Library

Thursday, April 2 2 p.m.  
 Friday, April 24 2 p.m.  
 Thursday, May 14 2 p.m.  
 Thursday, May 28 2 p.m.

### Cursive Penmanship Course **R**

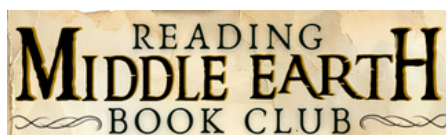
Would you like to build your penmanship or cursive skills? Join Dr. Paula Hayward and Janie Obermier for this five-week course that will give you foundational tools or build upon your already existing skills to communicate in cursive. Each week, we will practice new forms in lettering and discuss the historical art of penmanship. All materials will be provided.

**Downtown Library** 5 p.m.  
 Thursdays, April 2 - 30

### Classically Speaking

The Classically Speaking series is a monthly program designed to share stories from the various educational fields known as the liberales artes. Join us as a local scholar shares their expertise on another fascinating historical subject

**Downtown Library**  
 Saturday, April 18 1 p.m.



### Reading Middle Earth **R**

Are you ready for an adventure? Join Dr. Paula Hayward this year as we take a literary journey through Middle Earth reading The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.

**Downtown Library** 5 p.m.  
 Tuesdays, April 28 & May 26

### Classically Speaking: The Ancient Origins of the Zodiac

Are you curious about how ancient civilizations shaped the nighttime sky into formations? Join Dr. Jay Lemanski as he shares the history of astronomical texts from ancient Babylon to discover the origins of the zodiac.

**Downtown Library**  
 Saturday, May 16 1 p.m.

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**East Hills Library** 6 p.m.  
 Thursday, Apr. 2 & 16; May 7

### Spanish-English Conversation Club

You are invited to work on your Spanish or English language skills at this Conversation Club. Participants will work in matched pairs to help each other improve their spoken language skills in both languages. If you are learning either Spanish or English this is a great place to practice in a judgment free zone.

**East Hills Library** 6 p.m.  
 Mondays, April 6 - 27

### Casual Commander Club

Bring your own Magic the Gathering commander format deck to battle and destroy your friends and strangers! In this casual, multiplayer format, you choose a legendary creature to serve as your commander and build the rest of your deck around their color identity and unique abilities. The deck must have 100 cards, including your commander and power level 8 and under decks recommended.

**East Hills Library**  
 Thursdays, April 9 & 23 6 p.m.  
 Thursdays, May 14 & 28 6 p.m.

### Adult Coloring Night

Join us to calm your mind by coloring. The library will provide supplies, but you can bring your own if you would like to.

**East Hills Library** 5:30 p.m.  
 Mondays, April 13 & May 11

## East Hills

### Stop the Scroll: Analog Bag Decorating **R**

An analog bag is a handy tote that you fill with books, puzzles, journals, crafts, etc. to help keep your doom scrolling in check. Decorate your own analog bag at the East Hills Library and we'll provide some goodies to get you started.

**East Hills Library** 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 15

### Bingo Night

Join us for a fun-filled night of BINGO! Prizes will be provided by the library.

**East Hills Library** 6 p.m.  
Mondays, April 20 & May 18

### Plant Swap

Plant parents can bring plants, bulbs, seeds, cuttings, plant starts, planters and/or pots you want to rehome. Then peruse the tables to leave with something new to you! Please be sure to label your offerings and have them in containers that you are ready to part with.

**East Hills Library** 1:30 p.m.  
Sunday, May 3

### May the Fourth ... Be With Your Painting **R**

Celebrate Star Wars Day at the library with an easy Star Wars themed acrylic painting.

**East Hills Library** 5:30 p.m.  
Monday, May 4

### Improvisational Quilt Workshop **R**

Designed for confident beginners and experienced quilters alike, this workshop focuses on intuitive design, bold composition, and fearless piecing—no patterns required. Presented by Ms. Annie Corrington, owner of Art Attack Studio.

**East Hills Library** 10 a.m.  
Saturday, May 16

### True Crime Time - May Is for Mummies

Dr. Katie East will take us through the process by which a forensic anthropologist would help to determine the circumstances around death, and how those same principles can be applied to ancient settings.

**East Hills Library** 6 p.m.  
Thursday, May 21

### Bite-Size Keto **R**

Join us to learn how to make Spinach Artichoke Dip Bites that are vegetarian, low carb (keto), gluten-free, and totally delicious.

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Wednesday, May 27

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**Washington Park Library** 5 p.m.  
Thursdays, April 9 & May 14

### Coffee & Puzzles

Join us for a cozy hangout - puzzles, hot drinks, and cookies included!

**Washington Park Library** 2 p.m.  
Thursdays, April 16 & May 21

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**Washington Park Library** 5 p.m.  
Thursday, May 28

# TriviaNight



## SATURDAY, APRIL 25

**\$90 PER TABLE**  
**TEAMS OF 6**

DOORS OPEN AT 7:15 PM  
FIRST QUESTION AT 7:30 PM

FAIRVIEW GOLF COURSE  
BANQUET ROOM  
3302 PACIFIC ST.

Drinks and grill style food available for purchase.

*To reserve your table with pre-payment,  
contact Jessica Poet at 816-236-2107.*

## FRIENDS FRONT ROW TUESDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES

Tuesday Nights at 6:30 p.m. at East Hills Library

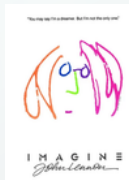
Hosted by professional movie critic  
**BOB SHULTZ**



April 7  
**Network**  
1976 R  
2 hr 1 min



April 14  
**Dumb & Dumber**  
1994 PG-13  
1 hr 47 min



April 21  
**Imagine**  
1988 R  
1 hr 46 min



April 28  
**Last Night in Soho**  
2021 R  
1 hr 56 min



May 5  
**Mermaids**  
1990 PG-13  
1 hr 50 min



May 12  
**The Electric Horseman**  
1979 PG  
2 hr 1 min



May 19  
**The Princess Bride**  
1987 PG  
1 hr 38 min



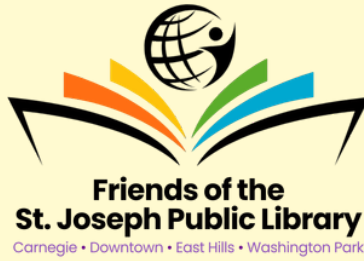
May 26  
**Days of Thunder**  
1990 PG-13  
1 hr 47 min

Not all movies may be appropriate for all audiences. Viewer discretion is advised.

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# Large Print & Audiobook SALE

**April 16 & 17**  
**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** @ **Joyce Raye  
Patterson Center**

The East Hills Library is  
thrilled to host

**Dorinda Nicholson**

author and speaker, on

**Wednesday, May 20**

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**AMERICA 250**  
CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Dorinda's family lived near the tip of the Pearl City Peninsula, only a few hundred yards from the USS Utah, the first ship to be attacked at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Come hear her fascinating story as she tells you about the bombing and the war from a child's perspective.

Embrace new adventures through reading and discussion by joining us at book club! You can join more than one book club and attend for some of the books or all of them.

The books for book clubs are purchased by the Friends of the St. Joseph Library. Book club books are available for check out.

Thursday,  
April 2  
2 p.m.

Thursday,  
May 7  
2 p.m.

## Washington Park BYOB Book Club

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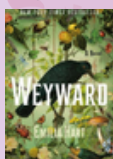


Diana Grier

BYOB: Bring your own books. No pressure, all-fun book club! Talk about whatever you've been reading lately and help us pick a monthly read to enjoy together. Come for the books, stay for the book people.



**Wrong Place  
Wrong Time**  
By Gillian McAllister  
Tuesday, April 21  
10 a.m.



**Weyward**  
By Emilia Hart  
Tuesday, May 19  
10 a.m.



**The Lotus Shoes**  
By Jane Yang  
Monday, April 27  
5 p.m.



**The Spellshop**  
By Sarah Beth  
Durst  
Monday, May 25  
5 p.m.



Shirley Blakeney

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Erika Martinez

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**Alchemy of Secrets**  
By Stephanie  
Garber  
Saturday, April 18  
4 p.m.



**The Busybody Book  
Club**  
By Freya Sampson  
Saturday, May 16  
4 p.m.



**How to Talk to Your  
Dog About Murder**  
By Emily Soderberg  
Wednesday, April 29  
7 p.m.



**A Murder Most  
Fowl**  
By Carmela Dutra  
Wednesday, May 20  
7 p.m.



## Afternoon Tea Book Club

The Story Collective  
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Jenny Ellis

## Virtual Murder, She Read: Cozy Mystery Book Club

Virtual on Zoom **R**



# BOOK CLUBS

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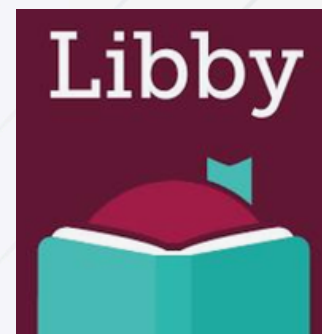


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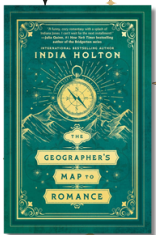
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# Romantasy

## Book Reviews with Ms. Read

Have you heard of Romantasy? It blends fantasy, think fairies, magic or dragons, with a love story. This month's books from the staff of the St. Joseph Public Library are a great introduction to Romantasy. The books are available at the St. Joseph Public Library, at other Missouri Evergreen libraries, or from one of the SJPL eContent vendors. Visit the library's catalog at <https://sjpl.modiscovery.org> to find these or other great books to enjoy.



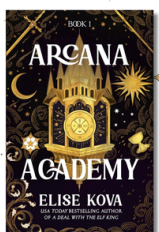
*The Geographer's Map to Romance* by India Holton. A romp from catastrophe to romance between two professors that entered a marriage of convenience that proves less than convenient. Experts in magical disasters, both husband and wife are assigned to keep a small Welsh village from destroying all of Britain. Can these two quit competing with each other long enough to admit their feelings for each other? Will the inept side characters derail the mission? This book will keep you laughing and guessing to the last page.

*Knight and the Moth* by Rachel Gillig. Aisling Cathedral is the residence of six diviners who drown and dream to learn the fate of the pilgrims who come there. Sybil Delling and her sister diviners are nearing the end of their service as diviners. King Benedict Castor, the boy king, and Roderick Myndacious, a knight, arrive at the cathedral. Sybil's sister diviners start to disappear one by one. Sybil needs the help of both the king and the knight before she too disappears.



*The Serpent & the Wings of Night* by Carissa Broadbent. Book 1 in the Crowns of Nyaxia Series. Oraya is a young human adopted and raised by a powerful vampire king. Her backstory is revealed in snippets through flashbacks. Once a century the Kejari is held. A set of trials between the strongest warriors from the three vampire houses. There is only one winner – survivor – whose wish will be granted by the goddess. Oraya is forced to team up with the mysterious Raihn to succeed in this contest.

*The Everlasting* by Alix E. Harrow. Sir Una Everlasting was a knight, a great hero, whose story was told through the ages. Owen Mallory, former soldier, and undistinguished scholar, becomes enchanted by the tale of Sir Una. Her story has been told in many ways; Owen wants to know the truth of her. His search takes him beyond the archives and beyond time into the past itself. To rewrite Sir Una's legend, she and Owen must find a way to rewrite history.



*Arcana Academy, Book 1* by Elise Kova. Arcana Academy is beautiful, opulent, full of hoarded and wasted wealth. Clara hates it and Prince Kaelis, who has her trapped there as his intended bride. Clara is filled with a rage she must learn to channel after a year in Halazar prison. Kaelis recognizes her special talent with Tarot cards and wants to use her to gain the World card so he can control all. What will he do with this power? Will Clara help him?

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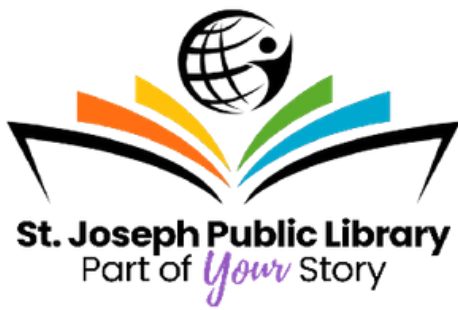
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## Virtual & In the Community

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