



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

Mission

The St. Joseph Public Library will enrich our community by providing diverse resources and services to support and fulfill the life-long informational and recreational needs of our patrons.

<u>Vision</u>

The St. Joseph Public Library's vision is to foster a united, engaged, and informed community where all generations connect, discover, and create.

<u>Values</u>

The St. Joseph Public Library values:

ACCOUNTABILITY. We are dedicated to delivering on our commitments and for the 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 are constantly exploring 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.

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Access the:

- Online Card Catalog
- Kids & Teen Pages
- Reference Page
- Calendar of Events
- Multiple Databases (including business, legal forms, genealogy research, practice exams, language learning and more!)
- Digital Archives
- Download Free eBooks, eMagazines, and eAudiobooks
- Streaming Movies & Television Shows
- Sign up for Library Newsletters and Program Emails

Library News

A Message from Your Library

More and more people are using the library from home, the road, a park, wherever they might be. To assist those folks the St. Joseph Public Library spends over \$100,000 annually to provide access to all kinds of fantastic eContent and databases and the State of Missouri underwrites the cost of additional online resources. All of this gives the citizens of St. Joseph access to information on a myriad of helpful, educational, and entertaining topics.

Our library staff continually strives to find ways to make it as easy as possible to find all of that beneficial information. But we offer so many online resources that we found it was overwhelming to try and find the right one on our website. Thanks to our tech savvy and fabulous Local History Librarian, Jennifer Sanders-Tutt, we just completed a complete redesign of the Databases and eMedia page on our website. Check it out here at https://sipl.lib.mo.us/databases/. We think you'll like it!

We announced in December that we were offering the Excel Adult High School program that allows adults 19 years or older to complete their high school education and earn a diploma. Graduates of Excel Adult High School earn an accredited diploma, not a GED or HiSet equivalency. SJPL is one of nine libraries in Missouri offering the program, with Rolling Hills being another.

Crystal Stuck, the library's Community Services and Promotions Coordinator, is the library's contact person for the program. We purchased five seats in December which allows five people to be working on their diplomas at the same time. There are nineteen other people ready and waiting to begin the program and I am so happy to announce that when the Friends of the St. Joseph Public Library heard about this program, they committed to sponsoring five additional seats. Providing the means for people to complete their high school education and assist them with improving their life makes me proud to be a librarian.

I love what I do. With the resources SJPL offers we can help someone find the right book to read, print out a legal form, make a small car repair or wow, finish their high school education. That is truly an honor and I am looking forward to the time when we can celebrate the first Excel Adult High School program graduates. We'll keep you posted.

Mary Beth Revels



Ella Murray

National Volunteer Week: April 17-23

The St. Joseph Public Library would like to give a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers that help make the library a better place!



THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY IS GIVING away over 60 varieties of seeds to start your very own dream garden! 10 packets per patron While Supplies Last

THE DOWNTOWN SEED LIBRARY

> St. Joseph Public Library Downtown Library 927 Felix St. 232-7729

Registration may not open until 30 days prior to event.

St. Joseph Public Library Summer Reading Kickoff Party!

Washington Park Library Saturday, June 4th 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.* *Weather Permitting Celebrate the Kickoff of the 2022 Summer Reading Program with: ╈ Balloon Artist, Paul Kirkman! 📌 Games & Activities! "Hi! I'm Octavia!" 👷 Prizes & Treats! And More! Register by June 4th for a chance to win this **GIANT** Squishmallow! sjplibrary.beanstack.com beanstack Friends

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St. Joseph Public Library

Games! Prizes! Fun!

Countdown to Summer Reading with Octavia the Octopus!

Can you find Octavia? All ages are invited to visit any St. Joseph Public Library location during the month of May to participate in a scavenger hunt. When you find the photo of Octavia, visit the front desk to sign up for the Summer Reading Program and be entered in a drawing to win Octavia, the Squishmallow! Find her each week for an additional entry to win!

Want to help kick-off the Summer Reading Program? See page 4 for kick-off party information. Register for the Summer Reading Program beginning May 1 at <u>siplibrary.beanstack.org</u> or visit your local library for assistance in getting signed up.

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"Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other."

ALA American

MOLLY SHANNON NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK HONORARY CHAIR

CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY

APRIL 3-9, 2022

LIBRARY WEEK

Visit the library during National Library Week and win prizes!

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate. This year's theme is Connect with Your Library.

We hope you'll join us to celebrate National Library Week. Connect with Your Library and visit any St. Joseph Public Library location to enter prize drawings. Enter babies through six-year-olds in a drawing for a copy of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with matching toy and tote bag. Those ages 7 through 17 and adults 18 and over will be entered to win reading related totes perfect for library visits.

Are you spring cleaning and not sure what to do with your unwanted books, movies games and puzzles? Let your Friends help you out. The Friends of the St. Joseph Public Library accept like-new and gently used books, movies, games and puzzles. Donated items will be added to the library collection or sold in the Friends Annual Fall Book Sale. All proceeds go to support library services and programs. If you have a large donation, please call Crystal Stuck at 816-236-2107 to schedule a drop-off time, otherwise donations can be taken to any library location.

The Friends kinaly ask that dirty, moldy, torn or water damaged items not be donated. Items may be recycled at the discretion of library staff and volunteers.

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM



April and May's Take & Make kits offer something for everyone. Simply stop by the library, pick up your kit, take home and enjoy! All kits are available while supplies last. For a full description of the different take & make activities, visit the library's web calendar at https://sipl.librarymarket.com.



East Hills Library

Come check out the great artworks from the Mini Canvas Art Contest and see who the winners are! Light refreshments will be provided. Please register so we can ensure we have enough snacks on hand.

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Readers & Writers For Teens & Tweens

Virtual Teen Author's Club - R



Wednesday, April 13 & May 11 4 p.m.

A virtual monthly meetup where aspiring young writers discuss their works, gain feedback, and explore exciting new trends in literature. Register online for the Zoom link.

Book Clubs For Adults

Afternoon Tea Book Club Alchemy Tea Co. 617 Felix St.

Discussion led by Carnegie Librarian, Jenny Ellis.



A History of Wild Places by Shea Ernshaw

Saturday, May 21

4 p.m.



The Orphan Witch

by Paige Crutcher

Saturday, April 23

4 p.m.

Virtual Teen Book Club - R

Led by Downtown Librarian, Molly Swindler. For ages 14 - 18. Register online for the Zoom link.



Defy the Night by Brigid Kemmerer

Thursdays, April 14 & 28

4 p.m.

Echoes and Empires by Morgan Rhodes

Thursdays, May 12 & 26

4 p.m.



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Friends Book Club Downtown

Discussion led by Downtown Librarian, Chelsea Phipps. Masks may be required. To register, contact Chelsea at 232-7729.

Talking to Strangers



Malcolm Gladwell #1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of OUTLIER. and host of the podeast REVISIONIST RISTORY

One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus

Monday, May 23 6:30 p.m.



6:30 p.m.

Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell Monday, April 25

ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN a novel -JIM FERGUS

Virtual Tween Talk - R

Tween Talk is a monthly Tween program for 10 - 14 year olds, where they will discuss various books, do fun activities and have a great time hanging out on Zoom! A themed craft kit can be picked up starting one week prior to program date.

Percy Jackson Series

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Sea of Monsters

by Rick Riordan

Wednesday, May 25

4 p.m.

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Wednesday, April 27

4 p.m.



Virtual Murder, She Read: Cozy Mystery Book Discussion - R

The author will join the discussion led by Carnegie Librarian, Jenny Ellis. Register online for the Zoom link.



Chapter and Curse by Elizabeth Penney Wednesday, May 25 7 p.m.

Grounds for Murder by Tara Lush Wednesday, April 27

7 p.m.



For full program descriptions, visit sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar



Mondays: Outdoors Washington Park Library May 2, 9, 16, 23 10 a.m.

Join Ms. Sarah in the park for outdoor preschool storytime! Celebrate all the wonders of the season with nature-themed books, crafts and activities. Explore the park with scavenger hunts, gather natural materials for crafts, and enjoy the sights and sounds of the outdoors. Storytimes are weather permitting. Tuesdays: Inside East Hills Library May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10 a.m.

Live, in person storytime is BACK!

Get ready to sing, dance, read, and have so much fun with Ms. Misty for preschool Storytime at the East Hills Library!



Wednesdays: Outdoors Carnegie Library May 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 a.m.

Walk, crawl or run for preschool storytime outdoors at the Carnegie Library.

Each attendee will receive a take-home craft related to each week's theme.

Storytimes are weather permitting.

Thursdays: Virtual April 7, 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30 a.m.



Join Ms. Misty and friends for a Live Zoom Storytime every Thursday in April and May. Register on the library's web calendar to receive the Zoom link and get ready to sing, dance, read, and have so much fun!







Snoozer's Storytime Adventures

From the creators of Reading Roadtrip comes Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, a new Checkers TV program that brings children's books to life in new and innovative ways! Join Snoozer and Mrs. Hamilton for an inspiring story, DIY craft, and song during each episode. Visit our <u>Checkers TV</u>

webpage to access our most recent Storytime Adventure-- a

new episode will be posted every two weeks throughout winter and spring.

Activity materials can be printed directly from the library's Checkers TV webpage at <u>sipl.lib.mo.us/ctv</u> or you can pick up a free packet of craft prints at any St. Joseph Public Library branch. Crafts will be available one



week before and after the program date, while supplies last.

Mr. Will Stuck, Edu-tainer and Storyteller, will introduce pre-reading skills, activities, and fun books for children and caregivers.

Episodes will be released on our Facebook page and on the SJPL Sprouts webpage each week at <u>https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/sprouts</u> There are only two new episodes left: April 1 & 8.

Want to see more of Mr. Will? Visit the SJPL Sprouts playlist for the complete set of Sprouts videos here: <u>https://youtube.com/playlist?</u> <u>list=PLFgANaaxK8FuSOyW3B0VFP6oOQ20xSmJf</u>



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Children & Parents

STEAM Saturday: Weaving - R

Weave a 'dresser mat' that you can keep for yourself or give to your mom as a Mother's Day gift! A special teen guest fiber artist will teach us the way of the string. For grades K - 8th.

East Hills Library Saturday, April 9

1 p.m.

Maker Monday: Magnetic Poetry

April is National Poetry month, help us celebrate by creating your own magnetic poetry kit. Can't stay and craft? Grab a take & make kit to put together at home. For grades K - 6th.

Downtown Library

Monday, April 11

4 p.m.

Maker Monday: Yarn Wrapped Butterfly

Spring is in the air and so are the butterflies! Create an adorable yarn wrapped butterfly of your very own. Can't stay and craft? Grab a take & make kit to put together at home. For grades K - 6th.

Downtown Library

Monday, May 9	
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STEAM Saturday: Paper Circuit Flowers - R

Join us for a mix of art and science as we construct paper circuit LED light up flowers! For grades K - 8th.

East Hills Library

Saturday, May 14

1 p.m.

4 p.m.





Downtown Library

Thursdays, April 21 & May 19 at 5 p.m.

Teens! Whether you dream of attaining fame as a chess grandmaster or have never played and are curious about what the horses are called, then chess club is for you! We will meet once a month to play chess and talk strategy. All skill levels welcome. Space is limited and registration is required.

CRAFTER SCHOOL TEEN CRAFT CLUB

East Hills Library Fridays, April 8 & May 13 at 3 - 4:30 p.m

Leave the stress (and the mess!) to us! Stop by the East Hills Library Makerspace, the second Friday of the month, to craft your heart out with Kelsey.

TeenBookCloud is a curated database of eBooks and other digital content for Middle School and High School age students. The growing collection features over 1,000 titles, including student-favorite graphic novels, enhanced eBooks with full audio narration and highlighted text, classic literature, national geographic videos, and more!

Find TeenBookCloud by going to the library's database page at <u>https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/databases</u> and clicking on the "Kids & Teens" tab.

All Ages

Ukulele Jam Sesh

While beginners are welcome, this class is intended for uke players with a basic understanding of chords and strumming. It's a fun opportunity to meet new ukulele friends, practice the art of strumming and singing songs, and celebrate music with the library!

East Hills Library

Monday, April 4 & May 2

6 p.m.

Poké Club 2GO

Pick up a Poké Club 2GO kit that contains spring time themed Pokémon crafts and activities to enjoy at home. Limit one per person, while supplies last.

East Hills Library

Wednesday, April 20

All Day



from kindergarten on up are invited to build and share their creations with us. Participants are encouraged to bring their own LEGO bricks, but we have some too. Space is limited.



Encanto Interactive Movie - R

Whether you've seen it 0 or 100 times, join the Encanto mania at this interactive sing-a-long viewing!

We'll watch the movie as normal, but when certain things happen or someone comes on screen, the audience will react. Each participant will receive a prop bag to aid in the activities, so register in order to ensure there will be enough supplies.

1 p.m.

Rated PG, running time is 99 min.

East Hills Library

Saturday, April 23

Adults

History Speaks - Author Jim DeFelice West Like Lightning: The Brief Legendary Ride of the Pony Express - R

While researching the Pony Express in 2016, Jim DeFelice drove the famous Pony Express trail, stopping to visit libraries, museums, and speak with historians along the way. DeFelice will discuss his book and the research that went into it, and answer any questions you might have about the famous mail system cut short by the telegraph. KFEQ Radio, Pony Express Museum, Rolling Hills Library and SJPL are proud to sponsor Jim DeFelice's presentations on April 1 & 2.

Zoom Presentation: Registration Required. Saturday, April 2

2 p.m.

Painting By Numbers - R

Do you love the idea of creating a masterpiece, but don't feel confident that you have the talent to pull it off? This may be the perfect option for you! Painting by numbers lets your creativity flow without fear. Janie will guide you through tips each week that will ensure a beautiful piece by the end of the series. Everything except the smock will be provided. Space is limited, so register for this 5 week session soon.

Downtown Library

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9 5:30 p.m.

Knitwits: Knitting for Everyone

Whether you are an experienced knitter or just starting out, this is a nice opportunity to join others who love to knit. Jen will be on hand to help with basic knitting tips and help getting started. Some practice supplies will be provided, but attendees are advised to purchase their own needles and yarn.

Downtown Library

Thursdays in April & May 2 p	.m.

Adult Coloring

Need some time to relax? Want to take a break in the middle of your day and just color? We have all the supplies you need and a quiet room to enjoy coloring with friends. Join us and unwind.

Downtown Library Tuesdays, April 19 & May 17

2 p.m.

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Sending Them Directly to Heaven

Thursday, April 28 @ 6 p.m.

Explore the disturbing story of a man who chose to destroy his entire family rather than own up to his financial failings. Jen Wildhagen will present the tale of John List, spanning from 1971 to 2008.

A Stark Look at Starkweather and Fugate Thursday, May 26 @ 6 p.m.

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Charles Starkweather developed his worldview at the young age of 18 - "Dead people are all on the same level." Beginning in Nebraska, he and his 14-year-old girlfriend, Caril Fugate, went on a

devasting murder spree. Join Jen Wildhagen as she explores the famously murderous duo of Charles Starkweather and Caril Fugate.

Friends Front Row Tuesday Night Movies

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while supplies last. Drinks with

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East Hills Library Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by film critic, Bob Shultz

April 5 Raiders of the Lost Ark 1981, PG, 118 min.

April 12 Casablanca 1942, PG, 102 min.

April 19 Ghostbusters: Afterlife 2021, PG-13, 124 min.

April 26 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs 1937, G, 83 min.



May 3 **Mildred Pierce** 1945, PG, 111 min.

May 10 Smokey and the Bandit 1977, PG, 96 min.

May 17 Paper Moon 1973, PG, 102 min.

May 24 High Noon 1952, PG, 85 min.

May 31 Sandlot 1993, PG, 101 min.





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LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Carnegie Library | 816-238-0526

316 Massachusetts St. Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tues. & Thur. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Downtown Library | 816-232-7729

927 Felix St. Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

East Hills Library | 816-236-2136

502 N. Woodbine Road Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Washington Park Library | 816-232-2052

1821 N. 3rd St. Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues. & Thur. 12 - 8 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



For full program descriptions or to register, please visit the library's event calendar at <u>sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar</u>.

Several programs in this newsletter require registration and use of the Zoom platform.

For programs that do not require registration, check the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Easter: Sunday, April 17 Memorial Day: Monday, May 30