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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. **Vision**

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

Values

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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Programs and events with these logos are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.



All programs subject to change due to weather, lack of sign-up, etc. Check the online calendar for the most up-to-date information. Attendance at St. Joseph Public Library programs, events or public spaces constitutes consent to be photographed for use in print and/or electronic publicity for SJPL. If you do not want us to use a photo of you or your child, please tell the library staff member coordinating the event PRIOR to the program.

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- Online Card Catalog
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Library News

A Message from Your Library

Winter is truly upon us with cold weather, shorter days and longer nights. I invite you to visit your favorite library branch to pick up a craft or to check out a book or movie to enjoy at home. Our librarians would love to see you.

As the pandemic has continued we have found that it is safe to remove some restrictions and I am happy to report that there is no longer a limitation on how long someone can stay in the library. We will also continue in-person services when Buchanan County is at the red risk level. We track the COVID-19 risk level based on the number of new confirmed daily cases in Buchanan County as reported by the St. Joseph Health Department. Contactless service will continue to be an option for anyone who prefers it but the library branches will stay open, regardless of the risk level, unless the City of St. Joseph or Health Department makes a different recommendation.

Masks continue to be required when there are 10 or more COVID-19 cases reported daily on average for seven days. If 9 or fewer new confirmed cases are reported daily on average for seven days then masks are optional. The SJPL library staff is so appreciative of everyone who has stuck with us through this pandemic and we continue to work hard to keep library services safe for everyone.

I am excited to report that thanks to funding from the Missouri State Library we are able to offer more educational support to St. Joseph students and adults. SJPL was awarded a Strengthen Missourians grant which provided funds to purchase a homework tutoring service called Brainfuse HelpNow and to order Chromebooks and hotspots for adult students who enroll in Excel Adult High School. Both projects are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State. You can read more about both HelpNow and Excel Adult High School on page 7.

In closing, all of us at the St. Joseph Public Library wish you a Happy Holiday Season.

Stay safe, stay well, and Happy Reading. Mary Beth Revels Library Director

100 ACTS OF

During November, each St. Joseph Public Library location had a 100 Acts of Kindness display where patrons and staff could choose a kindness to perform. Several kindness tasks were completed. Thank you!





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Registration may not open until 30 days prior to event.



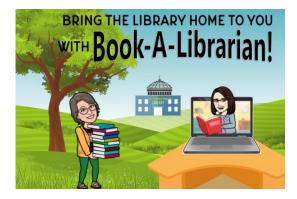
Virtual SJPL Reads! Storytime

Virtual SJPL Reads with a friendly Youth Services Librarian! Check out the library's Facebook page every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. to explore different stories and activities for all ages to enjoy.

Check out past episodes on our YouTube channel.

Tuesdays on Facebook

10 a.m.



If you'd like more one-on-one time with us, here is your chance to have a visit with your favorite library friends through Book-A-Librarian!

Ms. Jess from the East Hills Library and Ms. Misty from the Downtown Library host one-on-one Zoom visits upon request with local library families.

During your personalized session, children can read to their librarian, hear a story, talk about new and exciting things, introduce their pets-- whatever boost YOUR family could use.

Once we receive your family's registration request, we will call you to set up an appointment and discuss the details.

Use the form on our library web calendar to Book-A-Librarian today. The web calendar can be found at <u>sjpl.lib.mo.us/</u> calendar.



Virtual Storytime with Ms. Misty and Friends - R

Join Ms. Misty and friends for a Live Zoom Storytime every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Please register to receive the Zoom link and get ready to sing, dance, read, and have so much fun!

Thursdays via Zoom 10:30 a.m.

No storytime on Thursday, December 30.

Checkers Library TV

Checkers TV is a weekly educational entertainment program featuring Checkers the Inventor, his robot sidekick, Snoozer, and a variety of special visitors including medical professionals, community leaders, police and fire men and women, and other special guests in highly-produced episodes. Each weekly



episode also includes segments featuring storytelling, author interviews, art projects, science experiments, interactive games, contests, comedy, magic, and exciting short films that will have children on the edge of their seats.

Visit the library's YouTube Channel to view weekly episodes of Checkers Library TV at <u>https://www.youtube.com/StJosephPublicLibrary</u>. Or visit the library's Checkers Library TV webpage at <u>https://sipl.lib.mo.us/ctv.</u>

Children & Parents

Tricky Tuesdays to Go - R

Tricky Tuesday to Go is a weekly kit containing books, crafts and athome activities hand-selected for your family! Bring home the fun of Ms. Sarah's Storytimes and Tricky Tuesday activities all in one convenient kit.

Supplies are limited. Registration required by calling 816-232-2052.

Washington Park Library

Tuesday, December 7 & 14

3 - 6 p.m.

Programs marked R require registration at sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar

Children & Parents

Wacky Wednesday Take & Make

Each week a new kit will be available featuring fun crafts that may be wacky for the time of year. Call Carnegie at 816-238-0526 to check availability.

Supplies are limited. Not recommended for children under 3.

Carnegie Library

Wednesdays

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

STEAM Take & Make: Crystal Growing - R

Grow your own crystals! Shape pipe cleaners into a candy cane or snowflake, then soak them in a borax solution and wait for the crystals to grow. They will make a great decoration when done!

Due to the Borax, this kit will require adult assistance and is best for ages 8 and up. This kit includes a glass container, therefore, it can only be picked up at the East Hills Library.

Kit available for pickup at the East Hills Library: Saturday, December 11

Maker Monday: No-Sew Stuffed Octopus Toy - R

Create your own no-sew stuffed octopus toy out of yarn and fiber fill to keep or gift to someone you love.

Indicate preferred branch when signing up.

Kit available for pickup Monday, December 13

Teens

Teen Take & Make

Teens, stop by Washington Park Library to pick up an easy and fun take & make crafting kit! Materials are limited.

Washington Park Library

Kit available for pickup: Monday, December 6

Teen Take & Make: Holiday Terrarium - <mark>R</mark>

The weather outside is frightful but this terrarium is quite delightful. Take a moment from your hectic December schedule to create a winter wonderland of your own. This kit contains everything you need to create a festive holiday terrarium that can be displayed or hung as a tree ornament

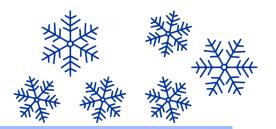
Indicate preferred branch when signing up.

Kit available for pickup: Wednesday, December 8

Virtual Teen Author's Club - R

A virtual monthly meetup with aspiring young writers to discuss their works, gain feedback, and explore exciting new trends in literature. Register online or email Josh at jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

Wednesday, December 8 4 p.m.



Minecraft Monday: Virtual Meetup - R

Ms. Elizabeth is bringing back Minecraft Monday for the Winter Break! Join us on Zoom and the Bedrock edition of Minecraft to play together. Monday, December 20 @ 2 p.m.: Player's Choice Monday, December 27 @ 2 p.m.: Snowy Escape

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

Virtual Teen Book Club

The Virtual Teen Book Club will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 4 p.m. to discuss books. Seats are limited and registration is required. Books will be provided and are available for pickup on the first of the month. To get your copy of this month's book, email Josh at jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

Thursday, December 9:

One of the Good Ones by Maika and Maritza Moulite

A family is left reeling after their teen activist daughter and sister is killed under mysterious circumstances. This book deals with race relations, murder mystery and social activism.



First Chapter Friday

In a reading slump? Let Kelsey fix that for you! Check out the library's YouTube channel for First Chapter Friday. Videos feature Kelsey reading the first chapter of a recently released Young Adult book to help you discover your next read.

Video ready to view on YouTube on:

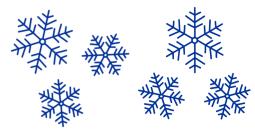
Friday, December 10

Teen Take & Make: Marble Ornaments - R

Bust out those ugly sweaters and settle in for a holiday craft. Pick up a kit from your preferred branch to make a painted marble ornament!

Indicate preferred branch when signing up.

Kit available for pickup: Wednesday, December 22



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Adults

Crafty Sew 'n' Sews to Go - R

Grab an easy, fun, and functional crafting kit geared towards adults who like to craft. Supplies are limited. Registration required by calling 816-232-2052.

Washington Park Library

Kit available for pickup: Thursday, December 2

Adult Take & Make: Preserving **Family Recipes**

Family recipes have a way of holding so many memories and are often treasured family keepsakes. Learn how to preserve your family recipes and create your own recipe box with this take & make. Kits will include preservation hints, how ingredients and measurements may have changed throughout generations, a recipe box, and cards.

Pick up at the Downtown Library while supplies last on:

Monday, December 6

Adult Take & Make: Santa Hat

In the mood for some ho-ho-made fun? We have the materials and know-how for you to make small Santa hats with felt and cotton batting. All you'll need is a hot glue gun and a visit to the library to pick up your kit.

Pick up at the Downtown Library while supplies last on:

Friday, December 10

Virtual DIY, Why Don't You: **Beginning Crochet Take &** Make

This Take & Make kit includes everything you need to learn to crochet a granny square with yarn and a crochet hook. The video tutorial will be available on our YouTube page.

Pick up at the Downtown Library while supplies last on:

Monday, December 13

Perky Puzzlers - R

Do you love solving puzzles? Enjoy boredom-busting, brain-teasing activities such as crossword puzzles, word searches, sudoku, jigsaw puzzles, and more. We'll supply you with your own activity books, pencils, pens, and other fun supplies necessary to get you enjoying a new, stress-melting hobby. Supplies are limited. Registration required by calling 816-232-2052.

Washington Park Library

Kit available for pickup: Thursday, December 16

Adult Take & Make Origami: Star

Adults can learn the beautiful art of origami. Each kit includes a variety of beautiful origami paper and instructions for folding. Additionally, you can view the video tutorials on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjosephpubliclibrary.

Pick up at the Downtown Library while supplies last on:

Monday, December 20

Adult **Book Clubs**

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

Carnegie librarian, Jenny Ellis, hosts the virtual cozy mystery book club Murder, She Read. The author or a guest speaker will join the discussion halfway through the meeting. Register to receive Zoom link.



Wednesday, December 22 7 p.m. Slashing Through the Snow by Jacqueline Frost



Virtual Afternoon Tea Book Club - R

A book club sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For adults that enjoy reading a mix of adult and young adult books. Hosted by Carnegie Librarian Jenny Ellis.



Saturday, December 18 2 p.m. I'm Dreaming of a Wyatt Christmas by **Tiffany Schmidt**

Virtual Bookish Time with Jennv

Carnegie librarian, Jenny Ellis, discusses some of her favorite books on the library's YouTube channel and Instagram.

Friday, December 3

10 a.m.

Virtual Friends Book Club Downtown - R

Do you love reading? Do you enjoy talking about what you're reading? You should join us for our Friends Book Club Downtown. To request an invitation to the Zoom chat, email Chelsea at cphipps@sjpl.lib.mo.us



Monday, December 20 7 p.m. A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy

All Ages

Virtual Ukulele Strum & Sing-Along - R

Join other uke-lovin' folks for a monthly Zoom meet up. Beginners are welcome, but the session is intended for uke players with a basic understanding of chords and strumming.

Register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Limited to 10 users.

Monday, December 6

6 p.m.

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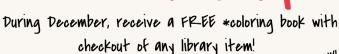
In the lobby of the East Hills Library



November 9 - December 31







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Reach your education and career goals with *Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School*, an accredited high school completion program available free to eligible adults through the library. Earn your diploma online, on your terms, and graduate ready for your next step. The program is self-paced and can be completed in up to 24 months. Participants can graduate in less time with transfer credits. Students have access to unlimited one-on-one tutoring sessions and support from success coaches. Learn more at https://www.excelhighschool.org/library/sjpl.



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Library Closings:

Christmas Holiday December 24 & 25

New Year's Day January 1

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Carnegie Library | 816-238-0526

316 Massachusetts St.

Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Downtown Library | 816-232-7729

927 Felix St.

Hours:

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues. & Thur. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

East Hills Library | 816-236-2136

502 N. Woodbine Road

Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 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. For full program descriptions or to register, please visit the library's event calendar at <u>sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar</u>.

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

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