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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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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.

A Message from Your Library

The St. Joseph Public Library has been part of the St. Joseph community since 1890 when voters overwhelmingly approved the formation of the library district.

Since that time library staff have worked hard to give lots of reasons to love the library by offering the materials and services people want and need. These days that includes providing books, movies, and music in multiple formats; computers; Wi-Fi access; informational databases; programs for fun and learning; printing; faxing; scanning; notary services; 3D printing and more.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it can feel like the longest because Missouri winters seem to get a second wind during the month. Lift your spirits and ours too by visiting one or more of our libraries and sharing why you love the library. You'll get a sweet treat to boot! Pick up a Take and Make or two, check out a book or a movie, or explore some local history in the Reference Department at the Downtown Library.

Two pillars of library services that were put on hold when the pandemic started two years ago were in-person programming and providing meeting space for people and organizations. I am happy to report that meeting rooms are open again and we will be providing some in-person programming again soon. We will continue to require masks in the library and in meeting rooms based on the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported by the St. Joseph Health Department.

Just as books come in different formats, we offer a variety of options with our programming ranging from take and makes to virtual to in-person to a hybrid format.

Our goal is to continue to provide you with lots of reasons to love the library, visit the library, and utilize our great resources.

Mary Beth Revels



thank you

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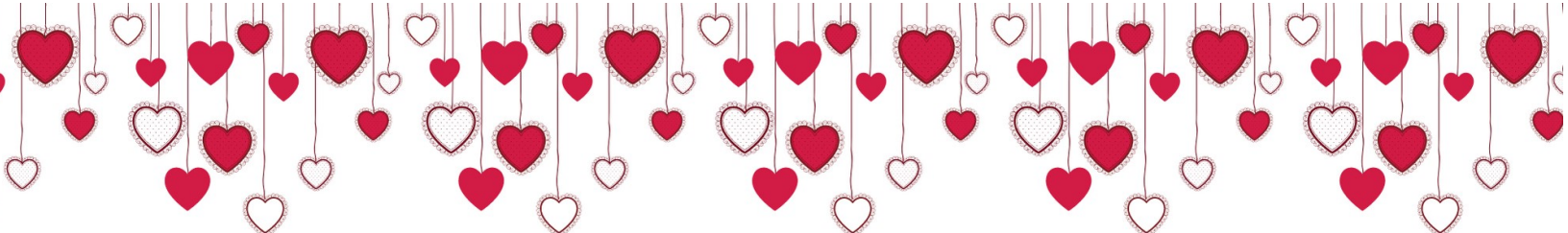
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Take & Makes

February'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://sjpl.librarymarket.com>.

Children Tricky Tuesday Take & Make

Washington Park
Library
Every Tuesday in
February



All Ages Wacky Wednesday Take & Make



Carnegie Library
Every Wednesday in
February

Children 'One of a Kind' Snowman Craft



East Hills Library
Tuesday, February 1

Adults Take & Make: National Library Lover's Month

All Library Locations
Thursday, February 3



Adults Crafty Sew 'n' Sews

Washington Park
Library
Thursday, February 3
12 - 6 p.m.



Teens Take & Make: Valentine Decorations



Downtown & East
Hills Library
Wednesday,
February 9

Adults Perky Puzzlers

Washington Park Library
Thursday, February 10
12 - 6 p.m.

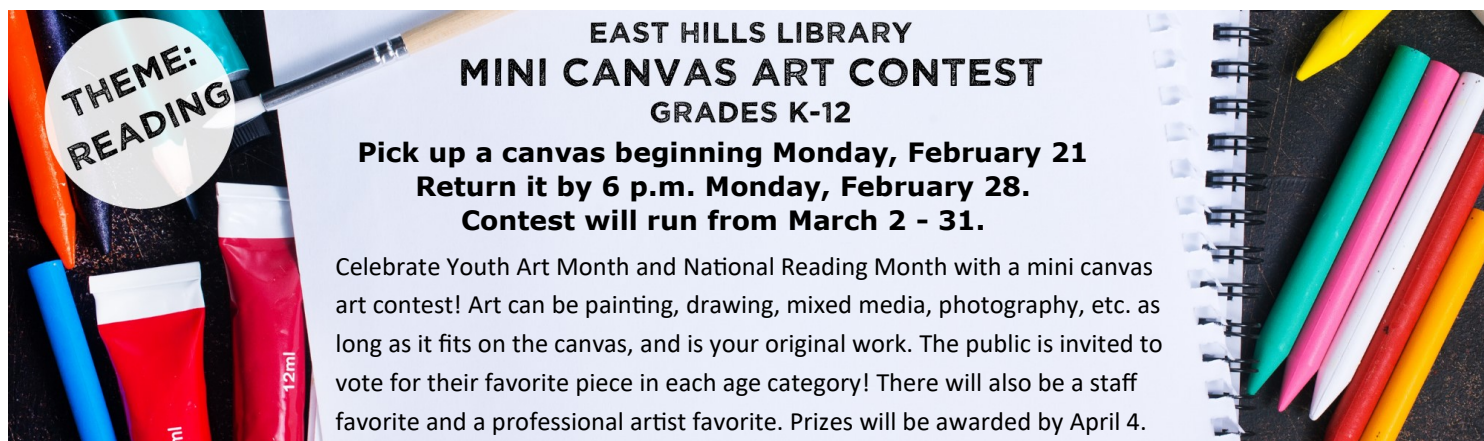
Children & Teens STEAM Take & Make: Valentine Gnome



East Hills Library
Saturday, February 12

Children Maker Monday: Heart Canvas

Downtown Library
Monday, February 14



**THEME:
READING**

**EAST HILLS LIBRARY
MINI CANVAS ART CONTEST
GRADES K-12**

**Pick up a canvas beginning Monday, February 21
Return it by 6 p.m. Monday, February 28.
Contest will run from March 2 - 31.**

Celebrate Youth Art Month and National Reading Month with a mini canvas art contest! Art can be painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, etc. as long as it fits on the canvas, and is your original work. The public is invited to vote for their favorite piece in each age category! There will also be a staff favorite and a professional artist favorite. Prizes will be awarded by April 4.

Virtual Teen Author's Club- R



Wednesday, February 9 at 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.

Virtual Teen Book Club- R



A Clash of Steel by C.B. Lee

Thursday, February 10 & 24 at 4 p.m.

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

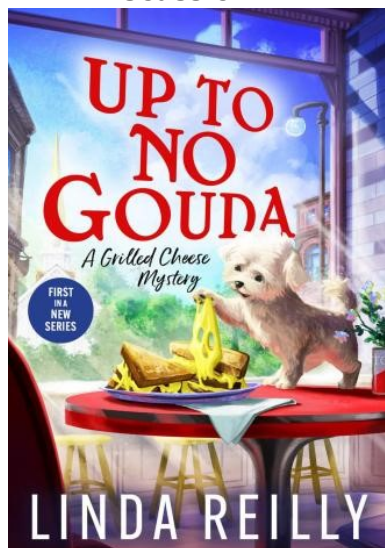


Find TeenBookCloud by going to the library's database page at

<https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/databases>

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!

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

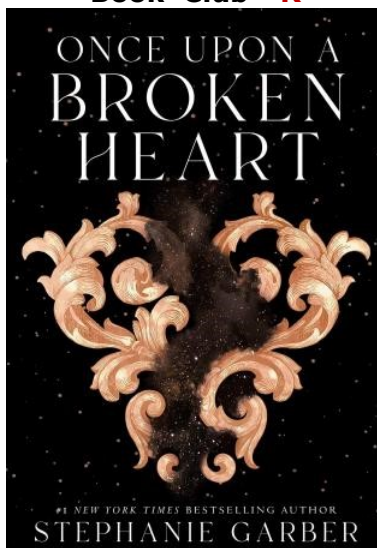


Up to No Gouda by Linda Reilly

Wednesday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

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

Virtual Afternoon Tea Book Club - R



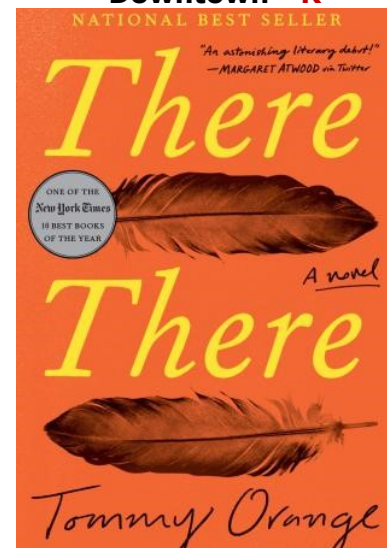
Once Upon a Broken Heart by Stephanie Garber

Saturday, February 26 at 4 p.m.

Discussion led by Carnegie Librarian, Jenny Ellis. Register online for the Zoom link.

Book Clubs For adults

Virtual Friends Book Club Downtown - R



There There by Tommy Orange

Monday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

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



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.

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.

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 [Checkers TV 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 sjpl.lib.mo.us/ctv 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!



Grow lifelong readers with SJPL Sprouts!

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

Episodes will be released on our Facebook page and on the SJPL Sprouts webpage each week at <https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/sprouts>

Want to see more of Mr. Will? Visit the SJPL Sprouts playlist for the complete set of Sprouts videos here: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFgANaaxK8FuSOyW3B0VFP6oOQ2OxSmJf>



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 sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar.



Children & Parents

Drop In & Decorate: Valentine Boxes

Need to have a Valentine Mailbox for your school party? We invite you to 'Drop in & Decorate!' We'll have boxes, paper, stickers, and other decorating supplies to make a fantastic Valentine Box! Choose which supplies you want to take with you to decorate your box at home.

For grades K-6, while supplies last.

East Hills Library

Thursday, February 10

3 - 6 p.m.

Children Teens

Minecraft Monday: Virtual Meetup - R

Since there's no school today, join Ms. Elizabeth for a virtual meetup to play Minecraft using the Bedrock (aka "Better Together") edition. We'll chat over Zoom and play some fun PVP and mini games. Register to receive the Zoom link.

Monday, February 21

2 p.m.

Virtual Wizarding World Fan Club - R

Join this recurring program where there is talk of all things wizards and witches and enjoy some fun activities revolving around the magical wizarding world.

This club is intended for ages 10-14.

Via Zoom

Wednesday, February 23

4 p.m.

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, February 17

6 p.m.

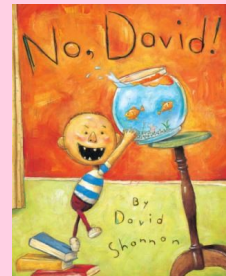
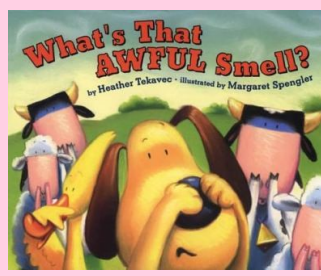
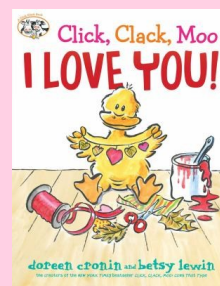
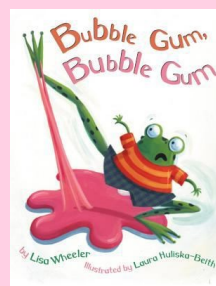
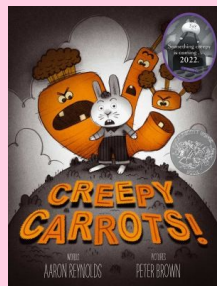
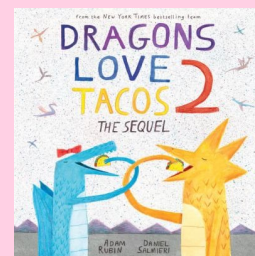
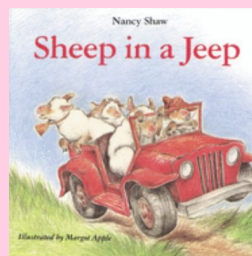
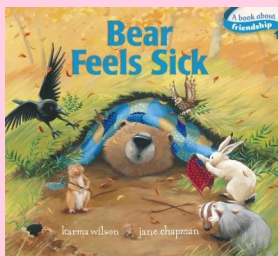
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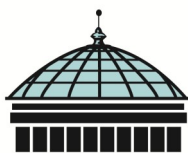


What is the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Club? It's a nationwide reading incentive program that encourages parents to read to their kids. You are probably already doing this, so why not get prizes for it? Here's how it works. Register your pre-kindergarten child at sjplib.beanstack.org and join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge. Beanstack allows you to track your reading progress and earn prizes virtually!

Prefer to use paper logs? Visit any of your St. Joseph Public Libraries for log sheets, or go to <https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/log-sheets>. Once you've filled a set of 100 (even if you read the same book 100 times), bring it in to your branch of choice and your child gets to put a sticker on their progress sheet. After you put that sticker on the 1000 circle, your child will get a certificate of achievement and a goody bag to celebrate all their hard work!

Here are some of our favorite children's books to get you started!





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Celebrate National Library Lover's Month

Visit any St. Joseph Public Library location in February and leave a note telling why you love your library and library staff to get a sweet treat.



LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Carnegie Library | 816-238-0526

316 Massachusetts St.

Hours:

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

Sat. 1 - 5 p.m.

Downtown Library | 816-232-7729

927 Felix St.

Hours:

Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 6 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. - 6 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. - 1 p.m.



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

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.



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