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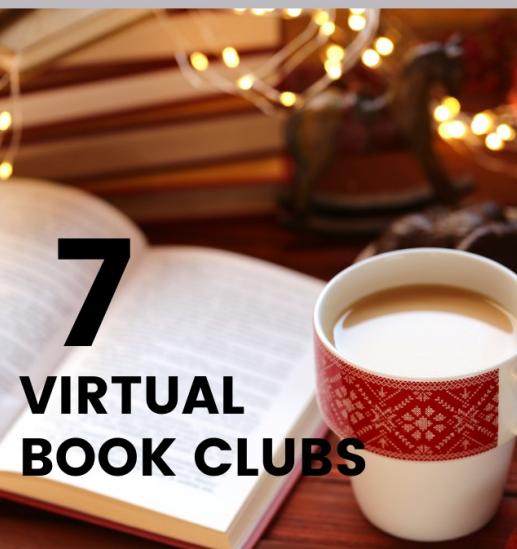
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St. Joseph Public Library's Mission, Vision & Values:

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

Goodbye and good riddance 2020. Hello 2021, and boy, am I happy to see you! It is nice to have something to look forward to and it is especially nice after the letdown of the holiday season in the dark of winter.

I am looking forward to the library's upcoming Winter Reading Challenge that we are offering for the first time in January. It's not going to be a complicated program, we are just asking people to log the number of books they read using the Beanstack app or website: sjplibrary.beanstack.org. Library staff is also happy to track reading progress for anyone not interested or able to track with Beanstack. All patrons who participate in the program are eligible to get a prize in February. To make the challenge even more fun a couple of people have agreed to get pied if some benchmarks are met. If 500 books are read Jen Wildhagen, Branch Manager of the Downtown Library, will have a pie thrown in her face and Mayor Bill McMurray has agreed to be pied if 1,000 books are logged. Bless them both and I personally promise the pies will be tasty.

I am also looking forward to the other upcoming programs that our talented librarians and library friends will be presenting. From early literacy storytimes to crafts to book clubs to history topics to . . . the list goes on. You can find out about these programs right here in the January/February newsletter. Check our website calendar for more details on specific programs, sjpl.librarymarket.com/.

I am looking forward to welcoming folks back into the library when the number of new COVID-19 cases in Buchanan County drops and we are back to the yellow risk level according to Harvard's Global Epidemics website: globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/. SJPL has been following the website since July to help us make decisions about the level of face-to-face services we offer.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve you, whether virtually, curbside, or in person in 2021. When 2020 started I never imagined the reality of our lives at the end of the year. However, we made it through the challenging year and though I am sure 2021 will have its own challenges, I know we will be able to live life more face-to-face as the year progresses and I am very much looking forward to that too.

Stay safe, stay well, and stay warm!

Mary Beth Revels



All Ages Winter Reading Challenge

January 1 - 31, 2021

From January 1st to January 31st, St. Joseph Public Library will participate in Beanstack's Fourth Annual Winter Reading Challenge, "Books Like Us," sponsored by Simon and Schuster (S&S). We challenge our patrons of all ages to read at least 1 book during the month to help us meet our community goal of 500 books read in January. All you have to do is keep track of your reading on our Beanstack site at sjplibrary.beanstack.org. Join us and the thousands of other libraries and schools across the nation to read a target number of books.

Each reader will be eligible for a goodie from the library available for pickup in February. You'll also be eligible to win a prize from Simon and Schuster. Prizes will include book collections and virtual author visits. Ten (10) winning schools or libraries will each get a collection of fifty (50) books from the "[Books Like Us](#)" collection. When we meet our community goal, we'll also "Pie a Librarian" live on the library's social media channels! If we double our goal (read 1000 books), we'll pie Mayor Bill McMurray! Watch for progress updates every Monday on Facebook. Happy reading, St. Joseph!

Book-A-Librarian

If you miss us as much as we miss you, here is your chance to see your favorite library friends through Book-A-Librarian!

Ms. Jess from the East Hills Library and Ms. Misty from the Downtown Library will be hosting 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 during these unprecedented times.

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, space is limited! The web calendar can be found at sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar



Storytime!

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.



SJPL Sprouts with Will Stuck

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.

Fridays on Facebook

10 a.m.



Children & Parents

Spread the Love: Take & Make Kit

In honor of Valentine's Day and Random Acts of Kindness Day, we are spreading the love with our February Take and Make Kit!

Brighten someone's day by mailing a

letter or a hug! Instructions and supplies included with our Letter Writing and 'Mail-a-Hug' kits.

We wouldn't have mail without the Pony Express, which began right here in St. Joseph! Honor the Pony Express by making a horse craft, and use the BOGO coupon for the Pony Express Museum to learn more.

We also included a list of Random Acts of Kindness you can do to continue to Spread the Love.

One kit per child beginning Feb. 1st, while supplies last. Pick one up at your local branch (make sure to call ahead to check availability).

*May not be suitable for children under 3

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 schedule a contactless pickup.

Supplies are limited. Not recommended for children under 3.

Carnegie Library

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Maker Monday: Popsicle Stick Penguin Take & Make - R

Get ready for Penguin Awareness Day and pick up your very own Popsicle Stick Penguin Craft kit.

Supplies are limited, call 816-232-3812 to reserve your kit and schedule your contactless pickup.

Downtown Library

Kit available for pickup:
Monday, January 11

Virtual Mythology Fan Club for Kids: Trickster Wings - R

Are you a mythology fan? Do you enjoy stories about fantastic creatures and Percy Jackson? Then join our Virtual Mythology Fan Club!

In this series, kids will explore classic myths from different cultures with an accompanying activity. Registration is required to attend the Zoom meeting.

This club is intended for ages 10-14.

Via Zoom

Trickster Tales
Wednesday, January 27 4 p.m.

Egyptian Mythology
Wednesday, February 24 4 p.m.

Maker Monday: LEGO Heart Take & Make - R

Build up your love with our LEGO Heart Take & Make kit.

Supplies are limited, call 816-232-3812 to reserve your kit and schedule your contactless pickup.

Downtown Library

Kit available for pickup:
Monday, February 8

Children Teens

Virtual Minecraft Meetup - R

A 1.5 hour Minecraft playing session using the Bedrock edition (this is the version that Windows 10, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, Android and iOS all use). We also connect via Zoom to make communication during the game easier.

Thursday, Jan. 7 @ 3:30 p.m. - Mini Games: Hide 'N Seek and Guess the Build.

Thursday, Jan. 21 @ 3:30 p.m. - Achievement Quest: We will play a 'no cheats' world to gather some achievements.

Thursday, Feb. 4 @ 3:30 p.m. - Creative Time: We'll play in our Creative world, where the sky's the limit!

Thursday, Feb. 18 @ 3:30 p.m. - Mine Diamonds: We have all our Diamond gear, now can we upgrade it to Netherite gear?

STEAM Take & Make: Thinking Putty - R

Create your own Thinking Putty. Similar to slime, thinking putty is a polymer that you create with glue and borax. Due to the chemical nature of borax, this kit is best for ages 8 and up.

NOT suitable for ages 4 and under.

One kit per child/teen. Supplies limited

Kit available for pickup at East Hills Library
Saturday, January 9

Virtual Creative Commons - R

Older elementary children, tweens, and teens are invited to meet up and share your poetry, writing, art, and other creative creations during our Virtual Creative Commons Zoom meet up.

Each month, we will meet to share our work as a supportive group, talk about fun projects to work on throughout the month, and socialize with other like-minded creative folks.

Space is limited. Open to children and teens ages 9-17.

Via Zoom

Monday, Jan. 25 & Feb. 22 4 p.m.

STEAM Take & Make: Spinning Top - R

Upcycle an old CD, a marble and a lid to make your own spinning top. Create a funky design and see how it changes while spinning. Experiment to see how different materials affect the spinning time of the top.

Best for Children 6+.

Not suitable for 3 and under due to small parts that are a choking hazard.

One kit per child in grades K-8. Supplies limited.

Kit available for pickup:
Saturday, February 13



Teens

Teen Take & Make: Glitter Tumbler - R

Who doesn't love glitter? This take & make includes everything you need to make a swirling glitter tumbler.

Supplies are limited, so register to ensure you get a kit.

Kit available for pickup:

Wednesday, January 13

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 will 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, Jan. 15 & Feb. 12

Teen Take & Make: Finger Knit Bookmarks - R

Finger knitting is a fun skill that can be utilized for many different projects. Pick up a kit from your preferred library to create a finger knit bookmark! Supplies are limited and registration is required.

Kit available for pickup:

Wednesday, January 27

Teen Service Opportunity: The Crossing Food and Clothing Drive

For February's teen service opportunity we are conducting a food and clothing drive for the Crossing. This organization provides support to members of our community through their food pantry, clothing drives and other efforts. To participate, drop the clothes or food off at the Downtown Library at 927 Felix Street between February 6 - February 13. Please use plastic bags that can be tied off or taped over to help mitigate

the spread of COVID-19. To receive your volunteer hour certification, please contact Josh at jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

February 6 - 13

Teen Take & Make: Miniature Cross Stitch - R

For this month's Teen Take & Make kit pick up everything you need to get started with cross stitching on a tiny level.

Supplies are limited, so register to ensure you get a kit.

Kit available for pickup:

Wednesday, February 10

Teen Take & Make: Paper Lanterns - R

Create a paper lantern with this creative take & make for teens.

Supplies are limited & registration is required.

Kit available for pickup:

Wednesday, February 24

Teens Adults

Virtual Game Masters Guild - R

Have you ever thought about being a Dungeons and Dragons Game Master but don't know where to start? Are you an experienced GM who wants to go over the basic rules again? Do you just really like DnD and want to talk with other people who really like DnD? Then this monthly series is just for you! Each month we will host a virtual meeting discussing the basics of running a Dungeons and Dragons campaign.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. For questions or comments, email Josh at jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us

Saturday, Jan. 23 & Feb. 27 2 p.m.

Adults

Virtual History Speaks - From Blacksnake to Buchanan: The Founding of St. Joseph

2021 marks the 200th anniversary of Missouri's Struggle for Statehood. Join us for History Speaks as we celebrate the Missouri Bicentennial, beginning with the history and founding of Buchanan County and St. Joseph.

Video ready to view on YouTube on:

Saturday, January 2 2 p.m.

Virtual DIY, Why Don't You: Gettin' Shrinky - R

Kids don't deserve to have all the fun! We will be offering the supplies and video tutorial on how to make Shrinky Dinks. Use our included template or create your own artwork! Shrink paper and lapel pin included. You need to provide your own pens or pencils and glue. Sign up opens January 7th. One kit per registration. Supplies are limited, so register to ensure you get a kit.

Video ready to view on YouTube on:

Monday, January 11 5:30 p.m.

Virtual True Crime Time: Weird but True, Too

Jen has rounded up another batch of creepy stories to share. Is a Yeti responsible for killing a group of hikers? Could a poodle really be responsible for the death of three people? And what's this about these fine, young cannibals?

Video ready to view on YouTube on:

Thursday, January 14 5:30 p.m.

Virtual History Speaks - To Be Announced

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Video ready to view on YouTube on:

Saturday, February 6 2 p.m.

Adults

Virtual DIY, Why Don't You: Homemade Body Butter & Sugar Scrub

Feel like all this sanitizing is ruining your skin? It sure isn't helping! Lotions can be expensive and you don't always get exactly the scent you want. This month, Jen will show you how to make body butters that you can customize to your own preferences. You'll also learn how to make a sugar scrub that will leave your hands smooth and soft.

Video ready to view on YouTube on:

Monday, February 8 5:30 p.m.

Virtual True Crime Time: The Lonely Hearts Killers

This Valentine's Day season, let's celebrate the joys of being single, or at least not being murdered by a suitor. Jen will tell you the story of the couple coined the Lonely Hearts Killers, for good reason.

Video ready to view on YouTube on:

Thursday, February 11 5:30 p.m.

Adult Book Clubs

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

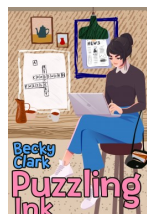
Carnegie librarian, Jenny Ellis, hosts the virtual cozy mystery book club Murder, She Read. The author or a guest speaker will join the discussion halfway through the meeting. Register to receive Zoom link.

Wednesday, January 27 7 p.m.

Witch Hunt by Cate Conte

Wednesday, February 24 7 p.m.

Puzzling Ink by Becky Clark



Virtual Bookish Time with Jenny

Carnegie librarian, Jenny Ellis, will discuss one of her favorite books on the library's YouTube Channel and Instagram.

Video ready to view on YouTube and Instagram on:

Friday, January 22 10 a.m.

Armchair Travel Reads

Friday, February 19 10 a.m.

Crazy Stupid Bromance by Lyssa Kay Adams

Virtual Forever Young Adult Book Club - R

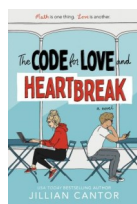
Book Club sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Hosted by Carnegie librarian, Jenny Ellis. Zoom link will be sent on the day of the event to anyone registered. Forever Young Adult is a 21+ book group for adults who read teen fiction.

Saturday, January 16 4 p.m.

Chasing Lucky by Jenn Bennett

Saturday, February 27 4 p.m.

The Code for Love and Heartbreak by Jillian Cantor



Virtual Friends Book Club Downtown - R

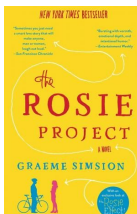
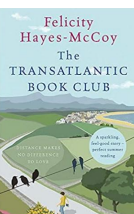
Do you love reading? Do you enjoy talking about what you're reading? You should join us for our Friends Book Club Downtown. To request an invitation to the Zoom chat, email Chelsea at cphipps@sjpl.lib.mo.us

Monday, January 25 7 p.m.

The Transatlantic Book Club by Felicity Hayes-McCoy

Monday, February 22 7 p.m.

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion



All Ages

Virtual Ukulele Strum & Sing-Along - R

We are testing out the virtual application of our ukulele meet up! It might work, but it might not be perfect-- worst case scenario, come and say hello to a uke-lovin' group via Zoom.

Register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Limited to 10 users.

Mondays, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1 6 p.m.

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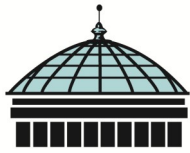
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Library Closings:

New Year's Day
January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18



Mark's Movie Madness!

Mark's Movie Madness is a video series created by Mark Zvolanek, East Hills Library staff member. With a bit of help from his coworkers with filming and costumes, Mark creates the music, script and editing for an entertaining look at some of his favorite movies.

Mark loved making popcorn for the Friends Tuesday Night Film Series, but after his movie program was taken away from him due to COVID restrictions, he has slipped into absolute movie madness!

You need to tune in every month for his irreverent quests for the best movies the library has to offer, and to make sure he's doing ok. All featured movies are available for checkout by contacting your preferred library location and scheduling a contactless pickup appointment.

Find episodes of Mark's Movie Madness on the library's YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjosephpubliclibrary or on the library's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Carnegie Library | 816-238-0526

316 Massachusetts St.
Contactless Pickup Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Downtown Library | 816-232-7729

927 Felix St.
Contactless Pickup 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
Contactless Pickup 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.
Contactless Pickup 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 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, programs can be found on the library's Facebook page and YouTube Channel.



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