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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.

Library's Response to COVID-19

Library services have changed in ways I could not have imagined way back in February. Our whole world has changed since then. Some changes may be permanent while other things that we take for granted now, such as standing far away from acquaintances while talking, will certainly change once the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

We closed to the public on March 18 and almost immediately began offering virtual programming on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and Discord. It has been fun and inspiring to see our library staff quickly become experts at online programming. Those programs have ranged from storytimes to book clubs to local history to crafts to true crime and more. We're going to continue that online programming until it is safe for larger groups to gather again at the library.

We adapted other library services by offering e-content only library cards to anyone who lives in St. Joseph who didn't already have a library card in good standing. We also didn't want our fabulous seed library to go to waste and have mailed out over 750 packets of seeds.

We began contactless checkouts at all branches on May 7 and computer access by appointment at the Downtown Library on May 14. I don't know who was happier with this, our library staff who are thrilled to be providing more traditional library services again or you, our patrons who are so happy to have new books to read again. Even though you can't come in and browse the stacks right now, our library staff is happy to expertly pick out books if you don't have specific book titles in mind.

Our contactless service also includes printing and weekly craft kits this summer for kids and families.

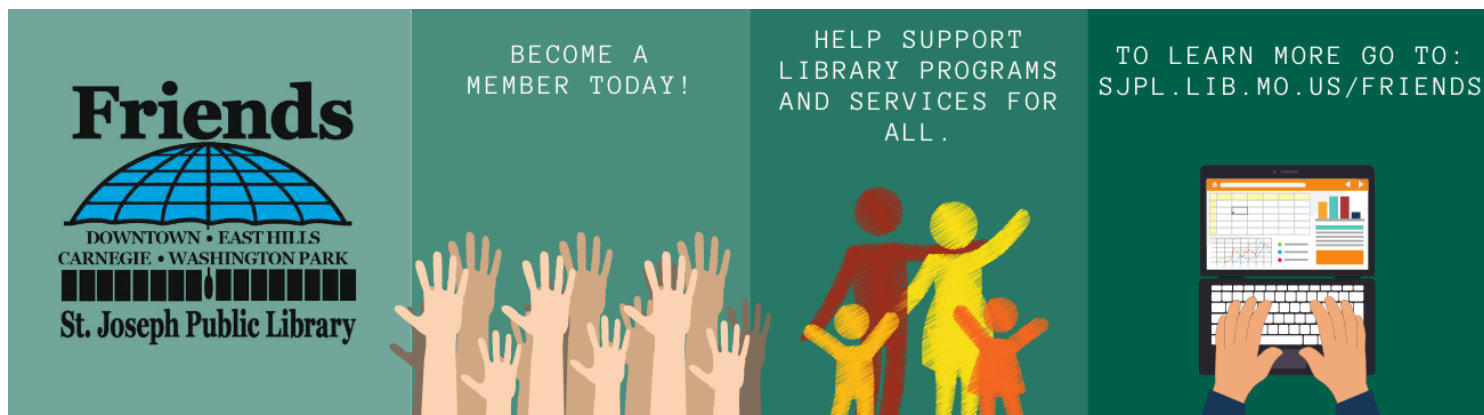
Our Summer Reading Program, *Imagine Your Story*, will be virtual this year thanks to a great app called Beanstack. All ages can still participate, there will still be prizes, and library staff can still help you track your progress toward prizes if you can't or don't want to use Beanstack.

I can't tell you when we will be opening our doors again to the public. We are adhering to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines that state we shouldn't reopen to the public until the number of new COVID-19 cases in St. Joseph are flat or reduced for 14 consecutive days. Just know that when we can safely reopen, we will. In the meantime we are happy to continue to provide you books, movies, music, magazines, and more through our contactless service. And if you need to use a computer, call us at 232-4038 to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for your patience and we are looking forward to the day when we can welcome everyone back into the library!

Stay safe and stay well,

Mary Beth Revels, Director





Imagine Your Story



2020 Summer Reading Program

"Imagine Your Story" is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. Could you have ever imagined that the library would be closed for the start of summer reading? That you wouldn't be able to visit and pick out books, get your prizes or watch fabulous performers? While this may be true this year, don't worry. Summer Reading is going virtual!

Signing Up & Tracking Reading: All you need to do is go to sjplibrary.beanstack.org and register yourself or your family. Once registered, you log your reading, earn badges, reading rewards and entries to win extra prizes. All prize pickup will be done through the library's Contactless Pickup system. The Summer Reading Program is open to all ages, babies through adults.

Summer Reading Performers: Summer reading performances will be posted on the library's Facebook page. Some performances can also be found on our YouTube channel and our Instagram page. Performances will be available for viewing for a limited time, so don't miss out on your favorites. Here are the performers and the date their performance will be posted.

June 3: Remington Nature Center - Shelly Cox from the Remington Nature Center will share stories about salamanders and snakes and introduce us to some that you might see if you visit the Remington Nature Center.

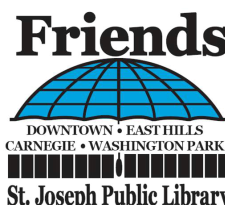
June 10: Exotics R Us - Presented by Exotics R Us, an educational outreach program in Kansas City, MO that specializes in bringing the wild to YOU! Learn about each animal's habitat, where they are from, diet, and status in the wild.

June 17: Monster Magic Variety Extravaganza Bonanza - Presented by Jeanie Puppets, watch monster puppets Charles & Benny host their very first virtual puppet variety show which includes magic, music, dancing and lots of silliness, but things don't always go as planned and the results are hilarious. Special guest appearances by Celia and other puppet characters!

June 24: Figment Follies with Will Stuck - Two episodes of fun! The Figment Follies (15 minute show) is a bite sized show for the 7 and younger crowd featuring a fairy tale story and super silly song! The Figment Follies (30 minute show) features Will's MESS (Music, Education, Stories & Science) with an imagination and fairy tale spin!

July 15: Frio the Dragon: Quest for Fire! - Presented by Mad Science of Greater Kansas City. Join Frio the Dragon as he discovers how he can breathe fire with the help from a wizardly scientist! Log in, and interact with the Mad Scientist as you see wonders of folklore: Catapults, dragons, magic, and yes, even FIRE! Will Frio find his way? **R**egistration required.

July 29: Dino O'Dell - Dino O'Dell never fails to delight with his upbeat storytelling songs.



Children & Parents

Virtual Foam Paint

Check our [YouTube channel](#) to see Mr. Josh show how to make foam paint at home with shaving cream and a zip top bag. Send us a picture of your own creations to jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us by June 22 to be featured in a virtual art gallery!

Video ready to view on:

Monday, June 15 3 p.m.

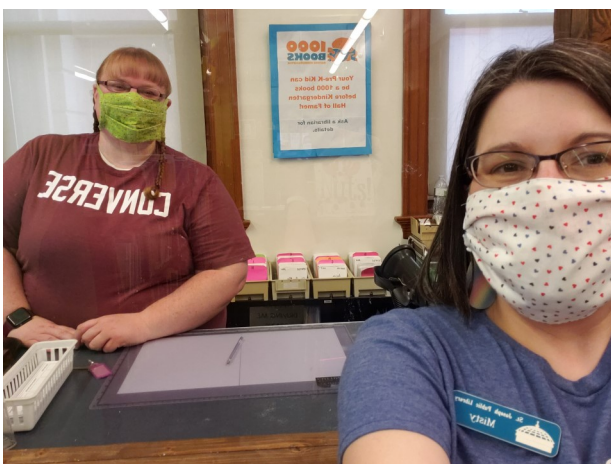
Virtual Literary Adventure: Good Night, Baddies! - R

What does the big bad wolf do after a long day of huffing and puffing? Like the other baddies of fairy tales, he gathers for conversation, dinner, pajamas, and a good howl at the moon before bedtime. We will be sharing the delightful picture book *Good Night, Baddies* by Deborah Underwood and illustrated by Juli Kangas (Beach Lane Books).

Ms. Elizabeth will read the book virtually on Zoom. She will provide a page for you to print out some 'Baddies' and their beds at home. The adults can hide them while the children decorate the beds. Then send your child on a search to track down the 'Baddies' and put them to sleep.

Register to save your spot and receive the Zoom link! Best for ages 2-8.

Thursday, June 18 6 p.m.



Zoom Into Storytime!

WITH MS. JESS
Tuesdays
10 a.m.

WITH MS. MISTY
Thursdays
10:30 a.m.

Register at
sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar



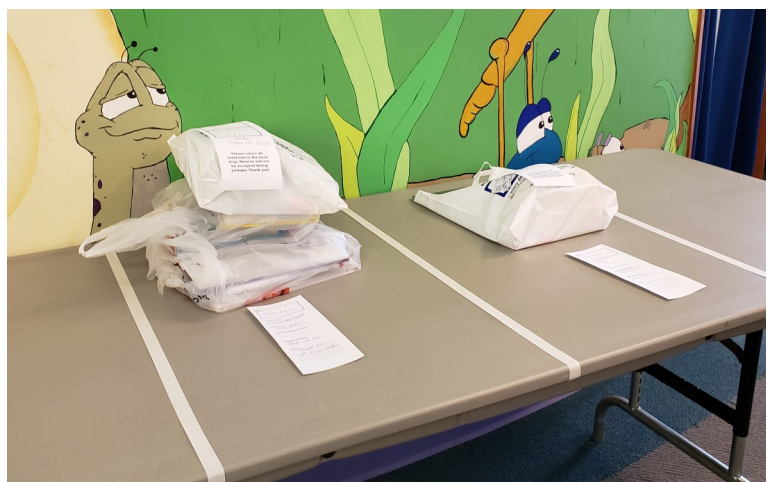
Take & Make Kits


St. Joseph Public Library

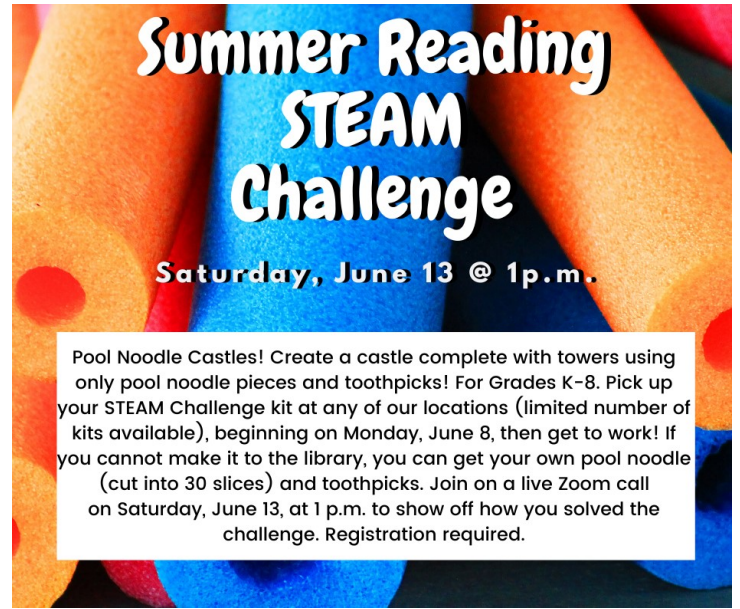
New kits available weekly in June and July
at all branches of the
St. Joseph Public Library!
Limit one per child, while supplies last.

Please call your library to schedule a pickup
time through our Contactless Pickup service.

Carnegie Library 816-238-0526	Downtown Library 816-232-3812
East Hills Library 816-236-1424	Washington Park Library 816-232-2052



Left & Above: Downtown Children's Librarians, Bethany and Misty working to safely gather books for pick-up through the library's Contactless Pickup Service.



Teens

Virtual Anime Watch Party - **R**

Join us the first Tuesday of every month for an Anime Watch Party! Register to get the Zoom link.

Tuesday, June 2 7 p.m.

Take and Make for Teens: Dragon Eggs - **R**

Come pick up some pre-packaged supplies to make a dragon egg! Supplies are limited, so register to ensure you get some. The Downtown Library is open from 10-6 that day and will deliver your supplies to your car--just call ahead to let us know you're on the way.

Wednesday, June 10 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Virtual Ye Olden Movies: Ferris Beuller's Day Off - **R**

Join us for the classics! This month we are featuring *Ferris Beuller's Day Off* (running time 103 minutes, rated PG-13). We will be streaming this movie via the Google Chrome extension Netflix Party. The extension will give us a

password protected chat and will make sure that we're all synced up.

Unfortunately, due to streaming rights, we all need Netflix accounts to watch this film together. Pop your own popcorn and use the chat feature to add your commentary to this classic film!

Instructions on installing Netflix Party can be found by doing a search on YouTube. A link will be emailed to you at the email address you included when registering for this event shortly before the event starts.

Friday, June 12 7 p.m.

Treat Yo Shelf Teen Book Club - **R**

Get comfy in your designated reading spot (you know you have one) to discuss what you've been reading! Whether it's a thriller, graphic novel or audiobook, we want to hear about it. Email Kelsey at kweber@sjpl.lib.mo.us for the Zoom link.

Wednesday, June 17 7 p.m.

Take and Make for Teens: No-Sew Dice Bags - **R**

Pick up a kit and make your own draw-string pouch perfect for storing your dice. The kit includes felt, twill tape, fabric paint, and templates to design your own bag. These bags will be available for pick up starting June 24. Register to reserve your kit.

Downtown Library

Wednesday, June 24 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Virtual Trash to Cosplay - **R**

Don't take the trash out yet! Using the materials we have at home, we'll construct cosplay outfits and armor to the best of our abilities. Gather your materials before the event starts, because once we begin, you'll have 20 minutes to cut, glue, and build from scratch. After our 20 minutes are up, we'll try to guess each other's cosplay. Register for the Zoom link.

Friday, June 26 7 p.m.

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.

Monday, June 1 6 p.m.

Virtual LEGO Club - R

Join us for a virtual LEGO Club meeting! We'll be using Zoom to meet and share our builds this month. Please have your creations ready to share when the meeting begins. Our theme for June is to build your favorite character. Please register to receive a link for the Zoom LEGO Club meeting.

Tuesday, June 2 6:30 p.m.

Adults

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.

This month we will discuss *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

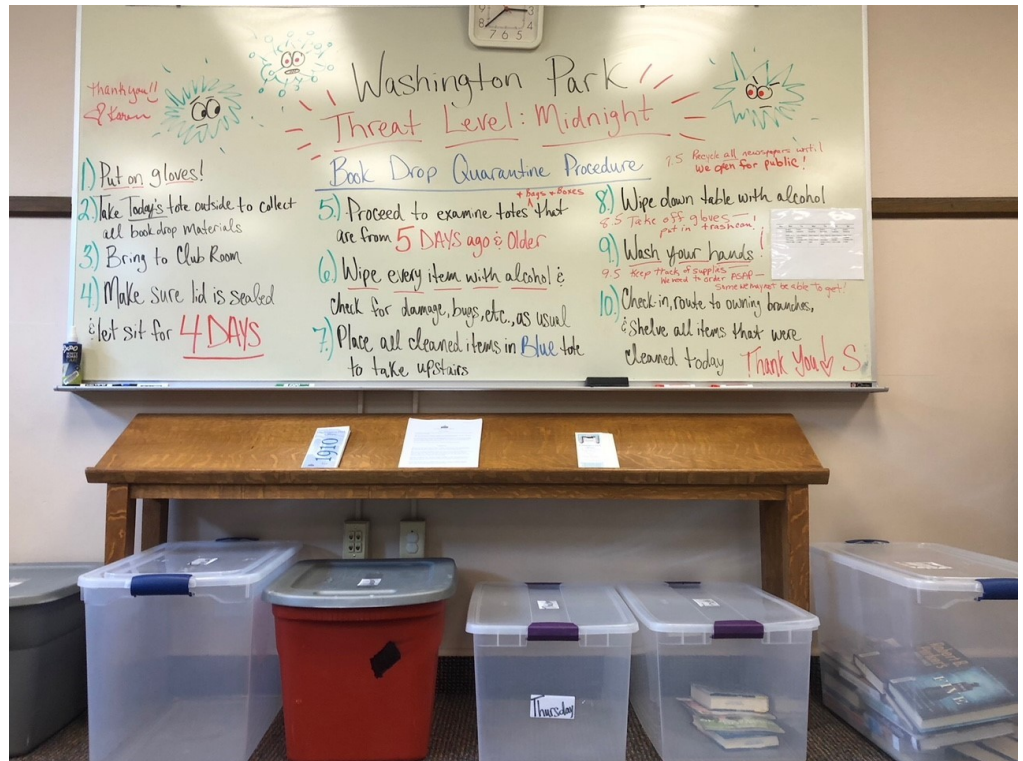
This will be a virtual get together. To request an invitation to the Zoom chat, email Chelsea at cphippis@sjpl.lib.mo.us

***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman**

Monday, June 1 6:45 p.m.

***White Houses* by Amy Bloom**

Monday, June 29 6:45 p.m.



Above: All library branches are working very hard to ensure that staff and patrons are safe. All returned materials are quarantined for 4 days before being checked in and shelved. When patrons pick up materials through the library's Contactless Pickup Service, they can be assured that library staff have done all they can to make materials as safe as possible.

Virtual History Speaks: Keep to the Right - The Origins of the St. Joseph Museum

Trevor Tutt, Curator of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., will discuss the beginning and early history of the institution. Find this presentation posted on the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Video ready to view on:

Saturday, June 6 2 p.m.

Virtual DIY, Why Don't You: Pie Crusts for Beginners

A perfect pie crust is not an unattainable goal, you just have to have the right technique. In this virtual installment of our DIY series, Jen will demonstrate mixing, working, resting, and rolling your dough. Recipes for quiche and lemon meringue pie will be in the video description. Find this presentation on

the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Video ready to view on:

Monday, June 8 5:30 p.m.

Virtual True Crime Time: The Radium Painters

Glowing watch dials are pretty cool, but do you know that the original story behind painting those glowing numbers is one filled with pain, illness, corruption, denial and misery? Join guest presenter, Jenna Whittington, as she shares this short and terrible part of history in this month's fascinating installment of True Crime Time: The Radium Painters. Find this presentation on the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Video ready to view on:

Thursday, June 11 5:30 p.m.

Adults

Virtual Transgender Panel - R

Transgender, and non-binary panelists will talk about their life experiences and break down some of the mystery around the T in the LGBTQ community. If you are unsure how to use pronouns, want to learn more about how others identify or want to support our gender non-conforming community then please register for this informative panel discussion. This event is suitable for teens and adults.

To submit questions for the discussion, please email jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

Thursday, June 11

6 p.m.

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.

June book: *All the Pretty Things* by Emily Arsenault

Saturday, June 20

4 p.m.



Above: Robbie, from the Downtown Library, takes materials out to a patron using the library's Contactless Pickup Service.



Above: Books from the East Hills Library bookdrop are bagged for quarantine for 4 days and then checked in.



Right: Downtown Library staff, Josh and Sarah, take phone calls from patrons wanting to use Contactless Pickup.



Left: Marina, Reference Librarian at the Downtown Library, sits behind a plexiglass barrier at the main reference desk.



Above: Patron materials waiting to be picked up at the East Hills Library.



Right: Washington Park Librarian, Diana, answers the phone from a patron wanting to use the library's Contactless Pickup service.

Contactless Materials Pickup

Contact the library by email or phone at:

Email: notices@sjpl.lib.mo.us

Carnegie Library: 238-0526

(Tue, Thur, Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

Downtown Library: 232-7729

(Mon – Thur 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Fri – Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

East Hills Library: 236-2136

(Mon – Thur 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Fri – Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Washington Park Library: 232-2052

(Tue, Thur, Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)



Computer Access: Need access to an internet computer? Call the Downtown Library at 816-232-4038 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are 30 minutes, but can be extended if needed and if no one else is waiting. Appointments can be scheduled 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday.



E-CARDS



St. Joseph Public Library

E-cards: Do you live in St. Joseph, MO and need a library card? Get an e-Card, so you can enjoy all the great electronic resources the library offers right from the safe comfort of your home. All you need to do is send your name, address, birth date and email to mrevels@sjpl.lib.mo.us. A card number will be sent to you using the email address you provide. Once you have your card number you can download eBooks and audiobooks, watch streaming TV, use all the learning databases, and more! This offer is good for online content only and available to anyone living in St. Joseph.

Since the library's Coloring Night at the East Hills Library can no longer take place, enjoy this free coloring page.



NEW Non-Fiction Books Available Now for Contactless Pickup!

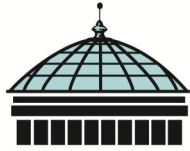


The library may be closed, but new books are still being ordered, processed and made available through the library's online catalog. Books can be put on hold using your library card or by contacting the library. Materials can then be picked up by using the Contactless Pickup Service. To browse the library's online catalog go to <https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/> and click on "Books & Materials."

Children's eBooks on Axis360



Axis360 is just one of the many eContent databases the library offers. To browse the databases go to <https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/databases/>. If you do not have a library card, see page 9 about how to get an E-card.



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St. Joseph, MO 64501

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

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316 Massachusetts St.

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Tue., Thur., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Downtown Library | 816-232-7729

927 Felix St.

Contactless Pickup Hours:

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

Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

East Hills Library | 816-236-2136

502 N. Woodbine Road

Contactless Pickup Hours:

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

Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Washington Park Library | 816-232-2052

1821 N. 3rd St.

Contactless Pickup Hours:

Tues., Thur., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 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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