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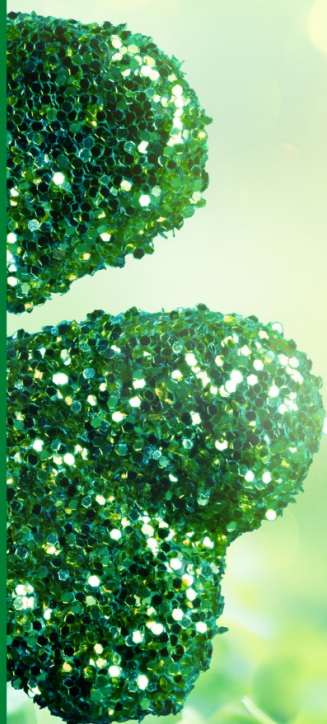
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St. Joseph Public Library's Mission, Vision & Values:

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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A Message from Your Library

Welcome to the month when spring will officially arrive. And for more good news, after two years of reduced hours at the library we are now back to our normal hours. Check the last page of the newsletter for details. We are also offering a mixture of in-person and virtual or low contact programs. The newsletter is full of details about those programs and I know we'll have something on offer that you and your family can enjoy.

If winter is on its way out that means it is Seed Library time again. As a gardener myself I look forward every year to Robbie Johnson, our Seed Library coordinator, starting work on gathering seeds for the program. We have flower and vegetable seeds on offer at the Downtown Library with a smaller supply available to choose from at the East Hills Library. The Farmer's Almanac says our last frost date in St. Joseph is April 22 this year so now is the perfect time to start those seeds.

It's also March Madness season and we're giving you the chance to participate library style. Instead of rooting for your favorite basketball team we're giving you the chance to vote on your favorite book. Library staff picked eight adult books, four teen, and four children's books that have been turned into movies to include in the tournament so we're starting with the Sweet 16. You can vote online or visit your preferred library branch to vote in person. See the back page for more details. What book will be voted St. Joseph's favorite? We'll all find out on March 29.

In technology news we now offer an app called SimplyE that can be used to find and check out all the eBooks and eAudiobooks from Missouri Libraries 2 Go and Axis360. Instead of using two separate apps (Libby and Axis360) you can find and check out the books through SimplyE instead. SimplyE works on both Apple and Android devices. If you would like help setting up SimplyE, or any other app we offer, just contact or visit your favorite library branch to set up an appointment for one-on-one assistance.

You'll never run out of reasons why it is a good idea to visit and use your local library. Come visit one or all of our four library branches to see for yourself.

Mary Beth Revels

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Memorial Books:

Vintage Oak Villas Coffee Club in memory of Gloria Cundiff

The Cunningham Family in memory of Lisa Churchey

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Washington Park Library

The land for the Washington Park Library was donated by the St. Joseph Extension Company in honor of Washington Jones, a prominent community leader in St. Joseph in the early 1900s. This friendly Northside library opened on June 23, 1910 and was built with funds from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. The building has exterior architectural features such as open books and holly berry decorations. The library boasts many original oak furnishings such as the circulation desk, stack shelving, book display shelves, library tables and interior staircase. A significant interior architectural detail is a quote above the main doorway by Andrew Carnegie "The universal education of its people is the greatest glory of the state."



Washington Park staff was contacted for information about the original wading pool and fountain located in the park. Karen Schultz, Washington Park Library Manager, and Sarah Schreimann, Senior Library Assistant, have been researching the history of the library and park for several years and were recently assisted by Jessica Poet, the library's Administrative Assistant. The original pool was erected in the park around July 4, 1887, which was several years before the Washington Park Library was built. Around October 23, 1923 the old fountain with wading pool was removed and replaced with a new one closer to the library building. The last reference to the wading pool in the park was May 25, 1925 when the newspaper noted it had been removed.



The Washington Park Library houses many of the original library furnishings from when it opened in June 1910. These items include original stack shelving, oak book and magazine displays, oak circulation desk, oak easel, and oak benches.

The original drawings of the library featured two benches in the library's foyer. Over the years Karen Schultz wondered if the oak bench at the Downtown Library was the missing bench from Washington Park Library and longtime employee, Frank Harris, recently confirmed it was. The bench was sent Downtown to protect it after the ceilings fell in the 1980s on the main floor of the Washington Park Library. Anthony Prawitz and Mike Wayman, library maintenance staff, moved the bench back to the Washington Park Library in January 2022.

THE LIBRARY IN PICTURES



Winter Reading Challenge participant, Whitman Wallingford, logged 128 books and was given the honor of throwing a pie at Downtown Library Children's Manager, Misty Snider. Whitman was a bit shy, but his mom was more than willing to help out.



The community reached the 1,000 book reading goal during the Winter Reading Challenge, so KQ2 sports reporter, Chris Roush took a pie to the face.



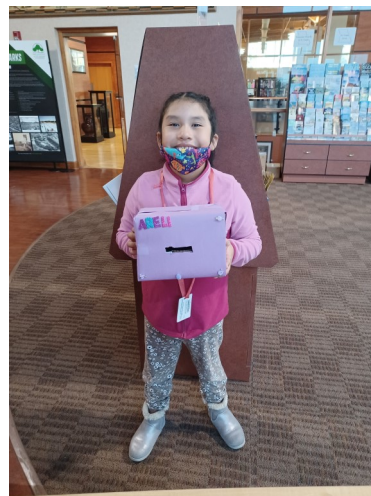
Library patron, Luka Poet, enjoyed throwing a pie in Mike Bracciano's face. The KQ2 Chief Meteorologist received the pie because the community met the 1,500 books read goal in this year's Winter Reading Challenge. A total of 167 readers participated in the challenge



The Downtown Library offered toiletries donated by Evelyn & Julie Holtzclaw and stress relief kits provided by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.



At the East Hills Library, Angela Bonkoski beautifully repurposed a plexiglass barrier by turning it into a stained glass winter scene.



Children at the East Hills Library enjoyed creating their Valentine's Day boxes using provided boxes and craft supplies.



Take & Makes

March'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
March



All Ages Wacky Wednesday Take & Make



Carnegie Library
Every Wednesday in
March

Children Wind Chime Take & Make



East Hills Library
Tuesday, March 1

Adults Take & Make: Lucky Magnet Craft



All Library Locations
Thursday, March 3

Adults Crafty Sew 'n' Sews

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



Adults Perky Puzzlers

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



Teens Take & Make: Leprechaun Charm Bracelet

Downtown & East Hills Library
Wednesday, March 23



EAST HILLS LIBRARY MINI CANVAS ART CONTEST GRADES K-12

**VOTE for your favorite piece in each category at the
East Hills Library
March 2 - 31**

Celebrate Youth Art Month and National Reading Month with a mini canvas art contest! The public is invited to vote for their favorite piece in each age category throughout the month of March at the East Hills Library! There will also be a staff favorite and a professional artist favorite. Prizes will be awarded by April 4.

THEME:
READING

Readers & Writers

For teens

Virtual Teen Author's Club- R



Wednesday, March 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



They'll Never Catch Us by Jessica Goodman

Thursday, March 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

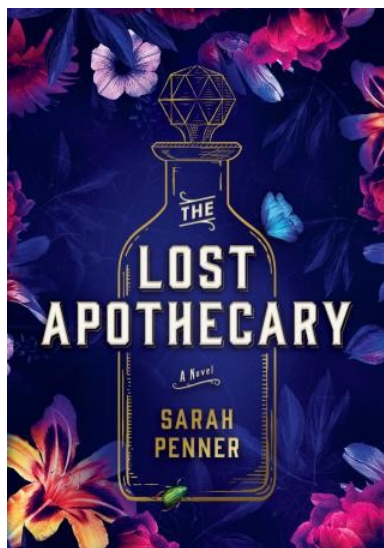
<https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/databases>

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!

Book Clubs

For adults

Afternoon Tea Book Club



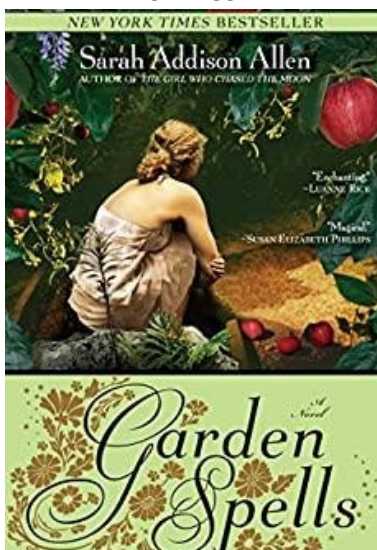
The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

Saturday, March 12 at 4 p.m.

Alchemy Tea Co. 617 Felix St.

Discussion led by Carnegie Librarian, Jenny Ellis.

Friends Book Club Downtown

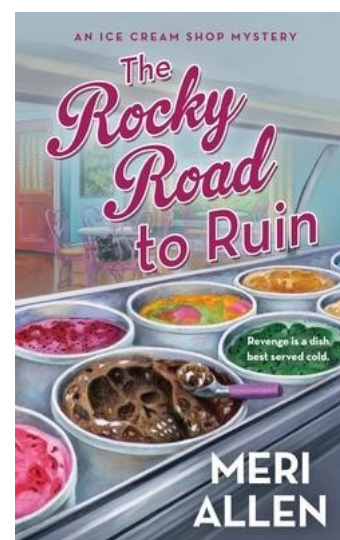


Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen

Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

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

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



The Rocky Road to Ruin by Meri Allen

Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

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



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. Misty will 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.

To register, 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.



MALL STORYTIME



Tuesday, March 15 @ 11 a.m.



Meet Ms. Elizabeth at the center court carousel in the East Hills Shopping Center for a fun-filled, IN-PERSON storytime! Geared to children ages 0-6 and their caregivers.

Children & Parents

STEAM Challenge: March Madness - R

Join us in person at the East Hills Makerspace for a fun hour of March Madness themed STEAM challenges!

Masks may be required. Registration encouraged.

For grades K-6, limited capacity.

East Hills Library

Saturday, March 12

1 p.m.

Maker Monday: Pi Day Bracelet - R

To celebrate Pi Day (3/14), we'll be creating colorful pi-inspired bracelets. Can't stay and craft? Grab a take & make kit to put together at home. Available while supplies last. Space is limited at in-person events!

Masks may be required.

Downtown Library

Monday, March 14

4 p.m.

Children Teens

Minecraft Show and Tell - R

Do you play Minecraft? Want to show off your favorite build, command, mod or world? Come to our Minecraft Show-and-Tell! Please limit your presentation to 5 minutes. If you just want to come watch, you are welcome to do so as well. Please note if you are presenting during your registration. Masks may be required.

East Hills Library

Friday, March 18

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, March 23

4 p.m.



LEGO CLUB

Downtown Library
Thursday, March 17
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
ALL AGES WELCOME

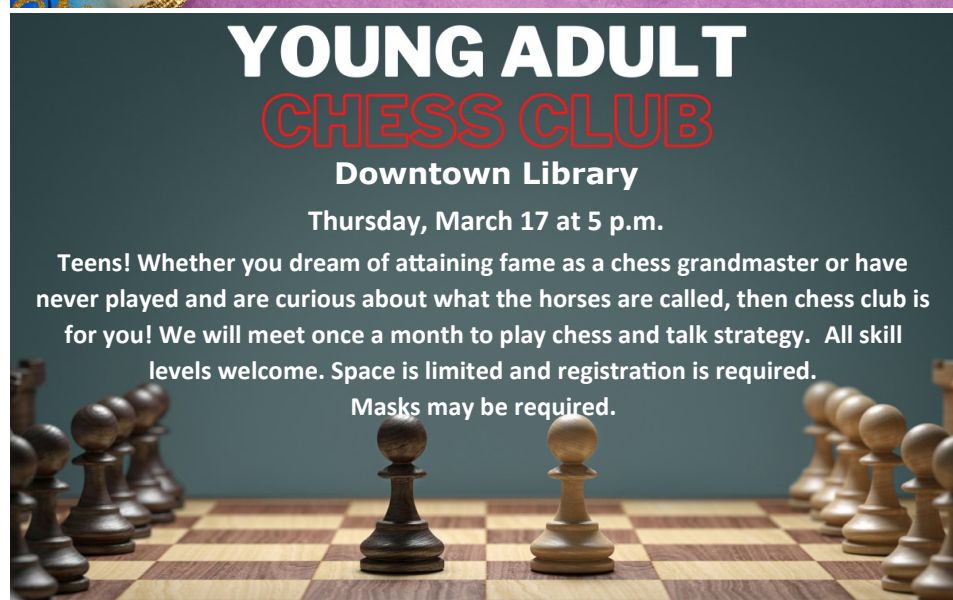
The monthly meeting of the LEGO Club where all LEGO enthusiasts from kindergarten on up are invited to build and share their creations with us. Participants are encouraged to bring their own LEGO bricks, but we have some too. The theme for our March meeting is ART. Masks may be required. Space is limited.



DIY Mardi Gras Masks

East Hills Library
Monday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m.
For Teens

Mardi Gras masks give you the opportunity to be whoever you want to be. Come create your own mask! Supplies are limited and registration is required. Masks may be required.



YOUNG ADULT CHESS CLUB

Downtown Library
Thursday, March 17 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. Masks may be required.



DOWNTOWN LIBRARY



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Masks may be required for in-person programs based on current COVID-19 case numbers in Buchanan County and CDC guidelines

Knitwits: Knitting for Everyone

**Every Thursday in March
at 2 p.m.**

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. Masks may be required.

Painting By Numbers (8 week session)

Mondays @ 5:30 p.m.

March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9

SIGN-UP REQUIRED

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 soon! Masks may be required.

Adult Coloring

**Tuesday, March 15
at 2 p.m.**

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. Masks may be required.

True Crime Time: Bertha Gifford

**Thursday, March 24
at 6 p.m.**

March is Women's History Month, so let's hear about Bertha Gifford. She is considered the first female serial killer in the United States and, lucky us, she was a Missourian, too! Descriptions and images used in this program are not suitable for children or the squeamish. Masks may be required.

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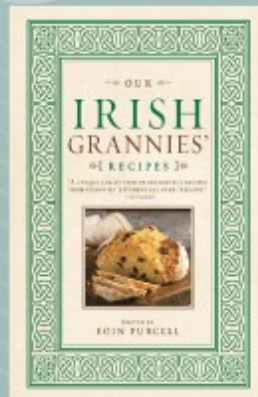
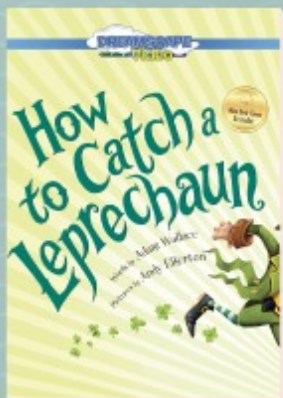
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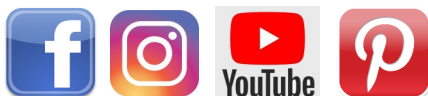
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Carnegie Library | 816-238-0526

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 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.



MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS

Cast your vote in our March Madness Tournament of Books! Which book 'made into a movie' is your favorite? We'll vote on the Sweet 16 from March 1-7; Elite 8 from March 8-14; Final 4 from March 15-21; and the Championship will be from March 22-28.

All ages can vote in person at any of our locations or online at <https://www.polltab.com/bracket-poll/vFuFE8yW83>