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excited to welcome you  
back!**

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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

Happy November!

It's the time of year when we think about all the things for which we can be thankful. At the top of our list, library staff are very thankful for you, our patrons. It's been a difficult year and a half for everyone. We have been dedicated to following the recommendations set forth for containing the spread of COVID-19, even when it has been difficult and unpopular. The support and patience we've received from our community humbles us and fills us with gratitude. Case numbers continue to go in the right direction and I am confident that local case numbers will continue to drop so we can get back to the level of service we all miss. In the meantime, library staff are constantly looking for ways to enrich your library experience. For that reason, we are excited this month to tell you about two new offerings.

We have added Checkers Library TV which presents "The Reading Road Trip: Full STEAM Ahead," a weekly 15-minute television show aimed at providing entertainment for children and illustrating the benefits of reading in a fun and exciting way. Library patrons can find these episodes along with printable crafts and activities at the St. Joseph Public Library Checker's TV webpage at <https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/ctv/> each week. Families can visit their preferred branch to pick up the printable crafts and activities, while supplies last.

In addition to the books and audiobooks available by Interlibrary Loan, we recently added DVDs to the items we can borrow from other libraries in the country. So if there's a movie you've been wanting to see and we don't have it in our catalog, there's a good chance we'll be able to get it for you within a couple of weeks.

SJPL added these two new services to help keep you and your family entertained, informed and connected.

Wishing you all a very happy November,  
Jen Wildhagen

Branch Manager, Downtown Library

## 100 Acts of Kindness Challenge

How quickly can we get to 100 Acts of Kindness?

Come in to any of our four library locations to choose an act from our Kindness Board then return it with your initials once the act of kindness is complete. Post on social media with the hashtag #actsofkindnessSJPL to encourage others to participate as well!

<https://libbyapp.com/library/molib2go>

OverDrive



*Fall into  
your next  
great read.*



### Monetary Donation:

Carole Slaybaugh-Caraway in memory  
of Irene Karkoski and in honor of  
Maryann Knorr

### Volunteers:

Rosetta Ballew-Jennings  
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Ella Murray



### 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.

No storytime on Thursday, November 25.



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](https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar).



## 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 <https://www.youtube.com/StJosephPublicLibrary>. Or visit the library's Checkers Library TV webpage at <https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/ctv>.

## Children & Parents

### Tricky Tuesdays to Go - R

Tricky Tuesday to Go is a weekly kit containing books, crafts and at-home 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

Tuesdays 3 - 6 p.m.

## 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.

### Maker Monday: Turkey Transporters - R

Tom Turkey has a problem. He needs to escape from the farm, and fast! Using balloons and feathers, help Tom build a rocket that will have him racing away from the farm faster than you can say, "gobble gobble".

*Kit available for pickup*

Monday, November 8

### STEAM Take & Make: World Kindness Day - R

November 13th is World Kindness Day!

This kit contains sidewalk chalk to create kind messages on the sidewalks, scrapbook and stationary paper to make 'Thank You' notes for community helpers (or whoever you want to thank!), compliment cards to hand out, and a list of other ideas for you to do.

You can post your kindness acts on social media with the hashtag #actsofkindnessSJPL.

For children and teens. Register to reserve your kit.

*Kit available for pickup*

Saturday, November 13

### Virtual Wizarding World Fan Club - R

Do you love wizards? Do you dream about what your wand will be made of? Then join us for this recurring program where we will talk all things wizards and witches and have some fun

activities revolving around the magical wizarding world.

Registration is required to attend the Zoom meeting. This club is intended for ages 10-14.

#### Via Zoom

Wednesday, November 24 4 p.m.

## 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:*

Mondays, November 8 & 22

### 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](mailto:jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us).

Wednesday, November 10 4 p.m.

### Teen Take & Make: Spa Day Kits - R

School is stressful! Grab a spa day kit to give yourself a well deserved relaxation day at home. Kits include ingredients for an oatmeal facemask\*, a scented candle, and a relaxing tea. \*May contain allergens.

Indicate preferred branch when signing up.

*Kit available for pickup:*

Wednesday, November 10

### 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](mailto:jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us).

Thursday, November 11:

*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, November 12

### Virtual Among Us Game Night - R

How good are you at figuring out who's sus and who's a normal crewmate? Come test your skills with local teens on our SJPL Teen Discord Channel.

Registration required to receive the link to join.

Wednesday, November 17 4 p.m.

### Teen Take & Make: Sugar Scrub - R

Continue your self care journey and reserve a kit to make your own sugar body scrub!

Indicate preferred branch when signing up.

*Kit available for pickup:*

Wednesday, November 24





# CELEBRATE PICTURE BOOK MONTH!

**CELEBRATE PICTURE BOOK MONTH ALL THROUGH NOVEMBER! STOP BY ANY BRANCH OF THE ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF PICTURE BOOK BUNDLES, OR ASK US TO CREATE A CUSTOM BUNDLE JUST FOR YOU! BE SURE TO ENTER OUR DRAWING FOR A CLASSIC BOOK AND TOY SET FOR AGES 0-8.**

## NOVEMBER 2021

# 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, November 4

## Virtual DIY, Why Don't You: Pocket Handwarmer Take & Make

Is the chill in the air creeping into your bones? Well, don't let it stop you from being comfortable! This month, we will have supplies for you to make pocket handwarmers that you can just heat in the microwave, slide into a pocket and have "handy" when you need them. Kits will include supplies for 2 warmers.

**Pick up at the Downtown Library while supplies last on:**

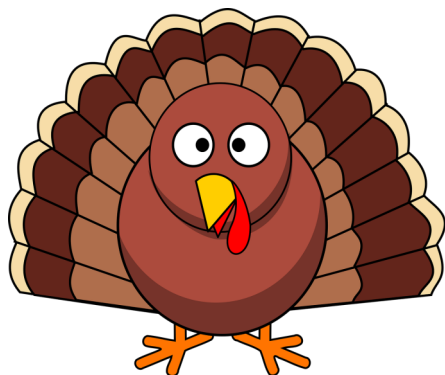
Monday, November 8

## Adult Take & Make Origami

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](https://youtube.com/stjosephpubliclibrary).

**Pick up at the Downtown Library while supplies last on:**

Monday, November 15



## 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, November 18

## Take & Make Kits for Adults

Adult take & make kits are available on the last Wednesday of the month at the East Hills Library. These craft kits include the main components required to complete a specific, hands-on, DIY craft for adults ages 18 years and up. While we try to provide all necessary supplies, some kits may require use of basic home crafting supplies such as a hot glue gun or scissors.

**Pick up at the East Hills Library while supplies last on:**

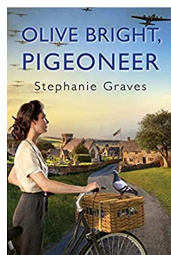
Wednesday, November 24

# 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, November 17 7 p.m.  
*Olive Bright, Pigeoneer* by Stephanie Graves



## 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, November 20 4 p.m.  
*The Witch Haven* by Sasha Peyton Smith



## Virtual Bookish Time with Jenny

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

Friday, November 19 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 [cphippis@sjpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:cphippis@sjpl.lib.mo.us)



Monday, November 22 7 p.m.  
*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

# All Ages

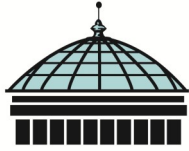
## Virtual Ukulele Strum & Sing-Along - R

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, November 1 6 p.m.



St. Joseph Public Library  
927 Felix St.  
St. Joseph, MO 64501



### Library Closings:

Thanksgiving

November 25 & 26

## 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 [sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar](http://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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