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Library Information



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

Mission

The St. Joseph Public Library provides our community physical and virtual gathering spaces to access information, education, and recreation.

Vision

The St. Joseph Public Library offers our community a window to the past and a gateway to the future.

Values

The St. Joseph Public Library values:

ACCOUNTABILITY *We are dedicated to delivering on our commitments and the sound 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 continually explore 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.*

Visit the library website at sjpl.lib.mo.us to access:

- Online card catalog
- Kids and Teen pages
- Reference information
- Calendar of events
- Multiple databases, accessible with an SJPL library card
- Digital archives
- eBooks, eMagazines, and eAudiobooks

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All programs subject to change due to weather, lack of registration, 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.

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A Message from Your Library

Summer is always a big deal at the St. Joseph Public Library. The two-month long Summer Reading Program is our biggest event annually at the library. This year's theme, Unearth A Story, is allowing us to dig into dinosaurs. The kick-off party on May 31 features life-size dinosaurs and is open to all ages. We hope you will join us for this fun event at the Carnegie Library.

Summer is a great time to get out and about and visit the library branches. I want to give a special shoutout to the Carnegie and Washington Park libraries that have been the recipient of extra funds this year. The Carnegie Corporation of New York gifted both libraries with \$10,000 this year. The foundation awarded \$10,000 to over 1,200 Carnegie Libraries in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of thousands of libraries throughout the US in the early 1900s and St. Joseph was lucky enough to get funding for two buildings. Both libraries are making good use of the funds with interior improvements including new furnishings, painting, and murals on their outdoor book drops.

The Carnegie and Washington Park libraries also received River Bluff Gateway grant funds from the City of St. Joseph. The Carnegie Library has a new outdoor sign and the park at Washington Park is getting new furniture, new sidewalks, and new gardens. The City's Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee and Buchanan County Master Gardeners are leading the efforts to redo the gardens and are focusing on native plants.

There will be programs all summer long at SJPL that will be fun and engaging. Babies to senior adults and all ages in between can find summer fun at the library. One other event I want to be sure to invite you to is the Friends of SJPL Annual Meeting on July 16 at the East Hills Library. The evening begins with a dinner at 6 p.m. and is followed by a speaker. This year, as part of the America 250 Celebration, Dr. Dominic DeBrincat is going to provide a program on the Boston Massacre and a short annual meeting will follow. RSVPs are appreciated and you can contact kgreen@sjpl.lib.mo.us to register or call us at 816-232-4038.

Like always, there is a lot happening at the library and reading the newsletter will help you plan and decide what you'd like to attend.

See you soon,

Mary Beth Revels

Library Director

Thank you

Everything we do wouldn't be possible without the support of people like you.

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CLOSED FRIDAY,
JUNE 19

All St. Joseph Public Library
locations will be closed on Friday,
June 19 for Juneteenth.

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ALL BRANCHES OF THE ST. JOSEPH
PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON
SATURDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

EAST HILLS LIBRARY
CLOSED
AUGUST 12 - 14



2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



UNEARTH A STORY

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

**TRACK THE NUMBER OF DAYS READ.
READ A MINIMUM OF 28 DAYS TO
COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE.**

**BUT WHAT COUNTS AS A DAY?
DEPENDING ON READING LEVEL,
WE SUGGEST AT LEAST ONE PICTURE
BOOK OR 20 MINUTES PER DAY.**



REGISTER AT: [SJPLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG](https://sjplibrary.beanstack.org)

<p>Prize 1</p> <p>Must read 7 days to collect a Dino Keychain.</p>	<p>Prize 2</p> <p>Must read 14 days to collect a Water Bottle Charm OR Dino Sticker.</p>
<p>Prize 3</p> <p>Must read 21 days to collect a Dino Fidget.</p>	<p>Prize 4</p> <p>Must read 28 days to collect a Blind Box, a FREE Book, & a Grand Prize Entry</p>

*Reading MORE than 28 days, earns an extra grand prize entry for each additional seven-day period!

**Alternative prizes available for ages 3 and under.

THE DINOSAURS ARE COMING!!!! CRAFTERNOONS

COME AND MAKE SOME FUN DINO
CRAFTS TO GET READY TO UNEARTH
A STORY FOR SUMMER READING

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
@ 1 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 11
@ 1 PM

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

East Hills

Family Fun Time: Candy Core Samples **R**

Geologists use large drills to take core samples of soil and rocks on Earth. We will act like a geologist in this fun activity as we drill "core samples" from candy bars using a straw. Can you identify the type of candy bar just from a sample? Come find out at this family fun science time!

East Hills Library
Saturday, June 13 10 a.m.

Family Fun Time: Tea-Rex Party **R**

How do dinosaurs drink their tea? With cookies and friends like you and me? Find out at our Tea-Rex Party! Wear your favorite dino gear or tea party best and join us for tea, cookies, and dino fun. Intended for families with young children.

East Hills Library
Sunday, July 12 1:30 p.m.

Family Fun Time: Dino-mite Pixel-saurus Macrame **R**

Families can create small wall hangings with this beginner-friendly dinosaur pixel art macrame project.

East Hills Library
Saturday, August 8 10 a.m.



CREATE YOUR OWN DINOSAUR TRADING CARD



SWAP WITH OTHER CARD CREATORS
ON JULY 31 @ 2PM
AT EAST HILLS LIBRARY

LIMIT ONE DINOSAUR TRADING
CARD APPLICATION PER PATRON

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT
ANY SJPL LOCATION

END OF SUMMER READING ICE SKATING PARTY

Cool off with us for an end of Summer Reading Ice Skating Party at Bode Ice Arena. Admission is free. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

FRIDAY, JULY 24
6 - 8 PM

Registration may not open until 30 days prior to event.

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JUNE SUMMER READING EVENTS

MAD SCIENCE

June 2

10 A.M. Downtown Library
3 P.M. Carnegie Library

June 3

10 A.M. East Hills Library
3 P.M. Washington Park Library



Mad Science delivers unique, hands-on science experiences for children. Their innovative programs are as entertaining as they are educational!

DINOSAUR SAFARI

June 9

10 A.M. Downtown Library
3 P.M. Carnegie Library

June 10

10 A.M. East Hills Library
3 P.M. Washington Park Library

Come on a dinosaur safari with us! We are going to explore the library and hunt for different dinosaurs!

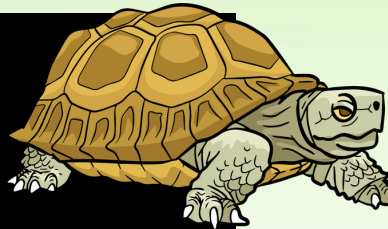
EXOTICS R US

June 16

10 A.M. Downtown Library
12 P.M. Carnegie Library

June 17

10 A.M. East Hills Library
12 P.M. Washington Park Library



Meet the Animal Ambassadors from Exotics R Us, an educational outreach program that supports wildlife conservation and specializes in bringing education of the wild to you and yours.

FOSSIL FINDERS

June 23

10 A.M. Downtown Library
3 P.M. Carnegie Library

June 24

10 A.M. East Hills Library
3 P.M. Washington Park Library



Kids can embrace their inner paleontologists by digging up these "ancient bones". We'll give them the tools to dig through sand, soil, and tar. Who knows what kind of history they will unearth?

WINDOW CLINGS

June 30

10 A.M. Downtown Library
3 P.M. Carnegie Library

Kids can design and create their own window clings from scratch!



July 1

10 A.M. East Hills Library
3 P.M. Washington Park Library

Let their creativity shine by showcasing their artwork where the sunlight can really make them pop.

JULY SUMMER READING EVENTS

BRENT ALLAN

July 7

10 A.M. Downtown Library
3 P.M. Carnegie Library

July 8

10 A.M. East Hills Library
3 P.M. Washington Park Library



Fun programs of magic, puppets and comedy that kids are sure to love! The programs teach about reading, character, science, and more!

DINOSAUR I SPY BOTTLES

July 14

10 A.M. Downtown Library
3 P.M. Carnegie Library

July 15

10 A.M. East Hills Library
3 P.M. Washington Park Library



Unearth a story as we create dinosaur I spy bottles!

ROCKIN' AND READING WITH LEONARDO

July 21

10 A.M. Downtown Library
3 P.M. Carnegie Library

July 22

10 A.M. East Hills Library
3 P.M. Washington Park Library



Bring your dancing shoes and best air guitar moves...it's time to go ROCKIN' and READING with LEONARDO. He is a Parents' Choice Award winning family musician from Chicago strumming into town with a humorous high energy music program that motivates little rockers to become big readers. To celebrate the Unearth a Story theme he will be joined by his Dinosaur pal T-ROX. Audiences will dance and sing while being inspired to read and learn. Let's get ready to Roar, Stomp, Wiggle and Chomp like Dinosaurs!

MUSEUM DINO DIG

July 28

10 A.M. Downtown Library
3 P.M. Carnegie Library

July 29

10 A.M. East Hills Library
3 P.M. Washington Park Library



This program is perfect for your young learners who love dinosaurs, rocks, archaeology, or just playing in the dirt! Attendees will learn about Missouri's Dinosaur, the Hysibema, and play dinosaur games. They will also learn the difference between geology, archaeology, and paleontology. As part of this program, children get to touch geological and archaeological specimens. Presented by Dr. Zieger and Ms. Wilson of the St. Joseph Museums.

UNEARTH A STORY

For more information visit: <https://sjpl.librarymarket.com/events/month/2026/06>

Registration may not open until 30 days prior to event.

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All Ages Programs



Book Buddies Reading Dogs

The Pony Express Therapy Dogs are great listeners for children of all ages and reading levels!

East Hills Library

Saturdays, June 6 & August 1
10:30 a.m.



Touch - A - Truck

Get up close and personal with cool trucks, big vehicles, and meet some of our community helpers at our Touch-A-Truck event. Don't forget your sunscreen!

East Hills Library

Monday, June 15 10:30 a.m.

Raptors: Birds of Prey



This wildlife education program includes a mixture of hawks, falcons, and owls for a total of five or six raptors. The audience members will learn about the hunting habits, adaptive characteristics, and habitat needs of the birds presented. Presented by Operation Wildlife, in partnership with Midland Empire Audubon Society.

East Hills Library

Thursday, June 25 6:30 p.m.



(unofficial) R

Mario Kart fans of all ages are invited to test their skill at this unofficial elimination tournament. Will you be the fastest racer and reign supreme? Sign-in begins at 2:15 with the tournament commencing at 2:30 p.m.

East Hills Library

Saturday, August 8 2:30 p.m.



Puzzle Swap



Do you love to do jigsaw puzzles? We do too! But what do you do with the ones you have completed? Now's your chance to swap some you have done with some new to you puzzles! Just bring a puzzle (or two, or three) and we'll swap with each other.

East Hills Library

Sunday, August 9 1:30 p.m.



East Hills Library
Wednesday, July 1
4:30 - 6:30 p.m

- Come enjoy Pokémon themed crafts and activities! While supplies last.
- Some crafts may not be suitable for young children.
- Bring your handheld games, cards, and art to share, battle, and trade with other Pokémon fans!
- All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Inconceivable! R Interactive Princess Bride Movie (1987, PG, 1 hr 38 min)

Whether it's your first time watching or your twentieth, this interactive showing of the cult classic *The Princess Bride* will be a unique experience. Shout out iconic lines, use the provided props, enjoy the swashbuckling tale of TRUE WUV, and have an inconceivably good time! Costumes encouraged (no real weapons, please).

East Hills Library

Saturday, August 22 2 p.m.

SUMMER STORYTIME

Washington Park Library

June 8 Feelings

July 6 Cows

June 15 Bees

July 13 Chickens

June 22 Turtles

July 20 Caterpillars

June 29 Ocean

July 27 Bugs

**Mondays
10 a.m.**

**For ages Baby -
Pre-K**



Above: Crafts made at Tricky Tuesdays at Washington Park!

Join us for a short storytime followed by a fun craft.

Family Storytime

Carnegie Library

Wednesdays

June 3 - July 29

10:30 a.m.

For ages 0 -6



Pre-K Play

East Hills Library

Fridays

June - July - August

10 a.m.

For ages 0 -6

*No Pre-K Play on June 19, July 3, or August 14.

TRICKY TUESDAYS

Washington Park Library

4 p.m.

For ages 6 -12

June 2 Food Fun

July 7 Space

August 4 Back to School Bingo

June 9 Artsy Day

July 14 Pets

August 11 Zoo Animals

June 16 Monsters

July 21 Butterflies

August 18 Puzzles

June 23 Kindness

July 28 Movie Day

August 25 Movie Day

June 30 Movie Day

Join us for a short storytime followed by a fun craft.

Children's Programs



Games with Friends **R** Windchimes **R**

Come to the library and join your friends in playing some fun board and card games. Bring your friends or make some new ones! Some games may be old and some new but you are sure to have a blast either way!

Create your own wind chimes using washers to hang outside adding a unique touch to your outdoor space!

Downtown Library
Monday, June 1 3:30 p.m.

Downtown Library
Monday, June 22 10:30 a.m.

Galaxy in a Jar **R**

Windsock Cup Craft **R**

Join us to make a festive Fourth of July windsock cup. We will read a book and make our craft. Find a special place to hang your windsock to add a splash of patriotic spirit to your celebration.

Create your own piece of the night sky to take home and enjoy!

Downtown Library
Monday, July 13 3:30 p.m.

Cookie Campfires **R**

Come and make a tasty treat that looks like a campfire but is good to eat! Have a great time making this snack with cookies, pretzels and icing to resemble a summer time favorite, the campfire.

Downtown Library
Thursday, August 6 3:30 p.m.

Aquarium in a Jar **R**

Make a splash by creating a mason jar aquarium.

Downtown Library
Wednesday, August 12 10 a.m.



The Baby-Sitters Club books came out 40 years ago! Join us for a "birthday party" celebrating these iconic books.

Librarian Recommended Kid Approved

SUMMER READING IS HERE AND WE ARE ALL ABOUT DINOSAURS!



PUT THESE BOOKS AND STEAM KITS ON HOLD FROM THE EVERGREEN APP AND PICK UP FROM THE LIBRARY LOCATION YOU CHOOSE!



All About Dinosaurs
STEAM Kit



Rocks & Fossils
STEAM Kit



Outdoor Adventures
STEAM Kit

Registration may not open until 30 days prior to event.

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Teen Theater Camp Reader's Theater



August 2 – 8
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
East Hills Library

A Reader's Theater is a low-stress approach to acting. It takes the stress of memorizing your lines out of the equation and gives you the opportunity to put more of your attention on the way that you are carrying yourself and how you are delivering your lines.

Teens interested in participating should register on the online calendar at: <https://sjpl.librarymarket.com/event/teen-theater-camp-readers-theater-26605>



Reader's Theater Performance

August 8 1 p.m.
East Hills Library

No ticket required.
Open to the public.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) would like to recognize long time "library kid" Andon Lindsay as he graduates this year from Central High School.



Andon at a Snakes Alive! program at East Hills in Library in 2013.

"Andon has been a member of the Teen Advisory Board since it began. His creativity, humor, and willingness to serve will be sincerely missed."

Doveny Wise,
TAB President

"Andon has been an amazing asset with his ideas and energy, he is a big part of why TAB has succeeded. Good luck Andon, in your adventures after high school. It has been a pleasure serving with you."

Luka Poet,
friend and fellow TAB member

"Andon is quick witted, thoughtful, and helpful. He always made meetings and programs a little more fun. His presence at the Teen Advisory Board will be missed, but we look forward to seeing what he does in the future!"

Evelyn Hotzclaw,
TAB Advisor



Roaring Into Summer:
Dinosaur Still Life Drawing
for teens & adults

Downtown Library
Thursday, June 11 3 p.m.

Registration Required
All Materials Provided



East Hills



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East Hills Library
Saturday, August 8 2:30 p.m.

Downtown

Back to School Crafts

School is starting back up soon! We will be doing some crafts to get you feeling ready: Backpack charms, water bottle charms, pencil bag decorating, and locker magnets. For Teens.

Downtown Library
Tuesday, August 11 12 p.m.



Washington Park

Evening Bingo **R**



Try your luck, enjoy great company, and play for a chance to win exciting prizes. Program dependent on at least 8 people participating, so bring a friend! For Teens and Adults.

Washington Park Library
Thursday, August 13 5 p.m.

Left: Teens playing the parachute game at an After Hours Teen Event at the Downtown Library.



114 S. 7th Street
SATURDAY, JULY 11 2PM



AUTHOR SIGNING: AMANDA SELLET

Join us for a WhoDONUT party and signing with author Amanda Sellet. Her latest book, *Flirting With Murder*, features high school junior Virginia Tillis who visits her grandma Lainey's Florida condo to find quirky retirees, an unfortunate death, a cute boy from the airport, and a mysterious dead body. Book discussion to follow at 4 p.m. All ages are welcome.



East Hills Library **R**
Monday, June 8 6 p.m.

Presented by: Andrew McCrea

Hamilton

(2020) Rated PG-13



East Hills Library
Sunday, June 14
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Classically Speaking

Downtown Library
Saturday, June 20
1 p.m.

The Sacred, Ambitious, and Practical Declaration of Independence

presented by Dr. Dominic DeBrincat

Join us as Dr. DeBrincat explores this nation's founding document's creation, and the many valuable functions it has served since its drafting - protecting rights, indicting tyranny, defining global affairs, and shaping American identities.

Patriotic Tie-Dye



East Hills Library
Friday, July 3
10 a.m. For all ages!

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and show your American pride with red, white and blue tie-dye! Bring a 100% cotton t-shirt and we'll provide the dyes and instructions. Make sure to wear sunscreen, and clothes that can get stained.

Friday, July 10
1 p.m.

Downtown Library



City Indian

Presentation by Dr. Karen Kissinger



Dr. Karen Kissinger is a certified Life and Leadership Coach, former green business owner, and award winning educator. Dr. Kissinger is a member of the Iowa Indian Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Waylande Gregory: A Genius in our Town

Waylande Gregory left his unique creative mark on St. Joseph to be admired well beyond his lifetime. Lori McAlister will talk about his rise to fame as America's foremost ceramist in the 1930s and 40s.

East Hills Library
Monday, July 27
6 p.m.

The Story of US

Revolutionary Attitudes Toward Alcohol During the War for American Independence

Presented by Dr. Evan Banks

Downtown Library
Friday, July 31 1 p.m.

The American revolution was, arguably, more-or-less born in taverns and public houses. Would the revolution have happened without it? Join us as Dr. Evan Banks explores Revolutionary Revels.

Downtown Library
Friday, August 7 1 p.m.

Good Housekeeping magazine is a ubiquitous part of Americana. Dr. Paula Hayward looks back at the 1907 and 1908 *Good Housekeeping* issues as a form of social media outlining the cultural roles for women in the Edwardian era.

The Story of US

Good Housekeeping and the Edwardian Household

Presented by
Dr. Paula Hayward



The Story of US

The Eden Musee as Entertainment in St. Joseph during the 1880's and 90's.

Presented by Marina Trifan

Downtown Library
Friday, August 14 1 p.m.

Genealogy librarian Marina Trifan will be exploring the history of the Eden Musee, a popular Dime Museum and the cast of characters that passed through St. Joseph.

Downtown Library
Saturday, August 15 1 p.m.

Join us as Sarah Elder presents a brief history of railroads leading up to the Transcontinental Railroad and the role, or lack thereof, St. Joseph played. She will also outline the railroad's impact on Missouri and St. Joseph.

Classically Speaking

The Complicated History of the Transcontinental Railroad

Presented by Sarah Elder

Friends of the St. Joseph Public Library

Dinner & Annual Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 6 PM

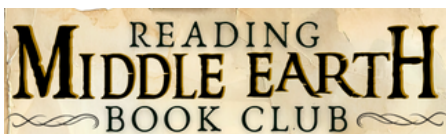
East Hills Library

Please R.S.V.P. to Katie 816-232-4038

Speaker: Dr. Dominic DeBrincat, presenting on the Boston Massacre

Adult Programs

Downtown



Reading Middle Earth **R**

Are you ready for an adventure? Join Dr. Paula Hayward this year as we take a literary journey through Middle Earth reading *The Lord of the Rings*.

Downtown Library

Tuesdays

June 23, July 28, August 25

5 p.m.

Watercolor Painting **R**

This will be a gentle introduction to basic watercolor techniques with beautiful results. All supplies provided.

Downtown Library

Thursdays

June 25, July 16, August 27

2 p.m.

Classically Speaking: Concepts of Calculus

What's the big deal about Calculus anyway? Join us as Dr. Jeffrey Poet introduces us to the ideas of calculus. This lecture will be light on computations and heavy on pictures and explanations.

Downtown Library

Saturday, July 18

1 p.m.

Golden Girls Watch Party **R**

Picture it...National Cheesecake Day 2026 at the Downtown Library...Nick shares his favorite episodes of the Golden Girls... Get your palazzo pants and kaftans on for the party! In case you're wondering, there will be cheesecake and a photo op with the stars too!

Downtown Library

Thursday, July 30

4 p.m.

East Hills

Spanish-English Conversation Club

You are invited to work on your Spanish or English language skills at this Conversation Club. Participants will work in matched pairs to help each other improve their spoken language skills in both languages. If you are learning either Spanish or English, this is a great place to practice in a judgment-free zone.

East Hills Library

Mondays, June 1 - 29

6 p.m.



Above: Creating needle-felted flowers at the East Hills Library.

Welcome to the Block

Join us at the Downtown Library as we celebrate the new Block and Street model of organizing our adult non-fiction collection.

Block Party!

August 9 12 - 2 p.m.

Take a guided tour of the non-fiction collection and journey through the blocks with a scavenger hunt. Beverages and light snacks will be served in the Owen Room.

Basic Knitting for Beginners **R**

August 10 3 p.m.

One of the new blocks is Hobbies & Sports! Join us at this program to learn the basics of knitting then go check out this block to find your new favorite hobby!

Off the Trail: Indoor Nature Study **R**

August 11 3 p.m.

Join us for a short lesson on nature journaling as we bring some of the wonders of nature inside.

Wacky Writing Prompts

August 13 3 p.m.

Stretch your writing skills with these wacky writing prompts in a judgment-free space. Prompts and encouragement will be provided along with paper and pencils.

When you check out non-fiction titles at the Downtown Library this week, you'll be entered into a drawing to win prizes!

East Hills

Casual Commander Club

Bring your own Magic the Gathering commander format deck to battle and destroy your friends and strangers! In this casual, multiplayer format, you choose a legendary creature to serve as your commander and build the rest of your deck around their color identity and unique abilities. The deck must have 100 cards, including your commander and power level 8 and under decks recommended.

East Hills Library

Thursdays, June 11 & 25
Thursdays, July 9 & 23
Thursday, August 27

6 p.m. This session explains Medicare

6 p.m. Program basics including

6 p.m. Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance), Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap), Medicare Advantage, Medicare drug coverage (Part D), Medicaid, other programs to help people with limited income and resources, and related resources.

Bingo Night

Join us for a fun-filled night of BINGO! Prizes will be provided by the library.

East Hills Library

Mondays,
June 15, July 20, August 17

6 p.m. Presented by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

What's Wrong with My Garden? Q & A

Gardening can be rewarding, but also frustrating when things are not growing as expected. Bring all your garden questions to Master Gardener, Dr. Todd Higgins. He'll use his expertise to try to answer your questions. Photo evidence will be helpful to him.

East Hills Library

Wednesday, July 22 6 p.m.

Needle Felted Forest Toadstools and Fairy House Mushrooms **R**

Fiber arts specialist, Sandra, will lead us to create our own unique toadstools and mushrooms using wool roving and a felting needle. Participants should bring an old towel or piece of foam to use as a felting mat; all other supplies will be provided.

East Hills Library

Saturday, August 1 10 a.m.

Medicare 101 **R**

East Hills Library

Monday, August 10 10 a.m.

True Crime Time - An Evening with a Detective

Detective Josh Rudisill will join us this month to talk about how the Sheriff's Department investigates local crimes.

East Hills Library

Thursday, August 20 6 p.m.



Above: Watercolor painting at the Downtown Library.

Navigating the Digital World & Cybersecurity for Adults **R**

Adults and seniors with basic to intermediate computer and internet experience can attend this comprehensive seminar designed to address existing knowledge gaps and provide valuable insights. Mr. Gorman will equip participants with the knowledge and skills to safely navigate the digital world and protect themselves online.

East Hills Library

Friday, August 21 10 a.m.

Washington Park

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Washington Park Library

Thursday, August 13 5 p.m.

Coffee & Puzzles

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Washington Park Library

Thursday, August 20 2 p.m.

FRIENDS FRONT ROW

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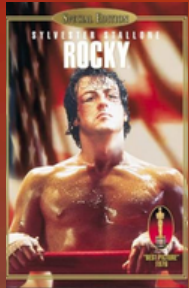
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July 7
The Sandlot
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2016 PG
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August 4
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2006 PG-13
2 hr 24 min



August 11
Strange Brew
1983 PG
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August 18
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August 25
Grease
1978 PG
1 hr 50 min

Hosted by professional movie critic

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Not all movies may be appropriate for all audiences.
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BOOK CLUBS

Embrace new adventures through reading and discussion by joining us at book club! You can join more than one book club and attend for some of the books or all of them.

Book club books are purchased by the Friends of the St. Joseph Library. Book club books are available for check out.



Diana Grier

Washington Park Library BYOBook Club at 1821 N. Third Street

Thursday, June 4 2 p.m.	Thursday, July 2 2 p.m.	Thursday, August 6 2 p.m.	BYOB: Bring your own books. No pressure, all-fun book club! Talk about whatever you've been reading lately and help us pick a monthly read to enjoy together. Come for the books, stay for the book people.
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Shirley Blakeney

East Hills Library Book Club at 502 N. Woodbine Road

<p>Everything Is Tuberculosis By John Green Tuesday, June 16 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Count My Lies By Sophie Stava Tuesday, July 21 10 a.m.</p>	<p>My Friends By Fredrik Backman Tuesday, August 18 10 a.m.</p>
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Jenny Ellis

Afternoon Tea Book Club at The Story Collective, 114 S. 7th Street

<p>Anne of a Different Island By Virginia Kantra Saturday, June 13 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Flirting with Murder By Amanda Sellet Saturday, July 11 4 p.m.</p>	<p>The Bookstore Diaries By Susan Mallery Saturday, August 8 4 p.m.</p>
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Jen Caton

Downtown Library Book Club at 927 Felix Street

<p>Listen for the Lie By Amy Tintera Monday, June 22 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Sandwich By Catherine Newman Monday, July 27 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Wrong Place, Wrong Time By Gillian McAllister Monday, August 24 5 p.m.</p>
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Jenny Ellis

Virtual Murder, She Read: Cozy Mystery Book Club Virtual on Zoom ^R

<p>Booking For Trouble ^R By Jenn McKinlay Wednesday, June 24 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Flirting With Murder By Amanda Sellet Wednesday, July 11 4 p.m. *Not virtual</p>	<p>Murder Will Out ^R By Jennifer K. Breedlove Wednesday, August 26 7 p.m.</p>
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BOOK REVIEWS WITH MS. READ

SUMMER COOKING



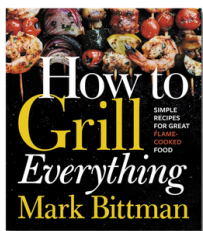
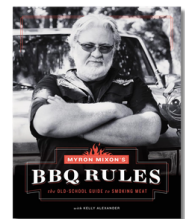
This month, the librarians at the St. Joseph Public Library are offering up a selection of cookbooks that focus on cooking outdoors or preparing meals in the summer. The books are available at the St. Joseph Public Library, at other Missouri Evergreen libraries, or from one of the SJPL eContent vendors. Visit the library's catalog at <https://sjpl.modiscovery.org> to find these or other great books to enjoy.



Camping With Kids Cookbook: Fun and Easy Recipes for the Whole Family by Amelia Mayer. This is not just a cookbook. If you are a parent, group leader, or adult friend, this book is aimed at getting the most out of the outdoor experience with kids and food. From planning, to prepping before the trip and using menus kids will like and can help prepare. Food safety, camp stove and campfire safety are well covered. Things kids can safely help with and what only adults should do are separated. THEN come the recipes.

Myron Mixon's BBQ Rules: The Old School Guide to Smoking Meats by Myron Mixon.

This book is not about grilling - that which most of us do in our back yards with our hot dogs or steaks. This book teaches the methods for traditional meat smoking, low temperature and long time in a vertically oriented smoker over direct heat. Few books or people will present these old school techniques. Many of the same terms used by grillers and smokers meaning different things add to the confusion.



How to Grill Everything: Simple Recipes for Great Flame-Cooked Food by Mark Bittman. This book is for the backyard cook who wants to keep the kitchen cooler, increase the umami flavor of their food or make cooking a social event. Bittman discusses the charcoal vs. gas debate, how to buy the right grill, grill accessories (which ones do you really need?) and the safe way to get started with your grill. The recipes cover appetizers to desserts and include three flavor variations for most recipes.

Outdoor Gourmet: Recipes to Bring Your Love of Good Food to the Campsite, the Backyard, and Beyond by Robin Donovan. This quick start guide to getting ready to move your cooking to the backyard, campsite or backwoods is concisely presented in a few pages, from must-have supplies to the nice to have along but not essential. A great food chart to have handy outdoors or in your kitchen is the guide of temperatures and cooking times for foods. The recipes that follow are given with an eye to using few utensils and limited ingredients but producing fine foods.



The Complete Summer Cookbook: Beat the Heat With 500 Recipes That Make the Most of Summer's Bounty by America's Test Kitchen. The unique aspect of this cookbook is the breakdown for each recipe of nutritional information, calories, total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium, carbs, fiber, sugar, and protein. This important information for those with special dietary needs is not found in most cookbooks. The recipes cover categories from small bites, countertop cooking, mains inspired by the farmer market, dinner-sized salads and preserve the season. The illustrations will leave you headed for the kitchen.



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