

Kirkwood Public Library OUTLOOK



Summertime and the Reading Is Easy

If you've never dipped your toes in the Summer Reading pool before, this is the year to jump in. Kirkwood Public Library offers a program for everyone.

Summer Reading runs May 29 – August 7. Log your reading time via our website at kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org to earn some fantastic prizes. The last day to claim prizes is August 7. But there's much more than earning prizes. Check out a few examples ...

- **Library Card Design contest:** Way cool. Enter a design to be printed on a special edition library card in honor of the opening of the newly renovated library.
- **Reading Buddies:** Great experiences in the past, more good times in the future. Teen volunteers help mentor younger children.
- **Special Events:** Soak up the fun! From a Water Balloon Battleship to a Wet 'n' Wild Water Adventure ... and Babaloo too!



KIDS

This summer, Kirkwood Public Library is the place to be. We're adding an extra dose of FUN to your summer reading experience starting on **sign-up day, May 29**. Join us at the library for a Tropical Moose snow cone (10 am – noon) and balloon animals from entertainer Sammy J (10 am – 1 pm).

Did you know there's a link between participating in Summer Reading and success at school? And since learning happens when kids are having fun, Kirkwood Public Library is putting a special emphasis on fun programs. You'll find scores of activities to help you *Make a Splash* at the library. Here's a small sampling to whet your appetite.

Family Book Club on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 for grades 4-6 and parents.

- June 16: *Dillon, Dillon* by Kate Banks
- July 14: *The Lacemaker and the Princess* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- August 4: *Zach's Lie* by Roland Smith

Family Book Club Junior on Monday evenings at 7:30 for grades 2-3 and parents

- June 14: *No Flying in the House* by Betty Brock
- July 12: *Alvin Ho – Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things* by Lenore Look

Stories in the Park returns every Tuesday evening at 6:30. Take a tour of Kirkwood parks with us, and enjoy some wonderful stories at the same time. It all starts June 1 at the Scout Shelter in Kirkwood Park. Plus – drum roll, please – be sure to bring your library card because *you can even check out a book from the park!* Our first theme: Beach!

We'll return many favorite programs like **Reading Buddies** and introduce new programs like the **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**.



TEEN

The new library will feature an area designed specifically for teens, but we're going to treat you special even before that with a Summer Reading program of your own.

It's a great time to be a teen in Kirkwood, and we're looking for some great teens this summer. Visit the teen section of kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org, and learn about some of the events we have planned this summer. You can create podcasts, work on film book trailers and truly make a difference when you mentor a Reading Buddy.

And oh, the places you can go! Here's a sample of what's coming:

- Create **Visual Poetry** and turn it into three-strip comics like you see on some of your favorite websites.
- Play a game of **Water Balloon Battleship** where you hurl water balloons to sink the competition.
- Learn about **Handwriting Analysis** and see what your handwriting reveals about you.
- Get the **Scoop on Scuba** with an entertaining presentation from The Great American Diving Company.
- See **Nick Fury and the Hip-Hop Fanatics** to pick up the latest dance tricks of the trade.
- So much more we don't have space to tell you about it all!

Summertime and the Reading Is Easy *continued*

Look for a flyer coming home with your student or pick up a flyer at the library that gives you all the details on Summer Reading 2010. And you can always find updated information on our website.

Summer Reading sponsors: The Missouri State Library, The Institute of Museum & Library Services, Kirkwood Parks & Recreation, Tropical Moose, Webster-Kirkwood Times, The Great American Diving Company, Hip-Hop Fanatics, McDonald's Restaurants, Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate, Fortel's Pizza Den, Kiki Bird Jewelry, Kirkwood Fire Department, Kirkwood Police Department, The Magic House, McArthur's Bakery, Paint Me Pottery, Kirkwood Aquatic Center.

All Summer Reading sign-ups begin May 29.

Kirkwood Public Library Makes Your Reading More Valuable!

In addition the joy of reading, you can earn some fantastic prizes during Summer Reading. Remember, August 7 is the last date to turn in your reading times and collect prizes. Update your reading online and earn these awards ...

Children

10-hour prize

16" beach ball
Tropical Moose coupon
Paint Me Pottery coupon

20-hour prize

Beach safe
McArthur's smiley face
cookie coupon
Chocolate Chocolate
Chocolate coupon

5-hour prize

Tropical fish bubbles
Magic House coupon
Fortel's coupon

30-hour prize

Free book

50-hour prize

Free book
Name in Webster-Kirkwood Times

Teen

20-hour prize

McDonald's coupon
Carry bag

30-hour prize

Free book

50-hour prize

Free book
Name in Webster-Kirkwood Times

5-hour prize

Mood pencil with sticky note pad

10-hour prize

18" metallic beach ball
Tropical Moose coupon



ADULTS

The average reading speed is about 225 words per minute. That means a typical 90,000-word book will take you in the neighborhood of seven hours to complete. Do that five

times this summer and you'll not only enjoy some fabulous reading, but we'll give you a book light for those page-turners that keep you up all night!

And that's just the beginning. There are lots more prize possibilities culminating in your very own mesh tote bag for reading 20 books this summer.

Make your summer more rewarding by joining a book discussion group. You might read a book you wouldn't ordinarily pick up and enjoy a moment of serendipity. Plus you'll have the opportunity to meet some fellow readers.

The adult Summer Reading program even includes some special activities when you want to take a break from reading. Take note of some of these opportunities:

Local Tours (reservations required; sign up at the Circulation desk):

June 2 – **Shaw Nature Reserve Wagon Tour** Meet at Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit by 9:45 am for a two-hour tour.

June 5 – **Herbaria Visit** Meet at 2016 Marconi Ave. on The Hill at 11:00 am for a tour of this fragrant soap factory.

Travel Discussions:

Join über traveler Gig Gwin – he's visited every country in the world! – for this fascinating series about the great rivers of the world. Each talk is at 7:30 pm downstairs at Kirkwood United Methodist church.

June 8 – The Nile River

June 22 – The Mississippi & Missouri Rivers

July 6 – Great European Rivers

July 20 – The Yangtze River

Stay tuned for more summer events including a Landscapers series and presentations on the Missouri-Mississippi river system from the Army Corps of Engineers.

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From the Stacks

After you check out a book recommendation from a member of the library staff, visit the library to check out the book.

Kathy Miller, Youth Services

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot

"If you're looking for a book to help lighten your life, these are the books for you. Herriot's series of books brighten the day of animal lovers everywhere. The author admires each person he encounters regardless of their station in life. His books are on my KEEP shelf, and every few years I go back and re-read them. They always make me smile with their humorous outlook on life."



Kerri Mattingly, Stack Maintenance & Administrative Assistant

The Blind Side by Michael Lewis

"This story is fascinating and suspenseful, but mostly it's amazing to think this actually happened. The book is very well written, and it's so much more than a football story. Get some good news for a change: You'll love the happy ending where something hopeful emerges from such a tragic world. This sparked my interest in football; I'll definitely be following Michael Oher's career now!"



Chris Durr, Teen Coordinator

The Chosen One by Carol Lynch Williams

"This story gives an inside look at the world of polygamy from a perspective that we don't often consider: that of a 14-year-old girl. The main character has a strong voice and is complex – at times mature, at times selfish, but always realistic. It's a quick read with a well-drawn world. The book is written in both prose and verse, a device that creates an interesting effect."



Tess Devine, Stack Maintenance

Derby Girl by Shauna Cross

"I picked this book up because I was interested in the movie *Whip It*, which is *Derby Girl's* film adaptation. I loved the novel because most of the female characters are strong and independent, two attributes more heroines in other novels should have. This isn't the typical teen book where things end happily ever after, but it still ends on a happy note. The author did a great job of creating a unique character who can relate to the reader."



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

All book discussions are open to adults of all ages. Even better, all books are available for checkout at the library. To sign up for free, call the library at 821-5770 ext. 1020 and ask for Joan.

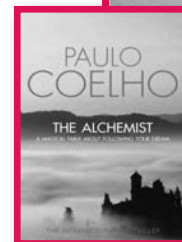
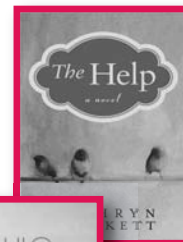
SATURDAY MORNING "PERKS"

This book discussion group meets at Rose Hill House, 625 W. Rose Hill Ave. They gather approximately every six weeks on Saturday mornings at 10 am.

May 22 *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

June 26 *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

July 24 *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick



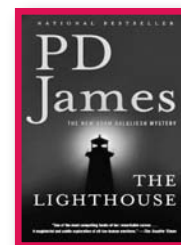
MYSTERIES OF SUMMER

Join other fans as we discuss mayhem and mystery this summer. In fact, even the location of these discussions is a mystery at press time. So visit the library or our website to discover where we're meeting!

June 19 *The Tulip Virus* by Danielle Hermans; 10 am

July 7 *The Lighthouse* by P.D. James with guest speaker Sally Kopman from Washington University's Lifelong Learning program; 2 pm

August 4 *Dare to Die: A Death on Demand Mystery* by Carolyn Hart; 2 pm. We plan to gather at the library at 140 E. Jefferson.



Joy Costin, Stack Maintenance

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

"I heard so many great reviews of this book from friends, and the subject matter piqued my interest. I wasn't disappointed! It was compelling and fascinating to read about the relationships between blacks and whites, mothers and daughters, young and old, and even between the friends in this story.

Setting the book in the tumultuous time of 1960s Mississippi makes it even stronger. Plus, growing up in a part of the country where this was so foreign to me gave me an interesting insight into that part of the country."



Take Time to Gaze at Our Library Displays

Here's a sneak preview of the displays we're planning throughout the library in the coming months.

For our third year,

Youth Services will display the books picked by selected school staff. This year's selection will come from St. Peter Catholic School. So stop by and see the displays in our children's area to let us know if you've read any of these great books. If you have, put your moniker under the poster displaying that story. Have fun!

MAY

Children:

Out of This World features books on outer space. We'll also display cool new summer reads.

Teen: Promenade

The sweetest dream or the worst nightmare of many a teen. Stories about dances and dresses and a teenage rite of passage. Horror movies with far too many deaths to count. And, of course, music – from waltzes to dance. Prom is on display at KPL.

Family: Celebrate

Featured displays include:

- The Mothers in Your Life: Books by and about mothers, plus self-help books on mothering.
- May Flowers: Gardening in the Midwest.
- The Boys of Summer: Baseball books and movies.

- Horse Racing: Nonfiction books about racing on the rail with mysteries of Dick Francis sneaking up along the outside
- Going Green
- Travel

JUNE

Children:

Let's Have A Party will show books on kid party ideas.

Also, be sure to check out our display of Underwater Creatures.

Teen: Great Summer Reads

What do the teachers like their students to read during summer? Only one way to find out: Stop by the KPL teen section!

Family: Celebrate Some More

Featured displays include:

- The Fathers in Your Life: Books by and about fathers, plus self-help books on fathering and fathers of the revolution
- Golf
- Fun in the Sun: Games and activities for kids

- National Rose Month: Gardening books on roses

JULY

Children:

Pirates Arrr, matey. You landlubbers might drop anchor and visit this Jolly Roger!

Step back and check out Let's Take A Vacation.

Teen: Light Up the Sky

Novels that light up the sky – from big names that deserve to be written in lights to those pesky magical beings that shoot fire into the night! Come check out all the greatest titles to light up the sky!

Family: Summertime

Featured displays include:

- Summertime and the Livin' is Easy: Fiction revolving around summertime
- Summer Lovin': Summer romances
- Preparing for college
- Musicals: CDs and DVDs of area productions
- Bastille Day: Books about France

Once Upon A Time ...

A stop by the children's area of the library many a morning will turn any frown upside down. It's impossible not to smile and laugh when the talented Youth Services staff lead kids to a wonderful, beautiful, no bad, very good day. Check the schedule for the next story time, and remember Tuesday Nights at the Park this summer!



Sneak Preview

Coming Soon...

According to Randy Miltenberger, president of the Board of Trustees, “contract work will be finished with the renovated library in June, but there’s lots more to do.”

There is still shelving, furniture and books to move, computers to connect, telephones to hook up and more. But your new library is scheduled to welcome patrons this summer. After making your grand entrance, what should you check out besides a good book? “The center stairwell,” says Miltenberger. “With the skylight above, the light will come pouring in.”



Out In The Street

Q: What book inspired you when you were growing up?



“*For God and Country* by MacKinlay Kantor. He was a Pulitzer Prize winning author from Webster City, Iowa,

where I grew up. The book described his experiences as a Boy Scout leader in the 1930s. I was in the same scout troop in the 1960s. The book became a movie (*Follow Me Boys*) in 1965 with Fred MacMurray as the scoutmaster.”

– Tom Williams, Superintendent of Kirkwood Schools



“The Berenstain Bears books. They’re always about family, and family is very important to me. I have the books for my kids now, and we all learn from them.”

– Rachel Woodson, a family-first nanny



“It has to be *Gone With The Wind*. Everything about it was great, and I’m reading (again!) one of the sequels now. I’d like to visit Tara.”

– Stephanie Burba, Mother & Story Time fan

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Friday & Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

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The library has submitted and accepted bids for furnishings in the new building. The bond issue covered the cost of the renovation, and we're seeking help from the community to cover costs for furniture. Consider a gift to help your fellow Kirkwoodians enjoy a visit to the library. Donors who give in excess of \$500 will be recognized on a special plaque that will hang prominently inside the new library. See Acting Director Sarah Erwin for details. Reach her at 821-5770 x1016 or via email at serwin@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org.

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