

Kirkwood Public Library OUTLOOK



Moving Back! *There's no place like home.*

Saturday, July 17. Fourteen months after setting up shop in temporary quarters at Station Plaza, the library re-opened its doors – new front doors – at 140 East Jefferson. It's been a community effort all the way.

“We’re so appreciative of all the people that have worked so hard,” Library Director Sarah Erwin said on opening day. “It was so exciting opening the doors at 9 a.m. I said ‘Welcome back’ and a line of enthusiastic people cheered.”

Randy Miltenberger, who served as president of the Board of Trustees and oversaw much of the construction, echoed those thoughts. “I can’t give enough thanks to the patrons for their understanding, the civil servants of Kirkwood who have helped throughout and the library staff that have done such great work of adjusting to temporary and now new space.”

Miltenberger was particularly pleased with how the center staircase turned out. “It’s so much more than vertical transportation. It brings light pouring into the library and acts as a way finding point.” *continued, page 2*



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Take that staircase to the upper level and what used to be a mezzanine is now a larger area that houses offices, nonfiction and reference material. It also affords you an incredible view of downtown Kirkwood. And if you don't want to take the staircase, a new elevator now travels to all three floors instead of just to the basement.

Go the other direction and take the stairway from the main level down to the children's area, and you'll have a hard time suppressing a smile. "We're fortunate to have a very active children's area," Erwin says, clearly excited about each different part of the new library.

"The entire building is so much more open. I love seeing people sitting throughout the library and reading. And the skylight brings in so much light. We're very fortunate to have all this space."

It's good to be back home.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book discussions are open to adults of all ages, and 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.

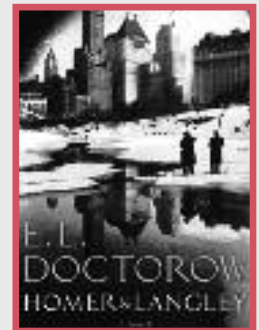
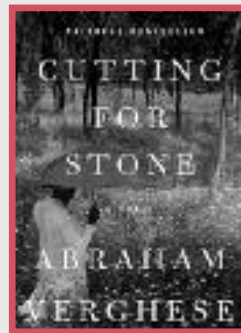
SATURDAY MORNING "PERKS"

This discussion takes place approximately every six weeks on Saturday mornings at 10 am. Come join us!

September 18 *Cutting for Stone*
by Abraham Verghese

October 30 *Homer and Langley*
by E.L. Doctorow

December 11 *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*
by Beth Hoffman



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From the Stacks

Our staff loves it when they can match a patron with a good read. See if any of these reads sound like your kind of story, then check out the book at the library.

Yoon Park, Circulation

***Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea* by Barbara Demick**

“This book is about the ordinary lives of six individuals who defect from North Korea. The author shows great empathy for the people who are suffering under an unimaginably oppressive regime. My family was among the million who fled North Korea during the war, and I noticed this book title while checking it out to a patron. I immediately added my name to the request list. The story gives an amazing peek into the most isolated country on the face of the earth today.”



Leann Genovese, Circulation

***Just Kids* by Patti Smith**

“Just kids? They were much more than that. This is a well-written story about friendship through thick and thin. If you’re curious about the art scene in the 60s, this offers an interesting perspective. If you’re curious about Patti Smith and Robert Mapplethorpe, it is a first person account of their lives together. Mostly though, I would pick this up if you want to learn about unconditional acceptance, friendship and promises kept even after death.”



Julia McDonald, Information Services

***The Girl Who Chased the Moon* by Sarah Addison Allen**

“This work of fiction is realism with a touch of magic. Everyone wishes for a little fantasy in their life. I love the story of two women searching for their place in a town of lovable misfits. They discover the unexpected fits right in. You’ll find wonderful messages, warm characters, romantic whimsy and quirky settings. If you like fiction a little left of center – okay, a lot left of center – this won’t disappoint.”



Joan Deuschle, Information Services

***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See**

“Set in China many years ago, this story follows two little girls who grow up bound by tradition. I learned so much about Chinese customs concerning marriage and the society of women in upper class China. I will never forget the descriptions of foot binding and the hardships these women had to go through because of this horrible disfigurement. This love story is told with respect and serenity. I think women of all ages would love this book.”



Anne Girouard, Circulation Manager

***The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O’Farrell**

“The story is a bit of a puzzle. It has three very different narratives going on, and it’s through each of these narratives that the whole picture becomes clear. If you enjoy multi-layered stories that explore families and the actions and emotions that drive and shape them – love, hatred, betrayal, jealousy – then this is a must read. You’ll discover the a life lost and the ultimate price for a family’s secret.”

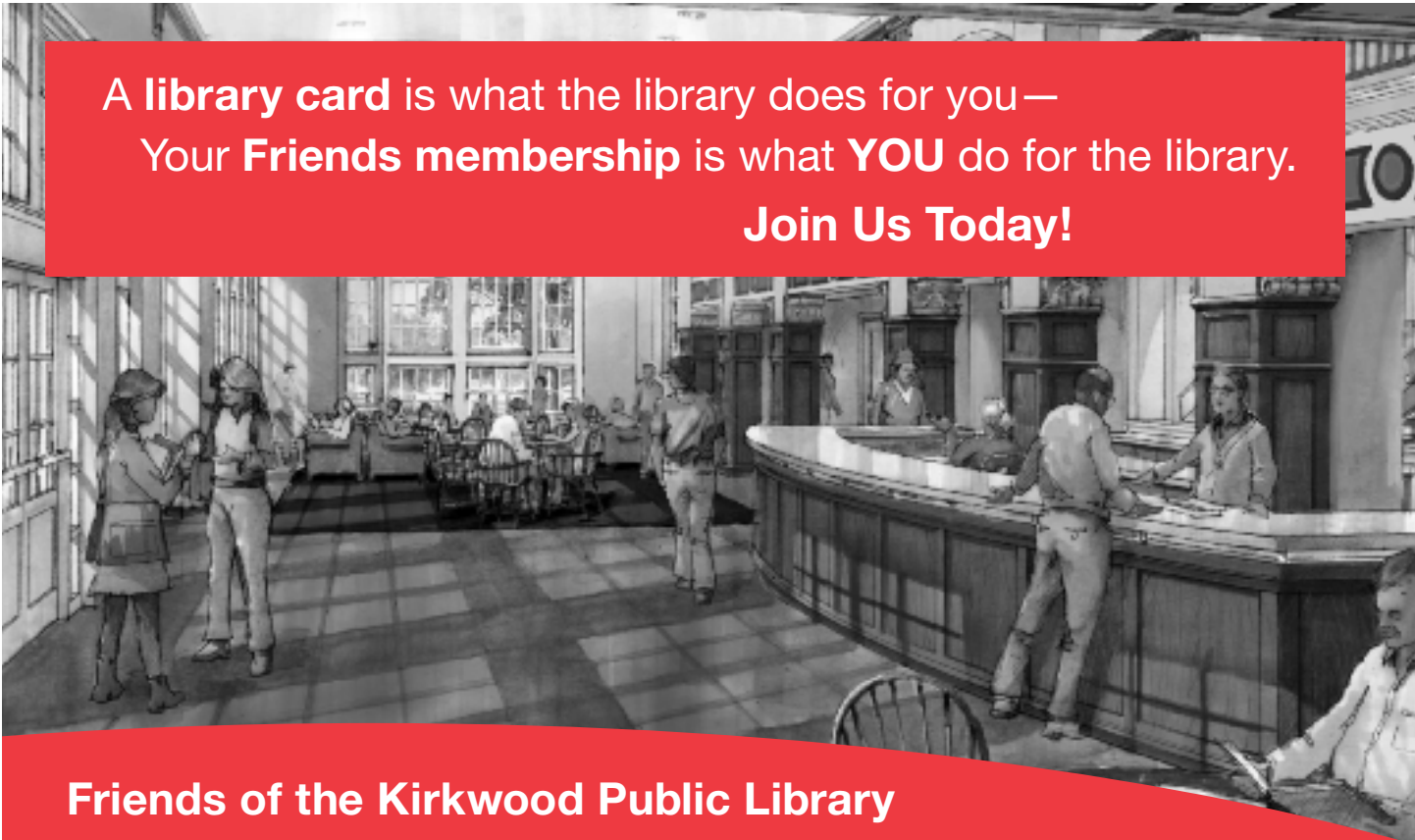


Clarice Baum, Youth Services

***Virgin of Small Plains* by Nancy Pickard**

“This book was riveting with several twists and turns that kept me reading. It’s a good read for someone who wants a quick, somewhat suspenseful story. If you like the mystery genre and are looking for a new writer with a different style than the old standbys, this might be the book for you. You’ll read about a small midwestern community in a story that will keep you guessing until the very end.”





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Heard in the Library

Q: What is your favorite place inside the new library?

“Right by the bay window. There’s sunshine and it’s so open.”

– Ali,
Kirkwood
High junior



“The little potty.”

– Kate, who is now a big girl
(unless you ask Mom)



“There are lots of great places here. I love history and when I walked up to the top floor and saw the collection, that was my favorite place.”

– Rick Stream, State Representative



“We’re very impressed. Everything is very inviting. The scattered computers are great. It’s not cluttered. There are better sight lines. And the mural is great to see.”

– Jackie Hittner & Charles Croissant,
library purveyors



“Since there’s no hot dog stand, I imagine we’ll be spending most of our time in the kid’s area.”

– Joe Clement, artist and father



“I like how the design gives the kids and the teens each their own area. But me, I’ll be upstairs in non-fiction.”

– Sheila
Brown,
nursing
student



“The children’s area is real nice. Plus it has lots of computers, so I can play games.”

– Mikey,
11, who
enjoys the
occasional
hockey
game
on the
computer



“Did you see the entryway? It’s so open and cool.”

– Jasmine
Robinson,
who enjoys
horror
flicks from
the library



“The teen section. It’s cool that you can fit all those good books in that small section.”

– George, 12, North Kirkwood
middle schooler who
appreciates fine design



“The openness. It’s the same amount of space, but it feels so much bigger.”

– Eric Thomas, 46, a fan of Jim Butcher
and The Dresden Files



Check Out the new Library Displays

Get a sneak preview of the library displays we're planning in the coming months.

AUGUST

Children: Red Books!

Have you read a red book? This isn't only about red books, this is also about reading books that have been well read and withstood the test of time. Some books – Dr. Seuss' *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* comes to mind – are well-read red books.

Teen: Book Bundles

Our teen volunteers will put together groups of books and arrange them by common themes. You get to check out three books that all have something in common.

Adult: Summertime

Featured displays include:

- **Dog Days of Summer**
 - Dog-themed mysteries
 - Nonfiction books about Man's Best Friend
- **School's In**
 - Study guides
 - School-themed fiction
 - Nonfiction books about education

- Summer Sports – Golf and Baseball Books
- Hot celebrity biographies
- Travel-themed biographies
- Hot Reads and Hot DVDs
- Musicals

SEPTEMBER

Children: The Cat's Pajamas

Pajamas are fun. Cats are mysterious. Put them together, and you have lots of mysterious fun. And lots of great reading material.

Teen: Back to School

After you've settled in to your new classes at school, settle into the new teen section at the library. In addition to great reads, you'll find some computers to help with your studying.

Adult: Autumn

Featured displays include:

- **Fall into Good Books**
 - Classics
 - Autumn-themed fiction
 - Autumn mysteries

- Autumn cookbooks: soups, stews, baking
- Soccer
- Favorite TV series DVDs

OCTOBER

Children: In the Thrill of the Night

The line between adventure and scary is a very blurry line. These adventure books and scary stories will keep you on the edge of your seat. Maybe you'll even wind up in the same seat with Mom or Dad!

Teen: Graphic in October

Let's get graphic this month. We'll concentrate on photo books and, of course, graphic novels.

Adult: Bewitching

Features this month include:

- Scary movies for Halloween
- Spooktacular mysteries
- Cat-themed mysteries
- Stephen King books

Coming Soon...

As we put the finishing touches on our new space, watch for these and other exciting events coming to your library.

Computer classes in our new training classroom will resume shortly. As soon as we get up and running, we'll post the new schedule at the circulation desk. You can also check the website at kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org for an updated list of all computer classes. Classes are free and open to the public.

A Journaling class with former high school English teacher and current reference librarian Pat Zavadil begins in September. Keep a written record of your thoughts, passions, frustrations and experiences. Journal writing doesn't require perfect prose, great spelling or even punctuation. It's you being you. That means we're all qualified! Classes will run every other Monday at 7 p.m. starting September 13 in the auditorium. Sign up at the front desk.

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SEPTEMBER



Boys versus Girls: The Teen area presents a series of competitions where the teams are gender based. Do boys know their mascara from their eyeliner? Can girls pick a Hail Mary versus a flea flicker? We'll compete on the Wii and engage in a library scavenger hunt too.

LOL @ your library. This teen event will show off some of the funnier parts of the Internet. We'll play improv games that will lead to Laugh Out Loud fun!

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