

Kirkwood Public Library OUTLOOK



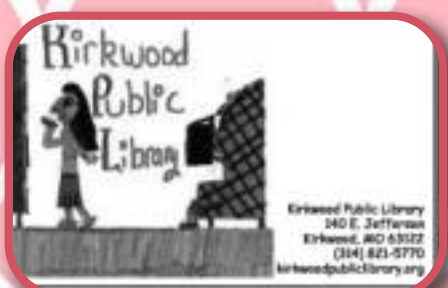
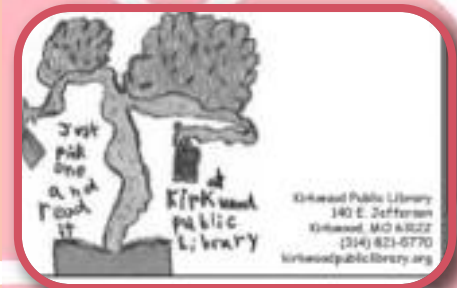
Library Holds First-Ever Card Design Contest

Six Winners Chosen

Our inaugural contest was inspired by St. Paul Public Library, with winners announced at our grand opening celebration in August. Public response was phenomenal with over 75 kids and teens submitting artwork. Artists were judged on three criteria: theme, creativity and clarity. Three winners were selected in each of the two categories – teen and kids. Director Erwin unveiled the winners after the ribbon cutting festivities and each winner came up to the podium to receive a gift card from Barnes and Noble and a Design Award Certificate. The winning cards, on display in the library lobby, along with our original red and white card (standard card and key chain card, too) are available at the Circulation Desk.



(photo courtesy of Bill Burckhalter)



St. Louis: People, Events and Scenes That Made History

Three local authors will continue our winter programs featuring St. Louis history. Saturday, Nov. 6 at 10:00 am: Thomas Danisi was never content with historians writing about the life and death Meriwether Lewis. His book, *Meriwether Lewis*, reveals the man who led the Lewis and Clark Expedition from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean and later served as the first governor of the Indian Territory. Danisi will enlighten his audience with his research and writing and how he developed his conclusions about a man who influenced the early economic and political history of St. Louis.

Saturday, Nov. 13 at 10:00 am: Residents of the Show Me state are acquainted with the unpredictable and unexplainable weather in our region. In his book, *Show Me Nature's Wrath*, Don Corrigan, former editor of the *Webster/Kirkwood Times*, sites Missouri weather records and natural disasters from 1543 to 2009. He will highlight tornadoes, lightning strikes, hail, ice storms, blizzards, cold spells, heat waves and floods and show how they affected people and the land.

Saturday, Nov. 27 at 10:00 am: The intersection of Boyle and Olive Streets was the scene of a social Renaissance in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Richard Fuegner returns to the location in *Gaslight Square Illuminated*, offering the readers a glimpse into the sweet, brief experience of "Gaslight." He will discuss how he was persuaded to write his book, how he gathered information and photographs from the Missouri Historical Society and what chance there may be for a rebirth of Gaslight Square.

All three authors will have copies of their books for purchase and signing. Call 821-5770, ext. 1012 with questions.



Winter Wednesdays are Wonderful in Youth Services

Kids, are you looking for a little after school fun? Visit the library on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5 pm for our After School Specials! A different activity is featured each week of the month. Play board games, join our chess club, make a craft, or build with our Lego Club.

Almost 50 children constructed Lego models at our September meeting. The October craft was a "monster treat carrier" for those Halloween sweets.

Upcoming After School Specials:	December 8 - Lego Club
November 10 - Lego Club	December 15 - Board Games
November 17 - Board Games	December 22 - Chess Play
December 1 - Make & Take Craft	

BRRR It's Cold Outside! Accessing KPL From Home

How can I check my library account and renew my materials from home?

You have several options! During library operating hours, have your library card number handy and call the Circulation Department at 821-5770, ext. 0 to renew items. 24/7 you can also call our automatic renewal service that we share with the other libraries in the consortium: 863-6408 (you'll also need your library card number).

Also available to you any time of day or night, is the library web site at www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org. From the homepage, click on Find It at the top of the page, and then click on My Account. You will need your library card number, found on the back of the card. Enter the number as one long number, no spaces. Once you are logged in to your account, you can view Items Out (divided into items *Checked Out*, items *Overdue*, and items *Lost*). Here you can renew items online.

When you first check an item out, you keep the item for three weeks (unless it is a Hot Read or a Hot DVD). You are allowed up to two renewals for each item as long as the item is not on request by another patron. (Remember, Hot Reads and Hot DVDs can't be renewed). Click the boxes by the items you would like to renew, and then click the Renew button. If one of your items can't be renewed, a message in red ink will appear above the Renew button: "One or more of your items did not renew. Please scroll down for details."

Checking out? In FY 10, 47.07% of items went through self-checkout, compared to 40.64

From the Stacks

Want to curl up by the fire with a good, warm book? Check out what some of the staff at the library have recently read.

**Mark Hassenmueller,
Maintenance**

Present Value by Sabin Willett

"This book is about unconditional love, right over wrong. I loved the simple, straight forward message. I could see Tom Cruise playing the lead with Kelly Travolta playing his wife. Next on my reading list is *Pursuit of Honor* by Vince Flynn, a political thriller loaded with covert intelligence and pulse pounding prose."



Sue Rainer, Circulation

**Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English by
Natasha Solomons**

"In 1937 the Rosenblums leave Germany to begin a new life in England. From the moment they arrive Mr. Rosenblum works very hard to learn the ways of the English and to become a proper gentleman. Living in London and then the countryside, Mr. Rosenblum learns how the true friendship of the villagers can help him achieve his dreams. This would be a great book to read on a fall evening with a cup of tea. Next on my reading list is Mitch Albom's *Have a Little Faith*."



**Pat Rohan, Reference /Information
Services Manager**

**The Mapping of Love and Death: A Maisie
Dobbs Novel by Jacqueline Winspear**

"In 1931, Maisie investigates the wartime death of an American officer who served in the British Army as a cartographer. The sixth book in a series, Maisie's character shows intelligence, determination, patience and understanding. The plots in her series provide a wealth of fascinating characters and insight into British experience and suffering in World War I. If not a day on the beach, a comfortable winged-back armchair and a cup of hot tea (lemon, please) would be another perfect atmosphere for joining Maisie's investigations in foggy London and misty southern England."



PJ Roush, Circulation

Nature Girl by Carl Hiaasen

"Hiassen's many quirky characters get into the most outrageous predicaments that you just can't help but laugh out loud. The author does a great job of describing the characters and the environment in which the story plays out. Jodie Foster and John Travolta should play the two main characters if this were ever made into a movie. I'm looking forward to reading *Star Island* (also by Hiassen), but next on my reading list is *Montana 1948* by Larry Watson."



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book discussions listed below meet in the library's meeting room and are open to adults of all ages. All books are available for check-out at the library. To sign up for free, call the library at 821-5770 ext. 1012.

SATURDAY MORNING "PERKS"

Meets at 10 am

Saturday, Dec. 11:

Saving CeeCee Honeycutt
by Beth Hoffman



Saturday, Jan. 22:

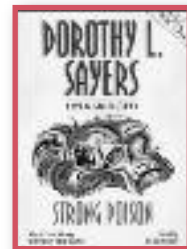
River of Doubt
by Candice Millard

MYSTERY READERS BOOK CLUB

Meets at 2 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 15:

Strong Poison
by Dorothy Sayers



Wednesday, Jan. 19:

Man in the Brown Suit
by Agatha Christie

Mary Loida, Clerical

**The Secret Man: The Story of
Watergate's Deep Throat by
Bob Woodward**

"This book offers great insight into one of the best kept secrets of the last 40 years. If you have yet to, I would read *All the President's Men* by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward. These books aren't just about Watergate – they are terrific reads on journalism, politics, and the motivations behind the choices people make. Nothing is ever simple."



Check Out the new Library Displays

We love all of the display space in the renovated library!

NOVEMBER

Children:

Faith and Friends – Enjoy books about the warmth of friendship and religious traditions around the world

Native Americans – Tribes, tales and traditions

Teen: Gamer's Paradise

Video games in books from *Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow to *Ender's Game* by Orsen Scott Card to Gaming Magazines to our new Wii games

Family: Holiday Treats

Featured displays include:

- Getting Ready for the Holidays! Cooking, Baking, Crafts
- Thanksgiving – A History
- Celebrate Mark Twain
- Remembering John F. Kennedy
- Veteran's Day
- Celebrate Aviation Month
- All Saint's Day
- Holiday Movies
- Holiday Music

DECEMBER

Children:

Party Time – Books about holidays and special events

Gifts to Make – Take a peek at all there is to make and give

Teen: Teen Advisory Picks and Profiles

Family: Home for the Holidays

Featured displays include:

- Holidays! Cooking, Baking, Crafts
- Christmas – A History
- Holiday Movies
- Holiday Music
- Happy Birthday, Walter Elias Disney!
- Remembering Pearl Harbor
- The Works of Emily Dickinson
- The Noble Peace Prize
- Beethoven's Classics

JANUARY

Children:

The Long Winter – Snuggle up with a great juvenile fiction book.

You Can Build It –Fun things to build and architecture.

Teen: Teen Romance

Family: Keeping Busy During Winter

Featured displays include:
New Year's Resolutions:

- Get Fit!
- Financial Fitness
- Home Improvement
- Self Improvement
- Soups & Stews
- The Works of J.R.R. Tolkien
- Sherlock Holmes
- Elvis Classics
- Super Bowl
- Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Computer classes

Computer classes are back beginning Thursdays in January! To sign up, call 821-5770 ext. 1012 or stop by the Reference/Information Services Desk. Space is limited! All classes are free, however due to high demand if you sign-up and do not call to cancel, a \$2 charge will be placed on your library account. Classes will be taught in the library's main level training room. ee.

1/6	10:30-12:30 pm	Essentials of Word 2007
1/13	10:30-12:30 pm	Essentials of Excel 2007
1/20	10:30-12:30 pm	Essentials of Publisher 2007
1/27	10:30-12:30 pm	Essentials of PowerPoint 2007
2/3	10:30-12:30 pm	Essentials of Access 2007
2/10	10:30-12:30 pm	Essentials of Digital Pictures/Picasa
2/17	10:30-12:30 pm	Essentials of Email
2/24	10:30-12:30 pm	Essentials of Charts & Tables in Word & Excel 2007
3/3	10:30-12:30 pm	Advanced Word 2007
3/10	10:30-12:30 pm	Advanced Excel 2007
3/17	10:30-12:30 pm	Mail Merge
3/24	10:30-12:30 pm	Searching & Security on the Internet
3/31	10:30-12:30 pm	Windows XP

We're also excited to offer Drop in Computer Help on Tuesdays, 10:30-12:30 pm beginning January 4th through March 29th. No sign-up required. Our IT Assistant as well as laptops will be available in the library's training room. Bring your projects and your questions.

Sneak Preview

Coming Soon to Kirkwood Public Library

Mark your calendars for some exciting events on the horizon.

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NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1:30 pm

Cinema KPL presents "Plymouth Adventure" starring Spencer Tracy and Gene Tierney in this Hollywood classic about life aboard the *Mayflower*. Call ext. 1012 with questions.

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DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 27, 10 am

Winter Break Stories in Youth Services. Take a break from the holiday excitement. Stories and a cool craft.

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DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 11, 10 am

Gig Gwin invites us to enjoy his world of travel and adventure. After tempting the audiences at his world rivers programs this past summer, Gig's presentation will include information and personal experiences as he discusses writing his first book, *Travel Dreams Sold Here*. Gig's will have copies of his book available for purchase and signing. Call ext. 1012 with questions.

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DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec. 30, 7 pm

Family Bingo Night - Bring the whole family to this event and play a game perfect for young and old

Out in The Street

Q: My favorite reading spot is...

"I prefer the couch, but I get most of my reading done on an airplane. I travel a lot and reading is the only benefit to spending so much time in the air."

— Cindy Buhse, Kirkwood resident.



"Our living room has a wonderful place to read by the fireplace. I also love to read stories at night with my daughter, Gwen, in the comfy rocker in her bedroom."

--Rev. David Denoon, Minister at First Congregational Church of Webster Groves and his daughter, Gwen.



"I love to read in almost any park, but especially Walker. I enjoy sitting by the fountain in the shade with the bubbles gurgling in the background."

--Murray Pounds, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Letter from Santa

Santa needs help with his correspondence this year, so members of the Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library are coming to his rescue. We'll be happy to send a Letter from Santa to all the children in your life — no matter how young or old! Just give us a little information about each, and that person will receive a personalized letter from the jolly old elf himself.

For each letter, please complete a copy of the form below and send a check in the amount of \$6.00 payable to Friends of KPL, Attn: Santa Letter, 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122-4026. Deadlines:

For requests received by **December 8**, every effort will be made to have the letter postmarked at the North Pole. Requests received from **December 9 through December 18** will be postmarked locally. All requests must be received by **December 18**.

Please feel free to copy this sheet as much as you like to share this wonderful program with friends and neighbors. Remember, the letter is being mailed, so no matter where that special person is — or where you are — Santa's letter will get there!

Please complete this form and return it with a \$6.00 donation to: Friends of KPL, Attn: Santa Letter, 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122-4026.

Child's first name: _____ Last name: _____

Boy or girl? _____ Age: _____

Child's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

A special accomplishment of this child: _____

One thing this child needs to work on (for example, saying 'please' and 'thank you'): _____

Santa will get updates from: Mom _____ or Dad _____ or Grandma (name) _____ or

Grandpa (name) _____ or Teacher (name) _____

Names of siblings, family members, or pets who live with this child: _____
(please identify each person or pet)

(Please complete a separate form for each letter.)

This letter has been requested by:

(We will not share any of this information)

Your name: _____ Phone number: _____

Your address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your email address: _____

Thank you for supporting Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library

Kick Off the holidays ...



... with the Friends in the beautiful new Kirkwood Public Library. On Sunday, November 21, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., join the Friends at a special holiday event. You'll enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer and will have an opportunity to purchase the newest items in Books &

Beyond, the Friends Gift Shop. Holiday discounts on special gift items and our gently used books will be available to guests that evening only. Browse and shop to your heart's content all evening long. We'll hold your packages for you while you enjoy the camaraderie. What a great way to get your holiday shopping under way while helping the Friends support KPL. We'll also have a Giving Tree so you can give a special gift exclusively to the library. Literary mingling, light jazz, holiday cheer ... and all the while raising funds for KPL. What a wonderful way to kick off the holidays.

Just fill out the form below and mail it with your check so that we receive it by November 17.

BOOKS & BEYOND

The Friends Gift Shop

Join us November 21
to kick off the
holidays and receive
special discounts on
gifts and books.

Bob Rubright Speaks at Friends Program

On Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm in the lower level meeting room of KPL, Robert Rubright, cultural historian and author of *Breakfast, Lunch and Diner*, a light-hearted look at 84 restaurants in the St. Louis region, including Spencer's Grill in Kirkwood and Carl's Drive-In in Brentwood, will discuss how he picked his restaurants from the nearly 850 restaurants his small luncheon group explores every Tuesday. "If the restaurant doesn't have great stories and memorable characters, I can't write about it," he says.

The program is free and open to the public. Attendance is limited to the first 100 people who register. Sign-up in Books & Beyond Gift Shop or call 821-5770, ext. 1023 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

**Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library invite you to
join us on Sunday, November 21 from 6:00 until 9:00 pm at Kirkwood Public Library for our**

Holiday Kick Off

Start your holidays off right with good "Friends"

Come enjoy an array of tasty hors d'oeuvres with your favorite beverage, and light jazz.
Shop for holiday gifts, and receive special discounts available for this event only on items offered by Books & Beyond.
Choose gifts for KPL from the Giving Tree.

Reservations required by November 17.

Complete the form below and make your check payable to **Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library.**

Mail the form and your check to us at **140 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122**

I would like to make reservations for _____ members at \$25.00 each
and _____ non-members at \$30.00 each

Name(s) _____

Address _____
Street address City State Zip

Email address _____

Telephone _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

To receive the special members-only rate for this event, I'd like to join the Friends at the \$25 level, \$50 level, \$100 level, \$250 level, or \$500 level (please circle one).
I've included the membership fee in my enclosed check.

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Monday – Thursday: 9am – 9pm

Friday & Saturday: 9am – 5pm

Sunday: 1pm – 5pm

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kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/newsletters.asp

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