

Kirkwood Public Library OUTLOOK



A Chat with Trustee President Randy Miltenberger

Renovation Update

Sit down with KPL Board of Trustees President Randy Miltenberger and you'll get to laugh with him (he's got some funny stories) and cry with him (if he brings up his golf game). But turn the conversation to the beloved library, and he's all business. We caught up with him just after he finished reading the latest Dan Brown novel, *The Lost Symbol*.

OL (Outlook): You're an architect by trade, so was it a lucky convenience that you got involved with the library just prior to the renovation?

RM: No, it was the fact that Mike Swoboda asked me, and if you knew Mike, you know you didn't say No to him.

OL: Let's start with the RFQ process to select the design team.

RM: We chose three of the responses to interview, and selected Bond Wolfe as the architects. They put drawings together, sent them out for bids, and then we issued the bonds.

OL: And you had brilliant timing or at least fortuitous timing.

RM: Timing was absolutely wonderful. We got additional dollars with the bond issuance, plus timing was good with the bid process due to the construction market being very slow. So we got more bang for our buck from several directions.



OL: How does Bond Wolfe design the new library?

RM: We've got a list of needs. We need this amount of meeting rooms. A computer lab, reading room, children's area, etc. We knew we were only going to have x amount of square feet. The old building was just under 23,000 square feet. When we get done, in a smaller footprint, we'll have about 25,000 square feet.

OL: For the math-challenged among us, explain how you fit more square feet into a smaller footprint.

RM: Remember the second floor on the old building? Very small. When we rebuild that, we'll have a full floor on the garden level, first floor and second floor.

OL: Garden level?

RM: (Smiles) That's right.

OL: So you told them what we needed and they did the design.

RM: Originally, we wanted to take out all the bumps and extra steps in the lower level. They came back and said they could tear down that section and build it new with a better structure and much more efficiency, and do it all at the same price.

OL: What type of community involvement has been included in this process?



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RM: We talked to people before we passed the bond issue to see what they liked about the library and why the original bond issue didn't pass. Many people didn't want to lose the existing building. They liked the historic nature of the old building, and we felt it was important to renovate the building and not replace it. The front along Jefferson Avenue will remain pretty much the same. We'll fix the electrical issues, HVAC problems, leaky windows, many things like that. We had public meetings, and issued drawings and plans consistently on the library's website.

OL: Were there any must-haves that the board wanted to make sure the new library would have?

RM: Bond Wolfe is very familiar with the library process. If we tell them the size of our collection, they understand the space required. When we bid the job, we said there are things we've got to have and things we'd *like* to have. It comes down to cost.

OL: Did we get any of the *like to haves*?

RM: In the original plans, we were hoping to have at least one small meeting room in addition to a large auditorium. Things got too tight, and we had to drop that. As an alternate, we were able to get a folding partition in the large auditorium, so two meetings could go on at the same time. But if there's a large community meeting or Election Day, there is still a large auditorium available.

OL: Anything else?

RM: One thing we made more space for is computer learning. We have substantially increased the number of public computers and a computer lab that will be available for classes. And maybe a minor thing – we'll get a new flagpole.

OL: Do you have a favorite part of the new building?

RM: I think one of the nicest things people will find is a central stairwell to allow people to orient themselves. It will be an open stairwell with a skylight at the top with light coming down to all three of the levels. It will sit behind an all-new circulation desk and will be a central point of the building.

OL: Is there going to be dedicated teen space again?

RM: The teen space has proven to be very popular. It's become a gathering spot for that age group. We'll have a much more dedicated area, more private area and we're also hiring a teen librarian.

OL: Tell us about the building committee that helps represent the community.

RM: I put together a committee of Kirkwood citizens, including retired architect Tom Teasdale, retired contractor Dave Albers and semi-retired engineer Rich Barr. We also had representatives from the library and from the board. This committee did yeoman's work through the design process, and is still in operation helping the process along. This saved money because we used the committee instead of hiring a project manager.

OL: There have been many people behind this effort.

RM: The board has been wonderful support. They've worked very hard through the whole process. And the library staff has done an excellent job in adjusting to the space we have. In spite of about half the space, they continue to run the library well and serve everyone in the community. I have to also mention the Friends. Their support has been critical, from helping with the bond issue to giving money to the library.

OL: It's starting to sound like an acceptance speech!

RM: And I'll thank the city's electric company as well, they've been very cooperative. It's been very much of a community effort.

OL: What are your plans after this is finished?

RM: I haven't thought about it, but I've got a stack of books to catch up on. When I went to Kirkwood High School, I got to take a speed reading course. That was back in the Middle Ages, but it has served me well.

OL: Here's a question you probably hear constantly. Are we there yet?

RM: We signed the contract to start on May 4, 2009 and I expect we'll be moving back in sometime in June of 2010.



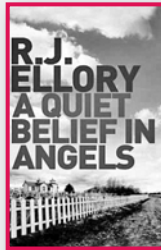
From the Stacks

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

Marilyn Schulze, Tech Services

A Quiet Belief in Angels by R.J. Ellory

"I love a good mystery and this one is, thankfully, not your ordinary cloak and dagger. This book spans many years following protagonist Joseph from childhood into adulthood as he tries to solve the horrific murders of little girls while trying to protect other classmates. The author writes beautifully and can really tell a story. It reminded me of one of my all-time favorite books, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*."



Lisa Henry, Director of Operations

The Story Sisters by Alice Hoffman

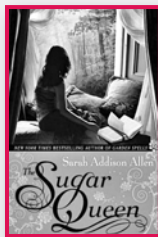
"Alice Hoffman is a brilliant writer whose use of language is magical. This is a beautifully written story about a person's ability to overcome the past. Believing in oneself leads to resiliency and transformation. This is a curl-up-in-front-of-the-fire-with-a-blanket-and-cup-of-tea kind of book. Reluctantly, it had to end. But I've already got my next one ready: Margaret Atwood's *The Year of the Flood*."



Lisa Helker, Stack Maintenance

The Sugar Queen by Sarah Addison Allen

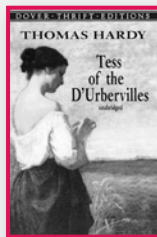
"This book has a magical feel to it without saying anything about magic. I suggest you sit in your favorite chair at home for a great read. The book is set in winter, so having something warm to drink made me feel like I'm right there with the characters. It's a wonderful story where I was really able to relate to the main character. If you enjoy things like *Practical Magic* or *Like Water for Chocolate*, then you'll definitely love this. Next on my list: Sarah Addison Allen's upcoming book, currently on order, *The Girl Who Chased the Moon*."



Julie Hammond, Youth Services

Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy

"Find a cozy spot, grab a cup of your favorite warm beverage and snuggle in. Don't be put off by the classic language. You will soon fall in love with its rhythm. Tess is a tragic tale of love, betrayal and class prejudice. Through Hardy's gripping words, his characters become so real that you ache for Tess' hardship and well up at the few joys in her life. When you read the last page, treat yourself and check out the movie, just released in 2008 by the BBC."



Deb Barry, Youth Services

Losing Mum and Pup: A Memoir by Christopher Buckley

"It is so well written. I love his fiction, especially *Thanks For Smoking*. The book has a little gossip (nothing mean) and great metaphors. He describes a houseguest who won't leave: '... she

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book discussions listed below meet at Rose Hill House, 625 W. Rose Hill Ave. Come on in, they're open to adults of all ages. Plus, 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"

Meets approximately every six weeks on Saturday morning at 10 am

December 12*Moonflower Vine*

by Jetta Carelton

January 23*The Book Thief*

by Mary Ann Shaffer



AFTERNOON DELIGHTS

Meets every 4 - 6 weeks on Friday afternoons at 3 pm

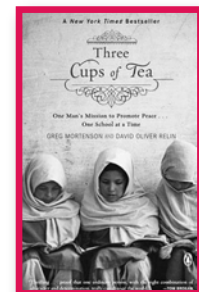
December 11*Three Cups of Tea*

by Greg Mortenson

January 22*Guernsey Literary*

and Potato Peel Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows



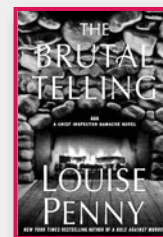
had fastened to our house with the tenacity of a monomaniacal abalone.' Another favorite turn of phrase describes Mum's penchant for lying: 'I heard Mum utter whoppers that would make Pinocchio look button-nosed.' The book is loaded with delightful phrases. It is a warm, humorous reflection on losing a parent."



Marge Barr, Library Services

The Brutal Telling by Louise Penny

"This is a literary mystery told by a world-class storyteller, filled with poetically evocative descriptions and characters so richly developed they quickly become your neighbors, your friends. To solve the murder, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Quebec Surete must strip away from each character the carefully constructed masks we all hide behind and expose the flaw which, unmonitored, can destroy the person. Reading Penny's books is a course in human psychology told with wit, humor and pathos. I can't sit beside the stone fireplace in the bistro in Penny's mythical Three Pines to read this, so I had to settle for a glass of wine in my own favorite chair."



LIBRARY DISPLAYS - Check 'Em Out

We're maximizing all the space we can find at the Station Plaza location to create some fun and interesting displays. Here's a preview of what's to come:

NOVEMBER

Children: What Rhymes with Orange?

With the autumn colors bursting outside, let us pay tribute to the color orange ... pumpkin pie, a workman's jacket, the second color in the rainbow. This display shows off all our books that are orange!

Teen: Historical Fiction

Enjoy books that relish in the fact that they are stuck in the past. Whether it's medieval, colonial or pioneer, you'll be glad you're just visiting. These reads are so yesterday!

Family: Holiday Treats

- History of Thanksgiving
- Giving Thanks to Our Veterans
- Holiday-themed Mysteries
- Holiday CDs: Classics, new artists, children's and movie soundtracks
- Hot Holiday DVDs
- Get Ready for the Holidays: Cookbooks, entertaining, decorating, wreath-making

DECEMBER

Children: Baby, It's Cold Outside

Get under the covers of these books! This collection is about snow, ice and other inclement weather fun. It also displays yummy treats to melt the appetite you've worked up with all that play.

Teen: Cabin Fever

Escape your cabin with these transporting reads. Visit far off places that may or may not truly exist. From the streets of Rome to mystical lands, this display will keep you on the go.

Family: Home for the Holidays

- Holiday CDs: classics, new artists, children's and movie soundtracks
- Hot Holiday DVDs
- Get Ready for the Holidays: Cookbooks, entertaining, decorating, wreath-making, craft books on gifts
- Love During the Holidays: Christmas-themed Romances
- Merry Mayhem: Christmas-themed mysteries

Special: Remembering Pearl Harbor

JANUARY

Children: Say You Want A Resolution

It's time to make new goals and learn new things. Kirkwood Public Library has some awesome nonfiction that can help teach you new habits and help you break old ones. From how to organize your room to getting over your fear of bees, learning how things work is the first step to a smarter, more informed you this year.

Teen: Your Favorite Book is Here

Instead of us telling YOU what to read, we're asking YOU to put up your own display. Grab your favorite book, and place it on the display. The shelves will be empty till you fill them! We can't wait to see what you're reading.

Family: Keeping Busy During Winter

- Knitting Books
- Warming Cookbooks: Soups, chilies, breads
- Home Repair and Decorating
- Cozy Mysteries
- Jane Austen and her Spin-offs



Computer classes

While the library enjoys our temporary quarters at Station Plaza, computer classes will continue at the Kirkwood School District's Hough Community Learning Center, 106 N. Sappington Road. Visit our website to see a map. Sign up via the phone at 821-5770 ext. 1 or see an associate at the front desk.

See kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/computer_classes.asp for an up-to-date list of all computer classes. All classes are free.

November			December		
11/4	10 - noon	Windows XP	12/2	10 - noon	Microsoft Word 2007 I
11/5	1-3pm	Microsoft Word 2007 I	12/3	1-3pm	Internet 1.0
11/12	1-3pm	Microsoft Word 2007 II	12/9	10 - noon	Microsoft Word 2007 II
11/18	10 - noon	Microsoft Excel 2007 I	12/10	1-3pm	Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 I
11/19	1-3pm	Microsoft Excel 2007 II	12/16	10 - noon	Digital Pictures & Social Networking
			12/17	1-3pm	Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 II

Sneak Preview

Coming Soon to Kirkwood Public Library

Mark your calendars for some exciting events on the horizon.

November 21 – December 12

A Tile Art Display will brighten the children's area. We had over 100 entries of original artwork in our Tile Art contest, and we're displaying them all on the wall of the children's area. See captivating art from Kirkwood kids, including your own. All drawings will be displayed.

Thursday, December 3 & 10

Looking to apply for a grant? Attorney and UMSL instructor Dan Sise speaks on "Legal Issues for Nonprofit Board Members" (Dec. 3) and "Grant Management Basics" (Dec. 10). Pat Rohan, Asst. Director/Library Services, will provide training on the Foundation Directory Online database. Each seminar runs 2-4 pm at Missouri Library Network Corp., 8045 Big Bend Blvd, Suite 202. Call 821-5770 x1031 to register.

Saturday, January 23

Everyone in the family will enjoy Bobby Norfolk as he entertains with his program titled Scott Joplin: The Ragtime King. Event is free and open to the public. It begins at 2 pm at Kirkwood Community Center.

Saturday, January 30

Author Ridley Pearson will read from and sign his latest entry in the series he pens with Dave Barry: *Peter and the Sword of Mercy*. Event begins at 2 pm at the Kirkwood train station, and books will be available for sale.

Out In The Street

Q: What is one of your favorite family traditions during the holidays?



"Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, and the Turkey Day game is a must. After the Turkey Day

game, our family plays football in the yard and invites anyone who wants to play. That night, we watch *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* to set the mood going into Christmas time."

– Ken Bulard, loan officer in any economy



"A couple years ago I got *An Anthology of Old Christmas Stories* to

read to my kids. You know, that Olde English writing. I even tried to read by candlelight to engage them. I think we actually made it through two stories. Sort of."

– Shana Norton, with 2-year-old Avery



"My sons always give me a book for Christmas. However, there's a lot

of reading with the mayor's job so long about July they give me a reminder to pick the book up. I have to finish by the following Christmas."

– Art McDonnell, mayor and shopkeeper

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 \$5.00 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 16** will be postmarked locally. All requests must be received by **December 16**.

Please feel free to copy this sheet as much as you like and 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 \$5.00 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: _____

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Library Libations is Your Ticket to Celebrate the Holidays with Friends

Fundraiser at Grapevine Wines December 2

Beloved author Robert Louis Stevenson once famously said that wine is bottled poetry. What better way then to celebrate the coming of the holidays with the Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library!

Make a date to join the friends at Grapevine Wines, 309 South Kirkwood Road, on Wednesday, December 2 at 6 pm. The Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library will sponsor a fundraising event aptly titled "Library Libations," and furthermore will offer you a chance to taste a variety of wines from around the world, enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, buy raffle tickets on a variety of gift baskets, and do a little Christmas shopping. Had the phrase one-stop shop not been entered into the lexicon yet, this would be the opportunity.

An admission ticket is \$35 per non-member and \$30 per member, with two member tickets available per membership. The Friends (and therefore the library) will benefit not only

from the sale of admission tickets and raffle tickets, but Grapevine Wines will donate 10% of any sales made that evening to the Friends. So, please consider making purchases that evening for the good men and women on your list, and also for your own upcoming holiday needs.

We hope you'll join us. But remember to hurry and make your reservations because, due to space constraints, attendance will be limited to the first 100 reservations received.

Complete the reservation form below. Or, you can print one out by visiting the Friends page at kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org and clicking the "Library Libations" link. Please mail the completed form along with your check payable to Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library to 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Questions? Call 821-5770, Extension 1023 and leave a message. We'll be happy to get back to you quickly.

Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library invite you to join us on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at Grapevine Wines for



Library Libations

Celebrate the holidays with good wine, food, and "Friends"



Come taste selected wines from around the world, nibble on an array of tasty hors d'oeuvres, buy tickets to win a variety of gift baskets, and do some holiday shopping.

Reservations required by November 28. Attendance is limited to 100.

Complete this form 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 _____ non-members at \$35.00 each
and _____ members at \$30.00 each (maximum two per membership)

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) and I've included the membership fee in my enclosed check.

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Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

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