

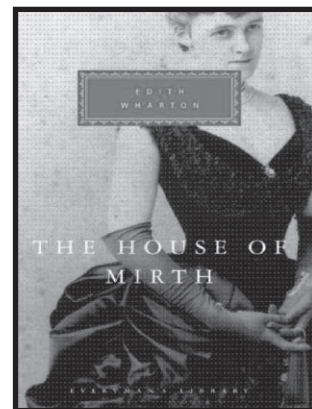
YOUR KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

OUTLOOK

EDITH WHARTON SERIES: HER LIFE, TIMES AND LITERATURE



Join staff members from the Information Service department for a lively look at this famous author. No sign-up required and all programs will take place in the library's lower level meeting room.



March 10, 1:30PM: Her Life and Times
March 31, 1:30PM: Her Literature
April 19, 7PM: Movie, The House of Mirth
April 28, 1:30PM: Grande finale and afternoon coffee

READING HAS GONE TO THE DOGS: C.H.A.M.P. VISIT KIRKWOOD



CHAMP therapy dogs are visiting the library one Sunday each month. Children are invited to curl up with a furry friend and read.

According to Elliott, a standard black poodle and regular listener,

'Arf. Woof. I love all nursery rhymes (except 'The Three Little Kittens'). All the kids who read to me always smell so good! Ruff, ruff!'

Books and dogs -- who could ask for more?

Mark your calendars for these Sundays, 4-5 pm: 2/5, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6 and 6/3.



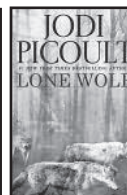
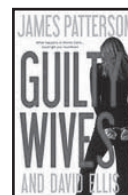
HOT READS:

Multiple Copies of Popular Titles

Hot Reads are popular titles that are purchased in addition to the copies that are in the catalog. We encourage you to swing by the library and grab something you've been waiting to read! Hot Reads are located to the right of the circulation desk when you walk in the front door.

Here are a few of the latest titles to hit our shelves:

- Betrayal by Danielle Steel
Cinnamon Roll Murder by Joanne Fluke
Guilty Wives by James Patterson and David Ellis
Kill Shot by Vince Flynn
Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult
I've Got Your Number by Sophie Kinsella
The Lost Years by Mary Higgins Clark
Private Games by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan
The Big Miss by Hank Haney





Music of the War Years

On **Thursday Feb. 22nd at 7PM** favorite library patron and Kirkwood resident Mary Kay Menees presents an entertaining look at

the music from the World War II Era. Program will be held in the library's lower level meeting room. This program is part of a WWII series sponsored by the library.

Mark your calendars for the following WWII series programs:

March 28, 7PM: "The U.S. Navy in WWII"

April 21, 1:30PM: "The Battle of Britain" with another favorite library patron, Mrs. Iris Gray and friends.

CELEBRATE PIONEER DAYS WITH THE Missouri History Museum

*If you were making a 2,000 mile journey in a covered wagon across the vast frontier, what would you take?
What would daily life be like?*

On **Saturday February 25 from 1:30 to 3PM** the library will host a Pioneer Days event. Children and families can visit the library to learn about mid-18th century life on the American frontier. At 1:30PM special guest, Barney Bradshaw, from the Missouri History Museum presents a theatrical performance about life on the Oregon Trail. Following the presentation join us for hands-on activities about life during this time period in American history.



BOOK CLUB

Children, Family, Mystery Readers, Saturday Readers... we've got a book club for everyone! Visit kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org or call us at 821-5770 for more information!

Saturday Morning "Perks", 10AM:

Feb. 18th *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
Mar. 17th *Minding Frankie* by Maeve Binchy

Mystery Readers, 2PM:

Feb. 15th *The Lock Artist* by Steve Hamilton
Mar. 14th *The Bookman's Promise* by John Dunning

Family Book Club Junior, 6:30PM:

Feb. 13th *Shredderman* by Wendelin Van Draanen
Mar. 12th *Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo

Family Book Club, 7PM:

Feb. 27th *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer Holm
Mar. 26th *Close to Famous* by Joan Bauer

CINEMA KPL

Time: 1:30PM

Every Tuesday

February Jazz:

2/7: *Straight No Chaser*
(Thelonious Monk)
2/14: *The Benny Goodman Story*
2/21: *The Cotton Club*
2/28: *Bird*

March: Classic Screen Couples

3/6: *Woman of the Year* (Hepburn/Tracy)
3/13: *To Have and Have Not* (Bogart/Bacall)
3/20: *Pillow Talk* (Hudson/Day)
3/27: *Flying Down to Rio* (Astaire/Rogers)

April: A is for Artists

4/3: *Lust for Life*
4/10: *Surviving Picasso*
4/17: *Girl With a Pearl Earring*
4/24: *My Left Foot*



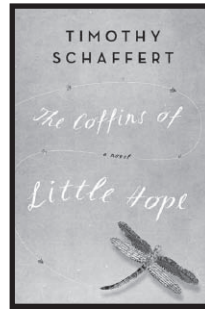
Saturday April 7th, 2PM
"The St. Louis Browns" with Bill Rogers
 Lower Level Meeting Room



Bill Rogers, head of the St. Louis Browns' Fan Club reflects upon a major part of St. Louis baseball history and says, "I'm pleased to introduce you to a team that brought baseball to St. Louis in the late 1890s and early 1900s. They played in St. Louis until 1953 and continue to play today under another name. We'll have time for your questions and general discussion."

Introducing a new program...

One Book, One Kirkwood!



The library is excited to announce a new summer reading program: **One Book, One Kirkwood.** The One Book program is a community-wide reading event. The Kirkwood Community will read the 2011 novel, *The Coffins of Little Hope* by Timothy Schaffert.

The goals for this program are to encourage reading across all ages and to strengthen the sense of community as residents enjoy a good book together. The library will have lots of copies of the book available and will host book discussions in June. Our Community Read will wrap up at the end of the month with a visit from the author at **7PM on June 27th** at the library!

Award for Kirkwood Library Renovation Project



H.B.D. Construction won a major Keystone Award at the recent Associated General Contractors Construction Gala for excellence in the additions and renovations completed for the Kirkwood Public Library.

The award specified the challenging structural elements discovered during the partial demolition of the more than 70 year-old building.

"We feel that our very mission going back 90 years is to meet the challenge and accept responsibility for driving a project to completion on-time and on-budget," said Mike Perry, president of H.B.D. "In the case of this beautiful Kirkwood Library, it may be refreshing these days to hear that the project was completed below budget."

Library Director Sarah Erwin said, "the hard work that went into new Kirkwood Public Library construction will assure the library's place as a community treasure."

"The true measure of its success is that library circulation has gone up, the gift shop inside is thriving, and the community meeting rooms are being well used. Everyone loves the inviting new space," said Kirkwood Mayor Art McDonnell.

Pictured from Left to Right: Arthur J. McDonnell, Mayor of Kirkwood; Michael J. Perry, President of H.B.D. Construction; Sarah Erwin, Director of the Kirkwood Public Library; Randall Miltenberger, Chair of KPL Building Committee

Author Debra Brenegan to Lead Book Discussion

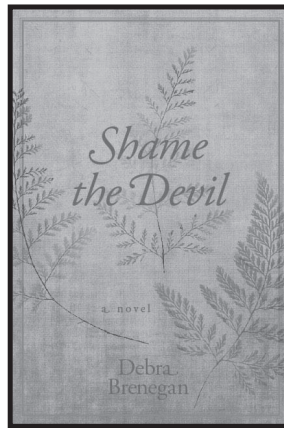
Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library will sponsor their first author-led book discussion group with *Shame the Devil* author Debra Brenegan to lead the event, Saturday, February 18 at 11:30 am. Lunch is included with registration for the discussion, which will be held in the lower level meeting room at the library. Event cost, including a box lunch, is \$12. A few copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event and Professor Brenegan will sign copies. A reservation form can be found online at [kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/content_uploads/breneganreservationform.pdf](http://kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/content/uploads/breneganreservationform.pdf). Reservations must be received by February 14.

Shame the Devil tells the remarkable and true story of Fanny Fern (the pen name of Sara Payson Willis), one of the most successful, influential, and popular writers of the nineteenth century. A novelist, journalist, and feminist, Fern (1811-1872) outsold Harriet Beecher Stowe, won the respect of Nathaniel Hawthorne, and served as literary mentor to Walt Whitman. Scrambling in the depths of poverty before her meteoric rise to fame and fortune, she was widowed, escaped an abusive second marriage, penned one of the country's first prenuptial agreements, married a man eleven years her junior, and served as a nineteenth-cen-



tury Oprah to her hundreds of thousands of fans. Her weekly editorials in the pages of the New York Ledger over a period of about twenty years chronicled the myriad controversies of her era and demonstrated her firm belief in the motto, "Speak the truth, and shame the devil." Through the story of Fern and her contemporaries, including Walt Whitman, Catharine Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Jacobs, and Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Shame the Devil* brings the intellectual and social ferment of mid-nineteenth-century America to life.

Debra Brenegan has a Ph.D. in creative writing from The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is an Assistant Professor and director of the Women's Studies Program at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. For her fiction, she has received a Ragdale residency, the Ellen Hunnicutt Fiction Award, and was a recent finalist for the John Gardner Memorial Fiction Prize, *The Cincinnati Review's* Schiff Prose Prize, and the *Crab Creek Review* Fiction Prize. She has recently had work published in *Calyx*, *Tampa Review*, *Natural Bridge*, *The Laurel Review*, *Cimarron Review*, *Milwaukee Magazine*, *Phoebe*, *RE:AL*, *The Southern Women's Review* and elsewhere. SUNY Press released her novel, *Shame the Devil*, in July, 2011.



The best kept secret in Kirkwood!

The only bookstore in Downtown Kirkwood is right inside
Kirkwood Public Library

BOOKS & BEYOND

The Friends Gift Shop

Gift Quality Books & Unique Gifts & Handmade Crafts

140 East Jefferson • 821-5770, Ext. 1023
All proceeds benefit the Kirkwood Public Library.

Out & About in Kirkwood

Q: What do you recommend someone see or do at KPL?



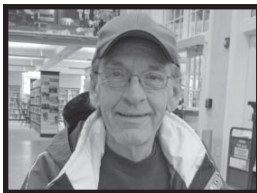
“Definitely homework. It is a great place to hang out after a busy school day. I catch up with friends, relax, start my homework and some days finish all of it.”
Thalia Barbosa, student



“My kids love the preschool computers in the Childrens Room. My son enjoys the nonfiction books. My daughter always manages to find a good princess book. Usually we pick up a couple movies. We do a little bit of everything. The library has so much to offer.”
Lauren, Jack & Kevin Gibson, Kirkwood



“Drop by the Friends of KPL Books & Beyond gift shop, located right by the main entrance. We have a variety of books, unique gifts including jewelry, cards, children’s items and fashion accessories. We now offer a line of personalized note cards for adults and children. Our items change seasonally and often. Who knew you could shop in the library?”
Joan Murphy, Kirkwood



“That is a hard question - there are so many things I do here. I browse the new releases, use the computer and quite often check out a video. I love to sit in the magazine reading area, and look at some of my favorite magazines.”
Dan Winter, Kirkwood

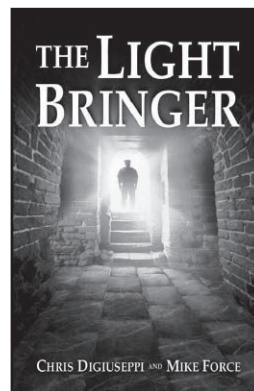


Wednesday, April 18, 6:30PM

Shakespeare Festival St. Louis presents *Othello in a Breath* – a fifty minute rendition of Othello - their 2012 Forest Park Shakespeare Festival Summer feature.

Performance held at the **Robert Reim Theater in the Kirkwood Community Center**, 111 S. Geyer Road.

Authors of *The Light Bringer* Visit Library



Saturday March 3rd, 10:30AM
Lower Level Meeting Room

Co-author Chris DiGiuseppi has over 19 years in Law Enforcement at various levels up to and including Assistant Chief of Police.

Co-author Mike Force has spent over 30 years in Law Enforcement, the last 19 as a Police Chief.

DiGiuseppi and Force will be on hand to talk about their new book and sign copies. Books will be for sale by Main Street Books.

Thank You

KPL participated in the St. Louis chapter’s *Youth In Action Gift Giving Tree*. This year they collected over 2,400 gifts that helped bring cheer to children in Joplin, Annie’s Hope, Friends of Kids with Cancer and Nurses for Newborns. Ac-

According to Keith Rawlings, Executive Director, library patrons were especially giving, donating **over 150 gifts**. A big thank you to all of our generous patrons!

Thank You to the following donors for their generous gifts to the
Kirkwood Public Library

10/1/11 - 12/31/11

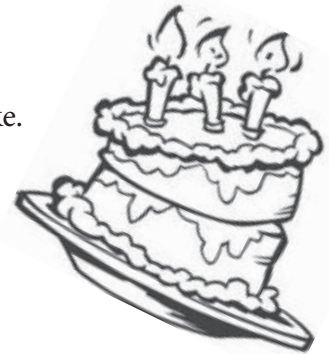
Amy Barker
 Nancy and Jim Berthold
 Kim and Bob Bliss
 Lorri and Steve Coates
 Sharon Danyluck
 Sue and Ron Dellbringge
 Alice Donaldson
 Vicki and Jim Erwin
 Jo Beth and Jack Fortner
 Friends of the Kirkwood
 Public Library
 Clifford Willard Gaylord
 Foundation
 Patricia and Michael Gregg
 Mary and Herb Jones

Linda and Jay Kridel
 The Lodato Family
 Main Street Books
 Barbara and Arthur McDonnell
 Bonnie and Steve Petersen
 Ruth Powell
 The Radlinski Family
 Dorothy J. Scott Trust
 Shirley and Robert Snyder
 Jennifer and Craig Spohr
 Liz and Jim Walker
 Suzie Ward
 Teri and Paul Weber
 Robin Weinberg
 Mary and Iggy Yuan

COMING SOON!
You're invited...

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party!

Celebrate all things Seuss with activities, crafts and cake.
 All ages. No sign-up required!
 Library's lower level meeting room.



Thursday March 1st, 4PM

Kirkwood Public Library Board of Trustees

Paul Paese, *President*
 Steve Hazan, *Vice President*
 James Diel, *Treasurer*
 Mary Ellen Dick, *Secretary*

Amy McBride Barker
 Lois Bliss
 Don Lemonds
 Jamie Reyes-Jones
 John Staples

*The Board of Trustees meets the third
 Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm in
 the library's lower level meeting room.*

140 E. Jefferson Ave • Kirkwood, MO • 63122 • 314-821-5770
www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org
 Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm • Friday & Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm
 Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm