



Chapter & Verse



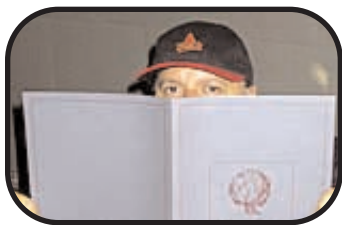
JANUARY 2008

Winter Program January 23

Joe Bonwich, food writer and restaurant critic for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* since 2002, will present the Friends' winter program on Wednesday, January 23 at 1:00 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams, in the downstairs Rehearsal Room. **(PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR TYPICAL VENUE AT THE LIBRARY.)**

Joe promises to tell us his picks for the "Ten Best Restaurants in St. Louis." So please join us to welcome this mysterious, yet somehow known-to-us-all stranger.

Perhaps one of the more interesting quotes about Joe Bonwich comes from St. Louis' Mayor



Maintaining anonymity is most helpful to a food critic, in Joe's opinion.

Francis Slay: "He arrives with a single reservation, but may depart with many. He is unrecognized by most, but familiar to all. He lives with a fork, but can kill with a pen. His business is, usually, our pleasure."

Joe's educational background isn't, perhaps, what you'd think it might be. He holds an honors bachelor degree in mathematical computer science and economics from Saint Louis University and a masters degree in economics from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. So, what about that background qualifies him as a food writer and restaurant critic? Nothing.

And yet, his first restaurant writing "gig" was in 1983 with the *St. Louis Magazine*. Since then he has been with the *St. Louis Sun*, the *Riverfront*

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Reader's Circle March 6

The next Reader's Circle Book Discussion group will be on Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. The group will meet in the Board Room, discussing *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë. The discussion will be led by Francis Baumli who suggests that everyone who reads it completely misses its main point, which will be the theme of his thesis. Moreover, he considers this book to be one of the three greatest books ever written by a woman. It should be interesting to reread a book from our distant past and discover new insights. Considered lurid and shocking by mid-nineteenth-century standards, *Wuthering Heights* was thought to be such a publishing risk that its author was asked to pay some of the publication costs as well as use a male pseudonym at the original time of publication.

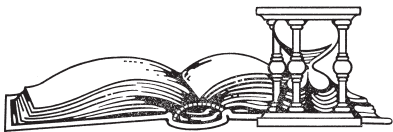
Set in the late eighteenth century against the backdrop of the wild and rugged Yorkshire moors, *Wuthering Heights* begins when Mr. Lockwood, tenant of an old mansion, Thrushcross Grange, sets out on a stormy night to meet his weird, reticent, and brooding landlord: Heathcliff, master of Wuthering Heights. The turbulent weather forces him to spend the night. He is put up in a room which once belonged to a young Catherine Earnshaw. The ghostly figure of a young woman whose plaintive wails of "let me in" prompt him to ask the old housekeeper to tell him the story of the manor and its inhabitants.

The housekeeper begins the narrative in early 1777 when Heathcliff, a Gypsy foundling, is brought to the house by Mr. Earnshaw, the owner, to be raised as one of the family. Heathcliff befriends and falls in love with the wild and passionate daughter, Catherine, who returns, in her

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Homebound Assistance

Would you be available to help deliver library materials to patrons who are unable to come to the library? If so, the Homebound Program is looking for you. A homebound patron works with a librarian who helps choose materials, and volunteers from the Friends provide delivery service. If you are interested in helping out, please call (314) 821-5770, Extension 23. Leave your name and number and your call will be returned.



Self Checkout

Tired of long lines? Avoid standing in line at the Circulation Desk by visiting one of our self-checkout stations. One is available at the first floor circulation desk and another is available in the Children's Room. They're quick, they're easy — what more could you ask for?

Raffle & Auction Winners

At the Friends Board Meeting on December 17, Liz Walker, President of the Library Trustees, drew the winning tickets for the holiday raffles. We're pleased to announce the following winners:

Betsy Kramer and **Phil Chicoineau** are now the proud owners of the basket full of bakers' goodies.

Roy Overholt will love his new 2-foot tall FAO Schwarz Panda Bear, we're certain.

Candice Gwin will enjoy figuring out how best to use the cuddly polar bear and the children's books.

Additionally, **Mike Gregg** placed the winning bid of \$200 for the wooden card catalog cabinet that previously was a display item in Greentree Books Shop. A special thank you goes to **Francis Baumli** for his assistance with the auction.

Congratulations to one and all. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Friends' Assistance to KPL

At the Friends Board Meeting on December 17, the Board of Directors approved a \$20,000 check be written to the library to cover expenses associated with programs for teens and adults. These programs include a travel series presented by Gig Gwin, an Audubon Society presentation, book discussions, and more. For specifics, see the listings in this and upcoming issues of *Chapter & Verse*.

In addition to this most recent financial assistance, stop by the Children's Room and see the new children's computers. They are designed specifically for use by the little ones, to help introduce them to today's world of technology.

The Board thanks every Friends member for the role he or she plays in making our organization such a success that we can continue to support the library in many meaningful ways.

TRAVEL PLANS OUTSIDE THE U.S.? NEED A PASSPORT?

Remember that KPL is a passport acceptance agency and that the library earns \$30 for every passport issued.

So why go elsewhere?

Visit the Information Services Desk to apply for your passport or to get further details.

Call (314) 821-5770, Extension 20, with questions.

January, 2008
North Pole

Dear Friends,

Now that my busiest time of year is behind me I can take the time to write and thank you for all your efforts this past Christmas helping me with my correspondence. I understand that you were able to send 145 letters to children (ranging in age from 16 months to 70 years) to let them know I was thinking about them. And, another wonderful thing is that you raised over \$600 for the Friends at the same time. Good job! I'm very proud of you.

I hope I'll be able to count on your help in 2008 also, and perhaps you'll be able to do even more letters for me then. I'm always concerned there will be someone overlooked on my correspondence list. If any one of you knows of someone who should have requested a letter this year and didn't, please try to let them know about the letters next year. I'm certain the Friends will help remind you also. It sure will be nice for me to have that assistance again.

As Mrs. Claus and I adjust to a more normal routine — you know, making lists and checking them twice — I'll be thinking of you all regularly. Please be kind to each other and keep that Christmas spirit the whole year through.

Ho, ho, ho,
Santa Claus



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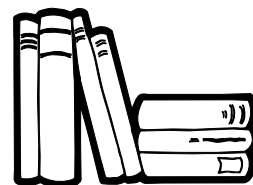
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Christmas Wreath Thank You

The lovely Christmas wreath we all enjoyed at the library over the holidays was provided by "Twenty-five Gardeners of Kirkwood." Thank you so much for sharing the lovely wreath with the library and our patrons.

TeleCirc Improves Communications

A new telephone messaging system known as TeleCirc offers a new and exciting way for you to receive notification of available hold materials and/or overdue materials. You can also review or renew your checked-out items and manage your hold items.

To use the new system, call (314) 863-6408 and press 1 for Library Information or press 2 to access your account information. When prompted, enter the 14-digit number found on your KPL library card. Listen to and follow the instructions and/or options given.

This telephone messaging system was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services received from the Missouri State Library. For those who would prefer, email notification is also available.

Special Books* for Members Only

CHANDLER, RAYMOND. *The Little Sister*. Simon and Schuster. 1997. First edition. Soft cover. A full color graphic novel illustrated by Michael Lark. This vintage Hollywood thriller comes to life in a comic book format. Very good condition. \$10.00

GIBBON, EDWARD. *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Heritage Press. 1946. Three volumes in individual slipcases. Very good condition. Illustrated with etchings by Gian Battista Piranesi. The text is edited by J. M. Bury, with a note by Mr. Gibbon. Illustrated boards in tan and cream with a map on the endpapers. The set: \$30.00

HAGEN, HARRY M. *This is Our St. Louis*. Knight. 1970. Hardback. Brown cloth, binding intact and interior in good condition. Oversized book with profuse black and white photographs. Based on vintage pictures and oral histories from those who have specialized in certain eras of St. Louis. 631 pages. \$35.00

HOLLEY, MARIETTA. *Samanatha at the St. Louis Exposition*. G. W. Dillingham. 1904. Green boards with red, white, and black decorative cover. Black and white illustrations, six glossy plates, by Ch. Grunwald. Some shelf wear and age discoloration. A humorous account of adventures at our famous 1904 fair by a prolific author. \$20.00

MCCUE, GEORGE. *The Building Art in St. Louis: Two Centuries*. American Institute of Architects, St. Louis Chapter. 1964. Softcover. Apparent first edition with errata sheet enclosed. Many photographs and maps. 96 pages. Introduction by George E. Kassabaum. \$10.00

PETER, ADELIN AND RABOFF, ERNEST. *Frederic Remington: Art for Children*. Doubleday. No date found.

* A "special book" is old, rare, a first edition, out of print, or in some way "special." These books are researched on the Internet and offered to members first at exceptional values — prices that are half or less than half of the normal retail price. The special 10% member discount does not apply because the books are already heavily discounted. These books are available to Friends only during the month offered and then will be available to the public. If you are interested in purchasing any of these special offerings, call 314-821-5770, Extension 23 and leave a message. A member of the Book Fair Committee will call to arrange a time for you to see the book(s).

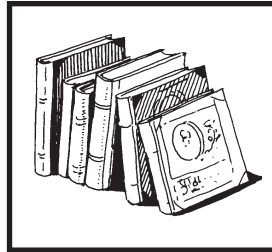
A biographical sketch of the artist with fifteen color — as well as multiple black and white — reproductions depicting the American west. Good hardcover with pictorial inset, worn edges, foxing on the dust jacket. Good interior. Unnumbered pages. \$7.00

SNOW, THAD. *From Missouri*. Houghton Mifflin. 1954. First Edition. Slip cover is torn but repairable. Hardcover, green bindings with title and outline of Missouri on cover. Interior in good condition. Jacket painting by Thomas Hart Benton. Subtitle on cover: *An American Farmer Looks Back*. \$80.00

THURBER, JAMES. *The White Deer*. Harcourt, Brace. 1945. Hardcover. Illustrated by the author and Don Freeman. Boards in green with title and author's name in white on the cover. Dust jacket has a full color illustration by Freeman and the book has four-color illustrations as well. A delightful fairy tale for adults or literate children who can relish Thurber's inventive language. \$7.00

TOLSTOY, LEO. *War and Peace*. Heritage Press. 1938. Two volumes. Probable first. Both volumes are in very good condition. Maroon boards with silver lettering on spine and small silver profiles of Napoleon and Tolstoy on cover. This is a revised translation by Louise and Alymer Maude with a special introduction by them. Illustrated with reproductions of the famous 19th Century paintings by Vassily Verestchagin as well as numerous pen drawings made for this edition by Fritz Eichenberg. The set: \$25.00

VAN RAVENSWAAY, CHARLES. *St. Louis: A Fond Look Back*. First National Bank of St. Louis. Published in celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the bank by its predecessors, The Southern Bank and The Mechanics Bank of 1856. Unnumbered pages with lots of illustrations on every page. Interesting facts, well written. \$7.00



PAY TRIBUTE

To honor someone, to say "thank you" to someone, to pay tribute because of the loss of someone near and dear, consider making a donation to the Friends.

SPECIAL SHOP SALE



All Christmas merchandise
50% off to everyone.



First come, first served — don't miss out.



Free Adult Computer Classes at Kirkwood Public Library

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 9: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Computer Basics

Thursday, January 10: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Email Basics

Tuesday, January 15: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Photo Editing

Wednesday, January 16: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Intro to the Internet

Tuesday, January 22: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Microsoft Word Basics

Wednesday, January 23: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Microsoft Excel Basics

Tuesday, January 29: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Microsoft Publisher

Wednesday, January 30: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Microsoft PowerPoint Basics

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 6: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Create a Web Site Using Wizards

Thursday, February 7: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Windows XP

Tuesday, February 12: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Microsoft Word Advanced

Wednesday, February 13: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Microsoft Excel Advanced

Tuesday, February 19: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Microsoft PowerPoint Advanced

Wednesday, February 20: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Internet Security

Tuesday, February 26: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Computer Basics

Wednesday, February 27: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Customizing Windows XP

PLEASE NOTE

Call (314) 821-5770, Extension 11 to sign up or for cancellations. Registration is required for each class. Handouts will be provided. Please bring something to write with.

Activities — Children and Teens

The New Year will continue to present many of the favorite activities in the Children's Room, but will also bring new and fresh ideas. Some activities require sign-up, as indicated.

Ongoing Events

Storytimes. Storytimes resume the week of January 7 and are held weekly.

Stories for 2 & 3 year olds: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Family Storytime: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Family Storytime: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

Books for Babies. Stories and play for babies ages 6 to 24 months. Thursdays beginning January 10 through April 24. Sign up for either the 9:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. program.

Mother-Daughter Book Club. Copies of books are available for check out at the library. For daughters in grades 4 and up. Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. as below:

January 8: *Wenny has Wings* by Janet Lee Carey

February 12: TBA.

March 11: *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell.

April 15: *Welcome to Camden Falls* by Ann M. Martin.

Lego Club. Meets the fourth Monday of each month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. For grades 1 and up.

Special Events

Father-Son Book Club. Copies of books are available for check out at the library. For sons in grades 4 and up. Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m.: *The Seeing Stone* by Kevin Crossley-Holland.

Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Celebration. Saturday, January 26, 10:00 a.m. Doughnuts, milk, juice, and coffee served. Performance by The Black Rep. "No Land's Man: A Chapter in the Lives of Dred and Harriet Scott." Free and open to the public. Space limited. Please call (314) 821-5770, Extension 15 to sign up.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss — Read Across America Day. Thursday, February 28, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. All ages invited to help us celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with silly games, funny stories, and, of course, a birthday cake.

The New Year starts off with a bang for teen programs, also

Pizza Taste-off. Friday, January 18, 2:00 p.m. After sampling offerings from local restaurants, vote for your favorite local pizza. Soda provided, too.

Creating Valentine Cards. Wednesday, February 6, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Fulfill your community service hours by staying two hours for full credit to create Valentine cards for Manor Grove residents

Teen Quilting Program. Saturday, February 16, 2:00 p.m. in Teen Space. Ages 13 and up. Create a quilt out of T-shirts. No artistic skills needed.

Un-Valentine Program. Monday, February 18. 2:00 p.m. Grades 6 and up. Wear all black to this traditional Japanese holiday to celebrate all things unromantic — snacks, crafts, and activities.

Teen Tech Week: Animation and Game Creation. Monday, March 10. 2:00 p.m. Learn how to create your own animation or computer game using "Scratch." Space limited. Sign up in teen space or call Jeanie at 314-821-5770, Extension 15.

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Times, and is currently with the *Post-Dispatch*. In 2001 his editors nominated him for a James Beard Award for his restaurant criticism, and in 2003 the "Let's Eat" section of the *Post-Dispatch* won the James Beard Award for Best food section with a circulation of less than 300,000. The section also received nominations in 2004 and 2006. As a husband of over 20 years and a father of five, you can guess he has precious little time on his hands. So, we're very fortunate that he is sharing some of that time with us.

The program is free, open to the public, and refreshments follow. So please bring friends and neighbors to introduce them to the Friends and have them experience one of the many benefits we offer the Kirkwood community. We ask, however, that you sign-up in the Greentree Books Shop so we'll know how many guests to expect. You can also register by calling (314) 821-5770, Extension 23 and leaving your name and phone number.

Adult Programs

Adult programming is certainly starting off 2008 with a bang. Listed below are programs for the first two months. For more details call Jeanie at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15 or visit www.kpl.lib.mo.us.

Demystifying the Doctor/Patient Relationship. Saturday, January 12, 1:00 p.m. Self-published author Nancy Doering and Stephen G. Sanders, M.D.

“Book Into a Film” *Sergeant York*. Thursday, January 24, 6:00 p.m. Meramec’s One Book, One College film series. Casual discussion lead by Professor Jeffrey Schneider preceding the film.

Saturday Morning Book Club. Saturday, January 26, 10:00 a.m. *My Sister’s Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

Fast Food Facts. Saturday, January 26, 1:00 p.m. Mimi Brunjes, Dietician, St. Luke’s Hospital. What are the best options on the fast food menus?

Mystery at Noon Book Discussion. Monday, January 28, noon. *The Virgin of Small Plains* by Nancy Pickard. Bring a sack lunch.

Reader’s Circle (cont’d from page 1)

own way, Heathcliff’s silent and brooding love. Tempestuous passions of jealousy, cruelty, betrayal, thwarted love, untimely death, and vengeance form the core of this Gothic classic that spans two generations.

It’s a somber tale and one of the most enduring classics of English literature. Wouldn’t it be fun if our discussion just happened to take place on a wild and stormy night! If so, please don’t let the weather keep you away. Please use it as another reason to join us. Everyone is welcome, no reservations necessary.

Obtaining the book. Each participant is responsible for obtaining a copy of the book. If you are interested in purchasing the title, we have a couple of suggestions. Look in Greentree Books Shop for the shelf devoted to selections for Reader’s Circle. Or you can purchase the book from Amazon.com — through the KPL website — so the library will benefit from your purchase.

Food for Thought Book Discussion. Wednesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. *Garlic and Sapphires* by Ruth Reichl.

Ten Greatest Tours of the World. Two programs offered: Saturdays, February 2 and 9. 2:00 p.m. Presented by Gig Gwin, CEO of Gwin’s Corporate Travel.

The Great Cover-up. Saturday, February 16, all day. The cover Girls and the Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild of Greater St. Louis present quilts on display.

Mystery at Noon Book Discussion. Monday, February 25, noon. *Ordinary Heroes* by Scott Turow. Bring a sack lunch.

Food for Thought Book Discussion. Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. *Food in Missouri: A Cultural Stew* by Madeline Matson.

SPECIAL SALE Children & Young Adult Books

In the Greentree Books Shop,
all through January,
books in “like new” condition
for children ages 1 to 18
will be reduced by 25%.
Friends members add their
regular 10% discount.

Some are “advance copies,”
making them more valuable than
first editions.

Continue to check throughout the
month because discounted
books will be added regularly.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 16** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- January 23** Friends Winter Program at 1:00 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church (*see page 1*)
- February 11** Friends Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- February 20** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- March 6** Reader's Circle book discussion at 7:00 p.m. of *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë (*see page 1*)
- March 19** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Large Auditorium



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