



Chapter & Verse



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Winter Program January 21

Monica Adams, health and fitness expert will present the Friends' winter program on Wednesday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church. Monica will show us "Getting in Amazing Shape Without Ever Leaving Your Home or Office!"

She has been the Head Fitness Trainer at Riverchase of Fenton for almost nine years. She also hosts a health and fitness show Sunday afternoons on KMOX Radio. Monica is the traffic reporter for FOX 2 News in the Morning, having started with FOX 2 in December of 2005. She came to FOX 2 from WIL-FM radio, where she was the news director and morning show co-host. Prior to that, her radio career found her in DeSoto and Festus, Missouri.

During her 13-year career in radio, she has had the opportunity to interview the likes of Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. She has also done stories on Katie Couric, Reba McEntire, Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, and Brett and Bobby Hull. Monica has covered the St. Louis Cardinals, the Rams, and the Blues.

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.



Update on Schedule

By the time you receive this newsletter, timing may have changed. Here is what we know as of today, December 18, 2008. The architects are now completing construction documents. Those documents will be sent to contractors who will bid on the project. A Board of Trustees meeting has been set for January 28 to approve a construction bid. This bid will then be the basis for the amount needed to fund the renovation. March 1, 2009, is the tentative date for closing on the sale of the bonds (actually "certificates of participation").

Sale of the bonds. If you are interested in purchasing certificates of participation for the Kirkwood Public Library renovation, they will be available through the Stifel Nicolaus brokerage office in Kirkwood. Contact Phil Hamilton, (314) 909-3235. We recommend that you contact Phil in advance of the bond sale.

In the meantime, the temporary location at Station Plaza must be readied for occupancy. It will require heating and air-conditioning, lighting, flooring, and plumbing. We are very fortunate to be the beneficiary of a gift from Barnes and Noble. When they moved out of their Manchester Road location to the West County Mall in December, they gave KPL all the existing fixtures. These are now in storage and will be placed in the temporary library when it is ready. Our new address will be 200 South Kirkwood Rd, Suite 150.

Please do not hesitate to call Randy Miltenberger, President of the Board of Trustees, (314) 822-8300, or Wicky Sleight, Library Director, (314) 821-3849, if you have questions or concerns.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Editor Level

Susan and Robert Allen
Carol Schoeffel

Author Level

Bea Gillooly

TRIBUTES RECEIVED

We thank the following for paying tribute by donating to the Friends:

In memory of Marilee Lewis

Robert & Shirley Appel

Mary Barnes

Lois & Malcolm Bliss

Ann & Don Franke

Glenda Goelz

Nedra Ty Hoester

Mary Mack

Joan S. Norman

Mildred Sharp

Patricia and Miller Welch

Sharyle Wilhelm

In memory of James F. Bowen

Pat & Joe Soraghan

In Memory

The Friends are saddened by the death of Marilee Lewis in November. Marilee was a long-time member of the Friends and a dedicated volunteer. Her background as a librarian and her love of books made her a natural on the Book Fair Committee. Aside from her service to the library, she was an OASIS volunteer and an avid bridge player. She could often be seen at the YMCA at 6:00 a.m. after completing her morning swim. Marilee will be missed by all who knew her and worked with her.

Friends 'R Us*

As we move ahead with plans for an exciting new library, we are always reminded about the importance of memories. We will have a beautiful new library but there will be enough from the old to keep those memories alive — the 1940s reading room, the façade, the copper beech trees, the children's department, the buffalo, the art. There are also children yet to be born in Kirkwood who will have only memories of the new library.

My son's birthday was this week. When I went to Goin' Postal to mail his present, I started crying at the counter. I know the owner thought she had a customer who was in fact "goin' postal." I always cry on his birthday because of the memories.

We all have memories of our childhood library. I suffered with severe asthma so I could never attend summer camp, go on hayrides, have animals in the house, or spend the night with friends. Books were my companions. I would read two or three of those brown Bobbs-Merrill biographies a day during the summer. In the winter, I would spend each evening in the kitchen reading to my mother. I have fond memories of Mrs. Baker, the librarian, and her pencil with the date due attached.

What memories the young woman who designed the Kirkwood Public Library gingerbread house for the Christmas contest (see photo on page 5) will have of this library!

We will be moving to a temporary location at Station Plaza in early spring. Our hope is that you will continue to use the library and continue to support KPL through your membership in the Friends. When someone asks you what they can do to support the library, tell them to "join the Friends!" Give a favorite neighbor a gift of a Friends membership. Give a hostess the best gift of all — a membership in the Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library.

We will have plenty of covered parking in our temporary location and will continue daily delivery of library materials back and forth between all St. Louis libraries. The same friendly, helpful staff will be there to greet you. As much as possible, we will continue programs and classes. We want to keep you, our customer, coming back. You are important to me, to the staff, and to the Board of Trustees. The Kirkwood Public Library has been an important part of the fabric of Kirkwood for 85 years. I know with the Friends' continued support, it will remain vital and important for many years to come.



Wicky Sleight
Director, Kirkwood Public Library

*With apologies to Toys 'R Us

Nigro to Lead Discussion Series

The American Library Association Fetzer Institute, as part of its Campaign for Love & Forgiveness, awarded the library a grant to conduct a scholar-led reading and discussion series. Kirkwood's discussion series, led by Dr. Kathleen Nigro, begins on March 12 and explores the theme of Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death. The series covers five books, both classic and contemporary. Participants sign-up at the Information Services Desk and receive a folder including discussion questions and essays. The library has "Book Club To Go" kits for the five titles as well as three kits which will have one copy of each of the five discussion series titles. Also, ten copies of each title are available for check-out. Patrons will be able to check out one bag for an extended period of time. Each discussion session is on a Thursday, and begins at 7:00 p.m. Dates and titles are:

March 12, *Paula* by Isabel Allende

March 26, *Disgrace* by J.M. Coetzee

April 9, *Jazz* by Toni Morrison

April 23, *The Death of Ivan Illych* by Leo Tolstoy

May 7, *The Dead* by James Joyce

For more information or for questions, contact Sarah Erwin at (314) 821-5770, Extension 16.

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Readers' Circle

March 6

The March 6 Readers' Circle gathering will be led by Francis Baumli and will discuss Charlotte Brontë's final novel, *Villette*. George Eliot said, "It is a more wonderful book than *Jane Eyre*. There is something almost preternatural in its power." *Villette* is the story of a young repressed Victorian woman who tries to leave an unhappy past by traveling to a cosmopolitan city where she finds a job teaching English in a girls' boarding school. There are plot twists and turns, romance, and self discovery along the way in which the protagonist, Lucy Snowe finds her way to fulfillment.

As usual, Reader's Circle will meet at 7:00. But this meeting will be held at the Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams. The May gathering of Readers' Circle will meet in the same location.

*January, 2009
North Pole*

Dear Friends of KPL,

Oh, my! You did it again. I can't thank you enough for all your help with my correspondence. I understand the children who received my letters (ranging in age from 10 months to 88 years) were happy to hear from me. You sent out 208 letters, raising over \$800 for the library (\$200 more than last year). What a great job. I'm very proud of you and hope you'll keep up the good work.

It's nice to know we can rest a bit now, but I sure hope you'll help me out again in 2009. It makes my Christmas time a lot less hectic.

I'll think of you regularly throughout the year, every time I get an update about one of the children. Please be kind to each other and keep that Christmas spirit the whole year through.

Ho, ho, ho,

Santa Claus

Special Books* for Members Only

BLANCHAN, NELTJE. *Birds that Hunt and are Hunted: Life Histories of One Hundred and Seventy Birds of Prey, Game Birds and Water-Fowls*. Grosset & Dunlap. 1904. Frontispiece of dusky grouse in color is detached. Hardcover book in acceptable condition. Excellent resource material. \$4.00

BUTLER, JOSEPH. *The Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, the the Constitution and Course of Nature*. Mark H. Newman. 1848. Presumed first. Introductory essay by Albert Barnes. Intact, with foxing throughout. \$10.00

DICK, THOMAS. *The Philosophy of Religion or, an Illustration of the Moral Laws of the Universe*. E. and G. Merriam. 1829. First American edition with corrections and notes, so stated. Someone has drawn sketches on end papers front and back. Pages deckled, all intact. Cover worn and torn. \$10.00

EGGLESTON, EDWARD. *A First Book in American History with Special Reference to the Lives and Deeds of Great Americans*. D. Appleton. 1889. Presumed first edition. The text aims to teach children the history of the country by acquainting them with some of its most illustrious citizens. Soiled. End paper is loose and tattered. Many black and white illustrations. \$5.00

GILBERT, MIRIAM. *I Wish I Were a Giraffe*. Island Press. 1946. Illustrations by Augusta M. Kelly. Clever poems with titles like: Mother's Fur Coat, I Like Dirty Hands, and Clothes Line Waltz. Delightfully illustrated throughout. Spine is in bad shape; otherwise, the book shows normal wear for its age. \$5.00

HAMILTON, COCHRAN. *Blockade Runners of the Confederacy*. Bobbs-Merrill. 1958. First edition. Many illustrations and photos. Hardcover condition is good except for a small tear on the spine. An account of one of the least-covered phases of the Civil War. \$5.00

HUNTINGTON, MARGARET WENDELL. *Told in a Ham-*

mock. Marcus Ward & Co. Ltd. ca. 1880s. Poetry describing old fashioned color plates of children in various activities. The book is slightly soiled due to age. There is an inscription in ink and the binding is loose. One page ("sewing") has been cut — looks like a child might have been practicing using scissors. Despite these imperfections it is a lovely book. \$10.00

MAUGHAM, W. SOMERSET. *Then and Now*. Doubleday. 1946. First edition, so stated. Black hardcover with general wear, owner's name on first page. Minor foxing on interior. A novel of the Renaissance, taken from the notes of Machiavelli. A very interesting tale! \$2.00

MCGUFFEY, WILLIAM H. *McGuffey's Third Eclectic Reader, for Young Learners*. Wilson, Hinkle. 1865. Hardcover. Two hundred forty-two pages. Hardcover and text in poor condition due to age and wear. This might be a real bargain for a collector. \$5.00

MORROW, RALPH E. *Washington University in Saint Louis*. Missouri Historical Society of St. Louis. 1996. Bound in navy cloth, with dust jacket. Indexed. Very good. Fascinating stories of the school's history including the early days in downtown St. Louis, the hill-top campus' role in the 1904 World's Fair, the birth and growth of the medical school. Photographs from university archives and Missouri Historical Society. \$15.00

SANDBURG, CARL. *Abraham Lincoln: the War Years*. Harcourt Brace. 1939. Four volumes. Grey hardcover, very good condition. Photographs, cuts of cartoons, letters and documents. A classic! All four volumes \$15.00

SPERRY, MARGARET (TRANSLATED AND ADAPTED FROM THE SWEDISH BY M. S.). *The Magician's Cloak*. Henry Holt. 1938. Presumed first. Illustrated by Dorothea Cooke. Four full color plates illustrating four Swedish folk tales. Many black and white drawings throughout. Dust jacket has a few small tears. The binding is intact, interior pages good. \$6.00

TRAVERS, P. L. *Mary Poppins and Mary Poppins Comes Back*. Reynal and Hitchcock. 1941. Illustrated by Mary Shepard. Red hardcover needs repair. Interior pages show signs of age. Sixteen full page color illustrations plus a color frontispiece. \$3.00

VAN DOREN, MARK. *The Witch of Ramoth and Other Tales*. Maple Press. 1950. Limited edition. Original illustrations by Fritz Eichenberg. Patterned paper boards with brown fabric spine and gilt edges. Slipcase is soiled. Book itself is in excellent condition. Previously unpublished stories of magic and wonder. \$3.50

* 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).

Activities — Children and Teens

The Children's Room continues to present many favorite activities.

Storytimes. Storytimes resume the week of January 6 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 and their caregivers. Thursdays beginning January 8 at 9:30 a.m or 10:00 a.m.

Teen Summer Reading Meeting. Youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to this meeting to give us opinions about summer reading and earn a community service hour for attendance. Friday, January 2, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Open Play in Teen Space. Board games and Play Station games available in the Teen space. Wednesdays, January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Mother-Daughter Book Club. Copies of books are available for check out at the library. For daughters in grades 4 to 7. Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. *Yankee Girl* by Mary Ann Rodman.

Lego Club. Monday, January 26 and February 23, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For children in kindergarten and up.

Teen Unvalentine Party. Friday, February 13, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Celebrate everything "unvalentine!"

Gingerbread Contest



Thanks to all who entered KPL's very first Gingerbread Contest. We were amazed at the creativity and effort put forth for all entries. Creations were on display in the Children's Room through late December. The top photo shows several entries. The creation

at the far right is a depiction of KPL. In the bottom photo, 8-1/2 year old Jourdan Tamaray stands in front of her Victorian Christmas house that was awarded the Grand Supreme prize. Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed entries.

Greentree Books Shop "Farewell for Now" Sale

When the library moves to its temporary location, Greentree Books Shop will not go with it. Because of the very limited space KPL will have at Station Plaza, there is no room for a Shop. However, when the library moves back into our newly renovated building on Jefferson, the Shop will reopen to serve its dedicated patrons and continue to raise money for the library.

So, between now and the time the library moves (probably early spring — see page 1 article), ***everything in the Shop*** is for sale at half price! Even the Barnes & Noble \$1.00 items. Plus, you'll also get your ***10% member discount***. Dolores Schaumburg, Shop Manager, tells us that storing the items would be problematic, and when the Shop reopens in the newly renovated library, the items would certainly be dated. So, she says, "First come, first served, in a 'Farewell for Now' Sale. And, we look forward to seeing everyone when we have the Shop's grand opening in the newly renovated building."



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 21** Friends' Winter Program with Monica Adams at 1:00 p.m. (see page 1)
- January 21** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- February 9** Friends Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- February 18** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- March 6** Readers' Circle book discussion of *Villette* by Charlotte Brontë at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church (see page 3)
- March 12** Love & Forgiveness Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. (see page 3)
- March 18** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Location TBA
- March 26** Love & Forgiveness Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. (see page 3)
- April 8** English Tea at Kirkwood United Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m.
- April 9** Love & Forgiveness Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. (see page 3)
- April 15** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Location TBA
- April 20** Friends Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Commerce Bank Downstairs Conference Room

SAVE THE DATE FOR JULIUS HUNTER

Mark your calendar for the Friends' Annual English Tea scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church. Julius Hunter will regale us with hilarious and interesting anecdotes from his book *TV One-on-One*, which will be available for sale. An event not to be missed!

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