



# Chapter & Verse



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## Julius Hunter at English Tea

**O**n Wednesday, April 8, Julius Hunter will be the featured speaker at our annual English Tea to be held at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams, at 1:00 p.m.

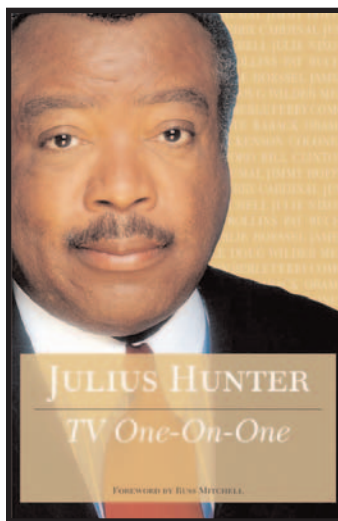
What can one say about Julius Hunter that hasn't already been said? If you were to say he is a "consummate pro," you would be repeating Walter Cronkite. If you refer to his "journalistic excellence and personal warmth" or if you called him a "respected and beloved figure in St. Louis," you would be echoing what Bob Costas has said about him. Senator Christopher Bond already commented that Julius has "brought wit, wisdom, and first-rate reporting into the homes of St. Louisans." (He also tells us that Julius "has done prime-time news in his undershorts.") So, you couldn't say either of those things without repeating someone again.

Or, one can think of Julius in terms of the interviews he has conducted: Sophia Loren, Milton Berle, Pearl Bailey, Arthur Ashe, Oprah, Colonel Sanders, Jimmy Hoffa, Ike Turner, Bette Midler, Art Buchwald, Obama, and incumbent Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush I, Clinton, and "W."

We think the best thing one can do is to attend our English Tea and listen to Julius talk about his new book: *TV One-On-One*, a rollicking adventure through his 33-year colorful, and award-winning career. *TV One-On-One* gives you a seat right next to Hunter as he interviews scores of celebrities and internationally known newsmakers face-to-face in a light you have never seen them in before. Copies of the book will be available for signing.

**Making reservations.** Tea and refreshments fol-

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## Bids, Bonds, & Berra

**I** believe it was Yogi Berra who said "It ain't over 'til it's over." Well folks, let me say with certainty that we're much closer to "getting it over." All preliminary items are in place and we are going to get a new and improved library.

Let me explain what has happened since I last wrote to you. First off, we received construction bids on January 11. Of the 13 bids received (this time it was a lucky 13) eight of them were within our budget. All bids were tightly grouped which is evidence of a good set of contract documents. As a part of these documents, we had included seven alternates.

These alternates covered things we would like to have but we were concerned about their effect on the overall project cost. Because of the favorable bid amount, we will be able to include our movable partition in the large meeting room to divide it into more appropriately sized spaces for small meetings as well as other items such as an entire new slate roof instead of a faux material or new slate only on the south side. We are now going to get the building that we were all hoping for but were afraid to count on. After a careful analysis of all thirteen bids by

our architects I have signed a contract with HBD Construction, Inc. to complete our dream.

Another thing that has worked in our favor is the timing of the selling of the bonds. As I noted previously, we were originally going to have to sell our bonds during calendar year 2008 for reasons I never really could understand much less explain to you. When this restriction was lifted we were able to move the bond selling dates to the month of February which historically is a better month for this

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## TRIBUTES RECEIVED

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

In memory of Marilee Lewis

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**Karen Scott**

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In honor of Maxine & Frank  
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**Pat & Joe Soraghan**

## Audio Books

**W**ith springtime right around the corner, you'll find more and more walkers around Kirkwood. Listening to a book while you walk is one thing many of us like to do, and a PLAYAWAY allows you to do just that.

A PLAYAWAY is a device a bit larger than a credit card. It is attached to a lanyard and it contains a pre-loaded audiobook. You'll need to supply your own ear buds or ear phones. It also works with speakers and car adapters. You may also need to supply a triple-A battery.

To see a listing of books available on a PLAYAWAY, go to [kpl.lib.mo.us](http://kpl.lib.mo.us). On the left-hand navigation bar, place your mouse on

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## Book Fair April 22-26 at Former CompUSA

**T**he Friends' Annual Book Fair will be held April 22 through 26 at 3614 South Lindbergh Boulevard. As in past years, this sale will offer tens of thousands of books of all categories at bargain prices.

The new location is the former CompUSA store on Lindbergh, just south of Watson. The facility has many advantages: spaciousness, prominent location, easy access, and lots of parking. We will begin setting up for the sale on Monday, April 20. Hours of the sale are:

Wednesday, April 22	1 pm - 9 pm
Thursday, April 23	9 am - 8 pm
Friday, April 24	9 am - 8 pm
Saturday, April 25	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, April 26	11 am - 5 pm

A \$5.00 entry fee will be charged on Wednesday only. Admission on all other days is free. As in previous years, Sunday will be "Bag Day" — \$5.00 for a Shop 'n Save grocery bag full of books. Payment can be made by cash or check.

**Assistance Needed.** Set-up for the sale will begin Monday, April 20. We will need able-bodied energetic people for set-up, as well as volunteers during the sale. The volunteer calling committee will be contacting those of you who have worked on previous sales. If you don't receive a call, or if you are interested in participating in this event, please call the Friends' office at (314) 821-5770, Extension 23, to arrange a time to work. The Book Fair is the Friends' largest money-maker, so this work will not only be fun, but also rewarding.

**Donating books.** Please note that since the library will be moving before the sale, **March 15** is the final date on which the Friends can accept book donations.

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event. History held its own and all the bonds were sold in less than four hours and we were able to realize 5% more for our money than we had budgeted.

One other item of note is the temporary space. I am sure that most (if not all) of you know by now that we have leased the space in Station Plaza that has been the location of the Book Fair for the last few years. It is somewhat smaller than we would have liked but the location, access, and visibility is great. Our plan is to move there close to the first week in April (see article on page 3) and start construction on the existing space about the middle of that month with completion in about a year.

Yogi would be pleased with how far we've come and I'm certain he could see that it's real close to being over.

Randy Miltenberger, *President*  
Kirkwood Public Library Board of Trustees

## SAVE THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM

Mark May 20 at noon on your calendar for a special program put on by the St. Louis Herb Society. You'll not only learn a lot about herbs, but we've scheduled it at noon because you'll have a chance to taste some delicious goodies.

## Move Schedule: The Devil is in the Details!

**A**s of press time for this issue of **C&V**, the library plans to begin its move to the temporary location on Monday, March 30. From then through Thursday, April 2, the library at its 140 East Jefferson location will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with very reduced services. Patrons will be able to return library materials as well as pick up library materials requested from other libraries. Patrons will *not* be able to avail themselves of any other services because the building, with the exception of the Circulation Desk, will be closed to the public as movers will be in and out of the building, moving the collection and other items to the temporary location at 200 S. Kirkwood Road.

The library will be closed Friday, April 3 through Monday, April 6, as library staff and movers finish the move including moving and connecting the library's computer server. Regular library hours resume Tuesday, April 7 and the public is invited to a grand opening of the temporary location on Sunday, April 26.

Materials checked out beginning on March 9 will be given extended checkout times with due dates to be determined at a meeting of library directors Thursday, March 5.

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low the program, which is open to the public. Admission is free to Friends' members. Non-members will be charged \$5.00 the day of the event. The fee will be waived for non-members who join the Friends when registering for the tea or it will be refunded to non-members who join on the day of the tea.

Because seating is limited, reservations are required and *must* be received by April 2. You may register by signing the registration sheet in the Shop (through March 15) or by calling (314) 821-5770, Extension 23 and leaving a message with your name and phone number. If you register and then are unable to attend, please call to let us know.

**Attend and enjoy!** Please join us for a wonderfully entertaining event. Perhaps someone will even ask Julius to clarify the "undershorts" comment. Or, maybe we'll learn the location of Jimmy Hoffa. Who knows?

### Shop Bargains Continue Until Closing on March 15

**C**losing is only temporary, but the last day of business for Greentree Books Shop will be March 15. When the library moves back into our wonderfully renovated building, the Shop will re-open to serve our loyal patrons. Thank you so much to each and every one of you who supported the Shop and made it such a success — volunteers and shoppers alike!

While it's still open, take advantage of the half price sale — everything in the Shop is 50% off the marked price. Members can take their 10% discount, also. What a bargain!

#### BEADS NEEDED

Even though the Shop will be closed for a while, the Craft Ladies remain diligently at work, and they need beads. If you have any old beads you can donate, or an old necklace that could be taken apart for the beads, please call them at (314) 821-5770, Extension 23 and let them know.

#### Officers

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Virginia Kramer, *Editor*

### PLAYAWAY (cont'd from page 2)

"Find it." A list of choices will open up. Click on the top one which is "Get a book, music, or movie." The third paragraph on the next page describes PLAYAWAYS and has a "Playaway Collection" link that you can click to get a listing of the titles available in this format. At press time, there were 164 titles listed.

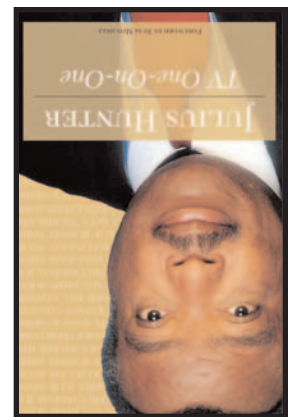
### Readers' Circle May 14 (note new date)

**T**he season's final Readers' Circle gathering will be led by Maureen McGrath, discussing *The Street of a Thousand Blossoms* by Gail Tsukiyama. Please note the date has changed from May 7 to May 14.

Readers' Circle is now meeting at the Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams, in Room 115 at 7:00 p.m.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- March 12** Love & Forgiveness Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. at Rose Hill House — *Paula* by Isabel Allende
- March 18** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Auditorium
- March 26** Love & Forgiveness Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. at Rose Hill House — *Disgrace* by J. M. Coetzee
- April 8** English Tea at Kirkwood United Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m. (*see page 1*)
- April 9** Love & Forgiveness Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. at Rose Hill House — *Jazz* by Toni Morrison
- April 15** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall
- April 22 - 26** Annual Book Fair at the former CompUSA store (*see page 2*)
- April 20** Friends Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Commerce Bank Downstairs Conference Room
- April 23** Love & Forgiveness Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. at Rose Hill House — *Death of Ivan Ilych* by Leo Tolstoy
- May 7** Love & Forgiveness Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m. at Rose Hill House — *The Dead* by James Joyce
- May 14** Readers' Circle book discussion of *The Secret of a Thousand Blossoms* by Gail Tsukiyama at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church (*see page 3*)
- May 20** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall



**Julius Hunter**  
**English Tea April 8**  
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