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Jill Raiser Author Series

Donations made to the Friends in memory of Jill Raiser, at the request of the Raiser family, have been earmarked for use by the Children's Room. Those funds are going to be used to sponsor the Kirkwood Public Library Jill Raiser Author Series. In this annual event, KPL will use funds from the endowment to sponsor talks by authors of children's books.



Jill Raiser

October 21, 1948 - May 28, 2006

The first of these events is scheduled for Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. when Ann M. Martin, author of the Baby-sitters Club books, *Belle Teal*, and *A Corner of the Universe*, just to name a few, will be at KPL to promote her new series called Main Street. Ann Martin books will be available for purchase starting at 6:00 p.m. For additional information call 314-821-5770, Extension 15.



Ann M. Martin

Literary Landmark in St. Louis

The Literary Landmarks Association was founded in 1986 by Frederick G. Ruffner, a former president of Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) and in 1989 the project became an official FOLUSA committee. The goal of the effort remained the same: to encourage the designation of special locations in a community tied to a deceased literary figure, author, or his or her work. Since the beginning, over 60 locations have been identified as a Literary Landmark.

The dedications have included homes of famous writers (Tennessee Williams, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, William Faulkner), libraries and museum collections, literary scenes (such as John's Grill in San Francisco, immortalized by Dashiell Hammett), and even "Grip" the Raven, formerly the pet of Charles Dickens and inspiration to Edgar Allen Poe and now presiding (stuffed) at the Rare books Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia.

KPL puts St. Louis on the list. With the financial support of the Friends, and co-sponsorship with the Kate Chopin Society, KPL applied to FOLUSA to designate the Kate Chopin House in

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Annual Meeting May 14

The Friends' Annual Meeting will be held Monday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Large Auditorium in the Library. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting, as set forth in the Bylaws is "... to approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, to receive the Annual report of the President, to adopt a Budget, to elect Officers and Members-at-Large, and to transact any other business which may come before the meeting."

Reservations are not required but sign up sheets are in the Greentree Books Shop and at the Circulation Desk to give us an idea of how many to expect. Or, if you plan to attend, you can call the Friends' office at 314-821-5770, Extension 23 and leave a message or e-mail us at the address listed on page 2. We certainly look forward to seeing you there.

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KPL Receives Grant for Summer Reading

KPL has received a \$7,000 grant from the Missouri State Library* to help support its 2007 Summer Reading program, "Get a Clue." This money will assist the Library with providing programs and activities geared toward the children of working parents and caregivers. "We believe children of working parents do not come to the Library in the summer as regularly as children of non-working parents. With this grant money, we will be able to attain our goal of better serving this population via outreach and in-house programs and activities during Library evening and weekend hours," says Sarah Erwin, Manager of Children and Young Adult Services.

In order to make a more accommodating summer reading program schedule, this grant will allow for a temporary staff member to be hired to assist in the additional 30 programs that are being offered during weekend and evening hours. This temporary staff member will also permit the Children's Staff to be free to visit area daycare centers and summer camps on a weekly basis. The 2007 Summer Reading program will kick-off on June 2 and will end on August 4. (See details on page 3). Parents, grandparents and other caregivers interested in receiving program announcements via e-mail should contact Sarah at 314-821-5770, Extension 16 or by e-mailing her at serwin@real.more.net. Also, visit our web site, www.kpl.lib.mo.us for upcoming event information.

* The Missouri State Library is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Board of Trustees Vacancies

Beginning June 1, 2007, two positions on the Kirkwood Public Library Board of Trustees will become vacant. Each appointed Board member serves a three-year term with a possible second term. No Board member may serve more than six consecutive years. Interested parties should apply by filling out a short form that can be picked up at the City Clerk's office at Kirkwood City Hall or at the Library. For more information, please call Kirkwood Public Library Director, Wicky Sleight, at 314-821-5770, Extension 32.

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the Central West End as a Literary Landmark. Chopin (1850 - 1904) began her writing career in 1899 and is probably best known for her book *The Awakening*. Her writings portrayed women's desires of independence, control of their own sexuality, marriage, passion, and fidelity.

On May 26 a ceremony to dedicate a foundry-crafted bronze plaque will be held at 4232 McPherson Avenue, the site where Kate lived from 1903 to 1904. Further details will soon be available at the Library or you can call 314-821-5770, Extension 11 with questions.

Wisdom is found in
libraries and in those
who support them.

“Get a Clue” Summer Reading Program

The Children’s Department summer reading program this year runs from June 2 through August 4 and is themed “Get a Clue.” Children are encouraged to come to special programs and keep track of their summer reading to win prizes and chance tickets for more prizes. Sign up will be available online at www.kpl.lib.mo.us. Additionally, you will be able to report reading hours online. Details on all programs are available in the Children’s Room, but to whet your appetite, we’ll share a few activities with you below.

Kickoff. The program begins with a kickoff party on June 2 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Drop in any time during those hours for fun activities.

Summer Storytimes for Preschoolers. Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., June 5 to July 31. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m., June 9 to August 4.

Eat-Write Club. Kids entering grades 4 to 7 participate in creative writing activities. Bring a sack lunch. Includes author visits. Mondays, noon to 1:00 p.m., June 4 to July 30.

Chess Club. Ages 5 to 15, all skill levels welcome. Mondays, 3:30 to 4:30, June 4 to July 30.

Adventure Club. For children entering grades 1 to 4. Adventure stories and crafts. Every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m., June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26.

Drop-in Stories. Children ages 4 to 8 are invited to drop in and listen to stories starting on the half hour. Fridays at 10:00, 10:30, and 11:00 a.m., June 15 to August 3.

Reading Buddies. Children entering grades 1 to 4 partner with teen volunteers for one-on-one reading time. Children and teens must apply. Space limited.



Mother Daughter Book Club. Tuesdays, 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. June 12, July 10, August 14. Stop by for a copy of the book while supplies last.

Father Son Book Club. Tuesdays, 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. June 19, July 17. Stop by for a copy of the book while supplies last.

Summer Movies. Every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Friday at 2:00 p.m. June 7/8, June 21/22, July 5/6, and July 19/20.

Fingerprinting. With Kirkwood Detective Urbeck, elementary school age children will learn about fingerprinting and make a fun project. June 15, 1:30 p.m.

Mystery Party. Mysterious fun and games for elementary school children. June 23, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.



“Wacky Wednesdays.” Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. All ages welcome. Sign up is required for Babaloo and the Magic House only (see below).

June 6 Crime Dog McGruff

June 13 Babaloo — You must sign up for either the 10:30 or 11:15 show.

June 20 The Magic Storyteller

June 27 The Magic House — sign up required.

July 11 Yo-Yo Kid Ian Cole

July 18 Laughing Matters and the Case of the Mysterious Case

July 25 Magician Samuel Shaefer

August 1 Scooby Doo Party

Money Smarts. Presented by the Federal Reserve Bank and UMSL, this is for youth entering grades 6 through 9. Registration required. Tuesdays, June 12, 19, and 26, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Middle school game night. For kids entering grades 6 to 8, no exceptions. Must sign up and have permission form to attend. June 29, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday Harry Potter. Celebrate Harry Potter VII. July 7, 2:00 p.m.

Nate the Great Party. Fun activities for fans of the series. July 21, 2:00 p.m.

All Night Library Lock-in. For children entering grades 5 to 8, no exceptions. Must have read 20 hours by July 20 to sign up. Space limited. Sign up mandatory to attend. July 21, 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Book Discussion. Discuss the latest Harry Potter book. All ages. July 31, 7:15 p.m.

Comics Creator: Matt Kindt. For youth ages 12 to 14. Matt Kindt, illustrator and writer of the *Super Secret Spy*, *The Tick*, and *2 Sisters* will give a talk and demo about creating comics. August 1, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The finalé. Celebrate the summer reading finalé with a high energy show by Dave Farver, Mr. Saxophone. Family fun. August 2, 6:30 p.m.

Questions? Call 314-821-5770, Ext. 15 with questions or for further details on any summer activity.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Month of May** Sac and Fox Indian tribes exhibit
- May 10** The Kirkwood Public Library Jill Raiser Author Series presents Ann M. Martin at 7:00 p.m. *(see page 1)*
 - May 14** Annual Friends Meeting in Large Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. *(see page 1)*
 - May 16** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Large Auditorium
 - May 19** Sac and Fox Presentation by Michael Bouman, Executive Director, Missouri Humanities Council at 2:00 p.m.
 - May 26** Dedication of Literary Landmark Plaque at Kate Chopin House *(see page 1)*
 - May 31** Family Legacy Workshop with author Linda Weaver Clarke at 7:00 p.m. in Large Auditorium
- June 2 - August 4** "Get a Clue" Children's Summer Reading Program *(see page 3)*
- June 18** Friends' Changeover Lunch/Orientation/Board Meeting at noon
 - June 20** Library Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Large Auditorium

Please consider a planned gift to the Kirkwood Public Library Foundation.
Call Wicky Sleight, 314-821-5770, Extension 32 for further information

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