



Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library

Chapter & Verse

November/December 2009



LIBRARY LIBATIONS WINE TASTING FUND RAISER Grapevine Wines, December 2

Beginning at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 2, the Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library will sponsor a fund raising event at Grapevine Wines, 309 South Kirkwood Road. "Library Libations" will offer you a chance to taste a variety of wines from around the world, enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, buy raffle tickets on gift baskets, and do a little Christmas shopping.

Admission is \$35 per non-member and \$30 per member, with two member tickets available per membership. The Friends (and therefore the library) will benefit not only from the sale of admission tickets and raffle tickets, but Grapevine Wines will donate 10% of all sales that evening to the Friends. So, please consider making purchases while you are there for your current needs, and also for your holiday and future needs as well.

Remember, too, that net proceeds from our special

events this year will go directly to the Buy-a-Shelf campaign to furnish the library. Those funds are in addition to the monies that have already been budgeted as a gift to the library.

We hope you'll be able to join us. Due to space constraints, attendance will be limited to the first 100 reservations made, so be sure to make your reservation right away.

A reservation form appears on page 6. Or, you can print one out by going to www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/friends_home.asp. Click on the Library Libations link to access the form. Please mail the completed form along with your check payable to Friends

of the Kirkwood Public Library to 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Questions? Call 821-5770, Extension 1023 and leave a message. We'll be happy to get back to you quickly.



SAVE THE DATE FRIENDS' WINTER PROGRAM

The Friends winter program presents
Eileen Dreyer

St. Louis native and best-selling, award-winning author of 22 Silhouette books and eight medico-forensic suspense novels for Harper and St. Martin's and seven short stories.

January 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church

MEMBERS-ONLY COFFEE

Get Answers, See Images, and Share in Holiday Treats on December 12

Have you been wondering “When will the library reopen in its permanent location?” or “Where will the gift shop be?” or “What major changes will we see?” or even “Will there be enough parking?”

If you, like so many other Friends members, are wondering about these and other questions about the Kirkwood Public Library and how the library will look and MORE — come to hear Randy Miltenberger, President of the Library Board of Trustees, for an enthusiastic as well as enlightening update on the progress of renovation. (See Randy’s article below.) Sarah Erwin, Acting Director of the KPL, will tell us about library programs and answer “What’s new at the library?” (Sarah tells you more in her piece below, also). And,

Picturing the Future

I am sure many of you have seen “Extreme Makeover - Home Edition” on the ABC network as well as many of the shows on HGTV that can complete a difficult renovation in only a thirty minute show.

Well, at the Members-Only Coffee on December 12, I will not be able to build a new library for you in that amount of time but I hope to be able to show you how we got to where we are today in a 15 or 20 minute presentation. We’ll take a look at images that show progress from 30 feet below what will be the Lower Level, to the roof line of about 45 feet above this elevation. So grab your hard hats and hammers and let’s get to work.

Randall Miltenberger, President
Kirkwood Library Board of Trustees

of course, the Friends will share plans for future events and activities, as well as plans for the new shop. If you attend, you can be one of the first to sign up for a volunteer shift in our new shop.

Come for coffee and conversation, holiday treats, and an informed update of the library on Saturday, December 12, at 10 a.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church in Epworth Hall. Be “in the know!”

In order to know how many people to expect, would you please let us know you’ll be coming? A sign-up sheet will be located at the Friends desk at the library or you can call us at 821-5770, Extension 1023 and let us know you’ll be in attendance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Meet Me in December

I’m looking forward to visiting with each of you during the December 12 Members-Only Coffee. While Library Trustee President Randy Miltenberger will wow you with the future of our library building, I’d like to talk with you about the future of library services. Dreams of that beautifully renovated building are inspiring staff to think and plan big!

From new ways to reach outside our library doors to new programs inside, we have lots of ideas. Please be sure to attend on December 12th so we can share with you our plans and most importantly, hear your thoughts on what you’d like to see your library do during this exciting time.

Sarah Erwin
Acting Library Director

STAYING IN TOUCH ELECTRONICALLY

Suppose you don’t have a recent copy of *Chapter & Verse* available and you wonder what upcoming events we have planned? How can you find out?

Using the website. One way would be to go to our new “Upcoming Events” page on our website. Go to www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/friends_home.asp. On that page click on “Upcoming Events” to find a listing of the latest plans.

Sign up for Friends’ e-mails. Another way to help you stay in touch would be to sign up for our periodic e-mails. Just send an e-mail to us at KPLFriends@

kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org and ask us to add you to our list.

Sign up for the KPL e-newsletter. Eight times a year the library publishes an electronic version of *Outlook*, its newsletter. You can sign up to automatically receive the e-newsletter version of *Outlook* by going to www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org. About halfway down the home page, in the middle column, click on “sign up for our e-newsletter” and provide your email address on the next screen. You’ll read news in *Outlook* about both KPL and the Friends.

RECENT EVENTS

Dancing Added Warmth at Jim Gill Concert

Quite a few brave fans turned out at Station Plaza on a chilly and windy morning on Saturday, October 3 to listen to and dance along with Jim Gill's music. Sparky the Fire Dog was a great success prior to the performance, along with Penny Pineapple and her balloons. Thanks to Julie Hammond and Sue Pate for their wonderful face painting following the concert. Caroline Penberty won four tickets to the Magic House due to joining the Friends that day.



Charlie Brennan Program

On Wednesday, October 7 at Kirkwood United Methodist Church 75 people were entertained by Charlie Brennan, KMOX and Donnybrook personality, with stories of St. Louis trivia. Question: Which famous explorer, military person, and medical researcher all lived in the same St. Louis building at the same time? See page 5 for the answer.

Nerinx Hall Craft Fair

The Craft Group of the Friends staffed a booth at "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," the annual craft fair sponsored by Nerinx Hall High School on Sunday, October 11. Their efforts grossed almost \$200 in sales of their hand crafted items. Thanks, ladies, for all your effort and sharing your talents to raise funds for KPL.

Another Successful Greentree Festival

At this year's Greentree Festival we sold beautiful handmade items from our Craft Group, including jewelry, scarves, scrubbies, bookmarks, night lights, tea bag holders, and key rings. We also had a nice selection of children's books and passed out close to 500 helium balloons. We provided information about the Friends and future library programs, plus answered a lot of questions about the new library – people are very excited. We grossed \$558.50 in sales. Our deepest thanks go to the following 26 wonderful volunteers, who helped make this all possible. Thanks for all the help!

Judy Arnold	Mary Marx
Jane Arnot	Dolores & Don Schaumburg
Jane Bond	June Shaw
Ann & Dan Cain	Pat Simpson
Jack & Jackie Carpenter	Carol Sipes
Janice & Steve Chamness	Pat Soraghan
Sarah & Bryan Erwin	Holly Washeck
Linda Fenton	Teri & Paul Weber
Virginia Kramer	Kelly Weber
Louise Marsh	Edith Wenzel



Even though Sunday brought some rain, our Festival booth (in our new tent) was still staffed. Here you see (front row) Courtney Wood and Dolores Schaumburg and (back row) Jackie Carpenter, Sarah Erwin, Bryan Erwin, and Jack Carpenter.

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Special Events for Adults

In Honor of Our Veterans. John McManus, professor of military history, discusses his books about the 7th Infantry's soldiers and service at the American Legion Post in Kirkwood. McManus' books will be available for sale. Refreshments and signings also available. Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am.

Legal Issues for Nonprofit Board Members. This program will be presented by Dan Sise, attorney and UMSL instructor. Pat Rohan, KPL librarian, will provide training on the Foundation Directory Online Database. Thursday, December 3, 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Grant Management Basics. This program will be presented by Dan Sise, attorney and UMSL instructor. Pat Rohan, KPL librarian, will provide training on the Foundation Directory Online Database. Thursday, December 10, 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Computer classes begin the week of November 4 and are held weekly on Wednesdays, 10:00 am to noon and Thursdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Hough Community Learning Center, 106 N. Sappington. Classes are free. To sign up please call 821-5770, Extension 1 or see an associate at the front desk.

Wednesday, Nov. 4, Windows XP
Thursday, Nov. 5, Word 2007 Session 1
Wednesday, Nov. 11, Library Closed
Thursday, Nov. 12, Word 2007 Session 2
Wednesday, Nov. 18, Excel 2007 Session 1
Thursday, Nov. 19, Excel 2007 Session 2
Wednesday, Dec. 2, Word 2007 Session 1
Thursday, Dec. 3, Internet 1.0
Wednesday, Dec. 9, Word 2007 Session 2
Thursday, Dec. 10, PowerPoint 2007 Session 1
Wednesday, Dec. 16, Digital Pictures and Social Networking Websites
Thursday, Dec. 17, PowerPoint 2007 Session 2

Special Events for Youth

Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt. Ages 6 and up. Can you find Waldo hidden in the library? Saturday, November 7, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Teen Bingo. Grades 6 through 12. Thursday, November 12, 6:30 pm.

Gorgeous Gourds. Kids come to the children's area to decorate a gourd and have apple cider and cookies! Saturday, November 21, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Home Sweet Home. Sign up to decorate gingerbread to take home. Ages 8 and older, program space limited. Call the library at 821-5770, Extension 1015 to sign up. Saturday, December 5, 2:30 to 3:30 pm.

Ongoing Programs for Children. Storytimes through December 12 (no Storytimes during Thanksgiving week):

Tuesdays, 10 am, stories for 2 and 3 year olds
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, family storytime
Wednesdays, 10 am, preschoolers and pre-K
Saturdays, 10 am, family storytime
Thursdays, 9:30 am, Books for Babies (6-24 months and caregivers). Last fall Books for Babies on November 19.

Save the Date

Bobby Norfolk, Emmy Award Winning storyteller presents "Scott Joplin, the Ragtime King." Storytelling, live music, and audience participation. For all ages. Saturday, January 23, 2:00 to 2:45 pm.

Ridley Pearson, author of *Peter and the Starcatcher* series will discuss his latest book, *Peter and the Sword of Mercy*. Books available for sale and author signing. Location: Kirkwood Train Station. Saturday, January 30, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Holiday Greetings from the Hospitality Committee

Wow! It's already time to begin to think about the holiday season. While you are out and about on Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5, remember to stop by the library. We will be serving coffee and cookies for patrons and staff from 10:00 am to noon, or as long as the goodies last. So, stop by and share in the refreshments.

TRIBUTES

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

In Memory of Patsy Goodall
Sally Ebenger
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Miller
Rebecca Stanza
Mrs. Donald Winsby

In Memory of Marjorie Colberg
Anne Horner
Marilyn Koncen

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Friends and thank them for supporting KPL:

Archivist Level
Suzanne Masters

Publisher Level
Franklin & Tresa McCallie

Editor Level
Julie Pate
Dee Rover

Author Level
Wilma Altenbernd*
Charlie Brennan
Dawn & Seamus Buckley
Judy & Ned Cleveland
Jack & Dottie Connell
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Molly Duncan
Gary & June Hochberg
Jan Nagy
Barbara Natoli
Caroline Penberthy**
Ann Russell
Kathy & Mike Sanders
Becky Shoemaker
Richard & Barbara Simonson

*Winner of \$25.00 gift certificate for the Friends' new shop because she joined at the October 7 Charlie Brennan program.

** Winner of four tickets to the Magic House because she joined at the October 3 Jim Gill Concert.

Trivia Answer (from page 3): In 1838 William Clark, Robert E. Lee, and William Beaumont all lived in a building owned by Clark where the north leg of the arch currently stands.

READERS' CIRCLE SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Readers' Circle will be held January 7 at 7:00 pm in Room 108 of the Kirkwood United Methodist Church. We will discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. Pat Simpson will be the discussion leader. *Entertainment Weekly*, has this to say about the book on EW.com:

"Eilis Lacey trades her humble beginnings in small-town Ireland for bustling 1950s Brooklyn. She grapples with the stark differences until she meets Tony, an outgoing young Italian man from a big family who opens the city, and his heart, to her. After the two embark on a romance, some distressing news from back home forces her to choose between the promise of a future with Tony and a return to her roots. Colm Toibin's tributes to old New York, both in landscape and disposition, beautifully reflect on a time past, but it's Eilis' universal struggles with matters of the heart that make this novel such a moving, deeply satisfying read."

Books discussed during the balance of the Readers' Circle season will be:

March 4: *Agnes Gray* by Anne Bronte. Francis Baumli will lead the discussion of this classic that achieves high stature via its clear, graceful exposition and its subtle humor. This book rounds out our readings by the Bronte sisters.

May 6: *Going Over East: Reflections of a Woman Rancher* by Linda Hasselstrom. Hasselstrom gives a sense of what it really takes to battle the elements, the political, and economic changes that create such a harsh reality for real working ranchers. Kim Schmidt leads the discussion of this excellent example of memoir writing.

Help Wanted

Have you noticed the books for sale at the back of the library, along the east wall? Every day, people drop off used books at the library; volunteers sort through them and put them on the shelves for sale. In the current fiscal year, the sale of these donated books has brought in over \$1,800 for the library, so the effort has been well worth it.

Would you like to help? We need volunteers to work on a regular basis, which means one day a week, for one or two hours. If you're interested, please call the Friends at 821-5770 ext. 1023 and leave your name and phone number.

Book Club to Go

If your book club needs some ideas for literary selections or perhaps a boost to your discussions, consider looking into KPL's Book Club to Go.

These kits are located just inside, and to the right of, the back entryway into the temporary library. They consist of multiple copies of the book, as well as a discussion guide. The guide is a helpful tool for everyone from the novice to the veteran book clubber. The wonderful KPL staff has assembled some great information to help you prepare and lead your book club group — tips on how to read a book for discussion, tips on how to lead a book discussion, information about the book and the author, intriguing discussion questions, and further reading selections. Each kit can be checked out for a six-week period and can be renewed one time.

Currently over 50 titles are available. To see the entire list of books and learn more details, go to www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/book_club_kits.asp. You can either scroll down the Book Club Kits page to learn about the current offerings, or else click on "catalog" which will take you to the library's catalog listing of all the "to-go" kits.

Friends Help Santa Again

For the third year, the Friends of Kirkwood Public Library will be a help to Santa. He is just so busy that it's difficult to keep up with his correspondence — and that's where we come in.

By completing the form on the facing page, and sending \$5.00, you can request a Letter from Santa to be sent to any child in your life — no matter what the age of the child. In previous years we have sent these letters to "children" ranging from six months to well over 80 years. Receiving a letter from Santa can bring a little unexpected joy to anyone.

Randy Miltenberger, Trustee President, has been Santa's single largest "customer" with 10 letters ordered last year for his grandchildren. He tells us, "It was amazing to see how excited the kids were. They had no idea that Santa knew so much about them. And, I could request these for all the grandchildren, whether they are in town or out of town."

Please copy the form or to go www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/friends_home.asp and click on "Letter from Santa." Help us grow our program by passing the word through your e-mail list or through friends you see.

Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library invite you to
join us on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at Grapevine Wines for



Library Libations

Celebrate the holidays with good wine, food, and "Friends"



Come taste selected wines from around the world, nibble on an array of tasty hors d'oeuvres, buy tickets to win a variety of gift baskets, and do some holiday shopping.

Reservations required by November 28. Attendance is limited to 100.

Complete this form and make your check payable to **Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library.**

Mail the form and your check to us at **140 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122**

I would like to make reservations for _____ non-members at \$35.00 each
and _____ members at \$30.00 each (maximum two per membership)

Name(s) _____

Address _____
Street address City State Zip

Email address _____

Telephone _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

To receive the special members-only rate for this event, I'd like to join the Friends at the \$25 level, \$50 level, \$100 level, \$250 level, or \$500 level (please circle one) and I've included the membership fee in my enclosed check.

Letter from Santa

Santa needs help with his correspondence this year, so members of the Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library are coming to his rescue. We'll be happy to send a Letter from Santa to all the children in your life — no matter how young or old! Just give us a little information about each and that person will receive a personalized letter from the jolly old elf himself.

For each letter, please complete a copy of the form below and send a check in the amount of \$5.00 payable to Friends of KPL, Attn: Santa Letter, 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122-4026. Deadlines:

For requests received by **December 8**, every effort will be made to have the letter postmarked at the North Pole. Requests received from **December 9 through December 16** will be postmarked locally. All requests must be received by **December 16**.

Please feel free to copy this sheet as much as you like and share this wonderful program with friends and neighbors. Remember, the letter is being mailed, so no matter where that special person is — or where you are — Santa's letter will get there!

Please complete this form and return it with a \$5.00 donation to: Friends of KPL, Attn: Santa Letter, 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122-4026.

Child's first name: _____ Last name: _____

Boy or girl? _____ Age: _____

Child's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

A special accomplishment of this child: _____

One thing this child needs to work on (for example, saying 'please' and 'thank you'): _____

Santa will get updates from: Mom _____ or Dad _____ or Grandma (name) _____ or

Grandpa (name) _____ or Teacher (name) _____

Names of siblings, family members, or pets who live with this child: _____

(please identify each person or pet)

(Please complete a separate form for each letter.)

This letter has been requested by:

(We will not share any of this information)

Your name: _____ Phone number: _____

Your address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your email address: _____

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Wednesday, December 2
"Library Libations"
Wine tasting fund raiser

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Saturday, December 12
Members-Only Coffee
Holiday cheer and library updates
(see page 2)

Contact us!

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

November

- 4 Carol Shepley program, 7 pm, at KUM Church
- 5 Readers' Circle Book Discussion, 7 pm, KUM
- 7 Craft Booth at the Principia, 9 am to 3 pm
- 11 Library Closed for Veterans' Day
- 18 Trustee Meeting at City Hall, 5:30 pm
- 25 Library Closes at 5:00 pm
- 26 Library Closed for Thanksgiving

December

- 2 Library Libations, 6:00 pm at Grapevine Wines
- 4, 5 Cookies served at library, 10:00 am
- 12 Members-Only Coffee, 10 am at KUM Church
- 21 Board Meeting, 1 pm at Commerce Bank
- 24, 25 Library Closed for Christmas
- 31 Library Closed for New Year's Eve

January

- 1 Library Closed for New Year's Day
- 7 Readers' Circle Book Discussion, 7 pm, KUM
- 20 Friends Winter Program 1 pm, at KUM Church