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The library will be closed
 Sunday, September 1 and
 Monday, September 2,
 for Labor Day.

	Library Hours
M-Th	9:00 - 9:00
Fri	9:00 - 5:00
Sat	9:00 - 5:00
Sun	12:00 - 5:00

Library Board Meetings

7 p.m. August 19, September 16

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Library Board Establishes Facility Planning Committee

The Board of Trustees of the Kirkwood Public Library has voted to establish a Facility Planning Committee, to consist of three board members and six citizens, to implement the next stage in the process of improving the library to meet the needs of the community in the 21st century.

Board president Catherine Irwin Reber has appointed board members Brenda Banjak, Bob Clodfelter and Joan Dowell, and citizen members Neil Ewing, Vern Gunderman, Tresa McCallie, Ken McKelvie, Mark VanMatre and Phebe Williams to serve on the Facility Planning Committee.

The library has issued a Request for Qualifications for architects interested in assisting the library in planning an improved facility. The committee is charged with reviewing the responses to the RFQ and determining a short-list of the most qualified candidates. The committee will participate in the preparation of a Request for Proposals, which will be sent to the short-listed candidates. The committee will review the replies to the RFP and determine which proposal best fits the needs of the library, then make a final recommendation to the Board.

"We anticipate that the committee will complete its charge, with an architect selected and a contract signed, within the next twelve months," said Reber. KPL director Wicky Sleight and assistant director Pam Klipsch will work with the Facility Planning Committee. The first meeting of the committee will be scheduled for sometime in August.



*KPL Foundation
 President John Frain*

John Frain Elected President of Kirkwood Public Library Foundation

John Frain has been elected president of the Kirkwood Public Library Foundation for 2002-2003. He holds a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and has had his own advertising and public relations business, Frain's Creative Ink, since 1995. He and his wife Janet and their three children are residents of Kirkwood and enthusiastic boosters of the library.

Frain, who has served on the board of the Foundation for three years, succeeds Tom Waltz as president. Other officers for 2002-2003 are Vice President: Jim Durbin, Secretary: Nancy Heck; and Treasurer: Nancy Speigel.

The Kirkwood Public Library Foundation is responsible for raising money for major projects and for the endowment fund for the library.

From The Stacks

By Wicky Sleight, Director

Honor your favorite recent graduate in a special way. Here is an opportunity to remind them once again how important libraries were to their academic achievement, how important libraries will be to their lifelong learning, and how proud you are of their accomplishments, past and future. Give a lasting gift to the Library Reference Collection to benefit present and future generations. What a special way to honor a son or daughter, grandchild, neighbor or friend.

With your gift of \$400, the library will be able to purchase one of these titles, and identify your honoree with a bookplate in the book and a listing in the entry in the public catalog. Honorees will also become members of the KPL Scholar Society, with their names permanently inscribed on a plaque in the Kirkwood Public Library Reference Department.

Choose the book that best suits your graduate's interests from this list of the 2002 Outstanding Reference Sources.



Aak to Zumbra: A Dictionary of the World's Watercraft

Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians

Censorship: A World Encyclopedia

Eerdman's Dictionary of the Bible

Encyclopedia of Archeology: History and Discoveries

Encyclopedia of Computers and Computer History

Encyclopedia of Genetics

Encyclopedia of Life Writing: Autobiographical and Biographical Forms

Encyclopedia of the U.S. Supreme Court

Encyclopedia of the World's Zoos

Encyclopedia of Women Social Reformers

The Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer

Macmillan Encyclopedia of Energy

Martial Arts of the World: An Encyclopedia

Oxford Companion to Shakespeare

Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt

Don't see a subject that interests you on this list? Call me at 821-3849 for a personal consultation. There are many more titles that we can suggest!



Yes, I want to honor a recent graduate with a new Reference Book at the Kirkwood Public Library. My gift of \$400 for the purchase of this title: _____

is in honor of : _____

a graduate of this school: _____ graduating in the year: _____

A gift from: Your name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please send acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cit/State/Zip: _____

Please make check for \$400 payable to the Kirkwood Public Library Reference Fund.

Please charge \$400 to my credit card: Visa MasterCard

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

____ My employer has a matching gift program.

Please mail to: Kirkwood Public Library Reference Fund, 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood MO 63122.

Thank You Notes:

Thanks for the following gifts to the library:

A special thanks to Jacqueline Isselhardt, who has for a number of years successfully applied for community grants from her employer, Lend Lease Real Estate Investments, to purchase books for the library. This year Ms. Isselhardt obtained a grant of \$500 so that we could purchase books about disabilities for children.

In memory of Larry Smith
George and Joan Dowell

*In honor of **Farewell to Manzanar** and the 2002 ReadMOre Project*
Japanese American Citizen's League
Claire and Charles Kehoe

In memory of Mary P. Dowell
Missouri Baptist Diagnostic Center
Susan Randall

Thanks to the following businesses that provided support for our summer reading program:

Martha Baker
Ice Cream Specialties
Vickie Irwin and Scholastic Books
Old Country Buffet

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Due to the Foundations recent solicitation, we have a long list of donors to thank. We will publish the list in sections in forthcoming issues of the *Source*, until all donors have been acknowledged.

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In honor/memory of LTC Donald L. Learnard

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Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ruppen
In memory of E.J. Russell
Norma H. Russell

Timothy John Ryan

Munch A Bunch of Books Winners

Congratulations to the May prize winner in our adult reading club! Jill Raiser won a gift certificate from Blue Water Grill. Thanks again to all those who participated in the reading club. We hope you are enjoying the summer and that you will sign up again in September, when we start our third year with a new theme: *Let Freedom Read!*

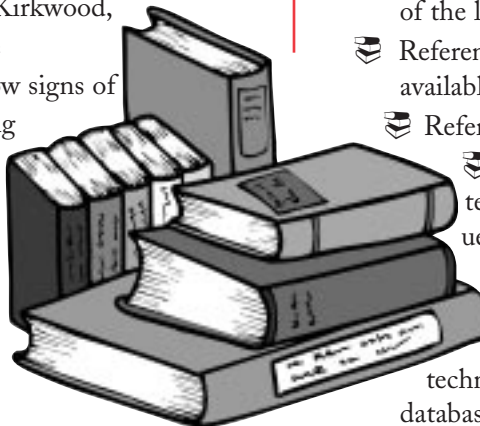


Free Computer Classes

Kirkwood Public Library holds free computer classes every month! Each class consists of a single 90-minute session. Learn to search the Internet, send e-mail, or use the basics of Microsoft Word. For more information or to make reservations for a class, call the reference department at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 20.

Library Statistics

During the fiscal year that ended April 30, the library checked out 318,686 items. This is the sixth year in a row that library circulation has significantly increased. Since 1997 our checkout rate has increased 37%. We averaged 700 visitors a day, which makes the library the third most-visited noncommercial site in Kirkwood, right after the Magic House and the Kirkwood Parks! And it doesn't show signs of slowing down any time soon. During the month of June we checked out more items than we ever have before --- a total of 32,867 items for the month --- a new record for KPL!



Why Do We Maintain A Print Reference Collection?

"The computer is only a fast idiot, it has no imagination, it cannot originate action. It is, and will remain, only a tool to man."

---On the Univac computer exhibited at the 1964 New York World's Fair.

In the Information Age of the World Wide Web/Internet, why does the Reference Department invest in printed materials?

If we relied solely on the Internet to answer reference questions, what would happen:

- ☞ when the software fails,
- ☞ when the provider has technical problems,
- ☞ when the electricity goes off,
- ☞ when the .com goes out of business,
- ☞ when the site webmaster changes the content,
- ☞ when the subscription cost increases beyond the range of our budget?

When the online reference source ceases to exist:

- ☞ nothing is in-house or on-shelf,
- ☞ there is no backup,
- ☞ no archive,
- ☞ there is nothing to use,
- ☞ nothing to hand the patron,
- ☞ there is no physical remnant of past purchases,
- ☞ all that remains are account records and cancelled checks.

So why do we still need print materials to answer reference questions?

- ☞ Reference books are material commodities.
- ☞ Reference books are regularly critiqued by professional reviewers, compared and then selected for quality, authenticity, validity and dependability.
- ☞ Once purchased, reference books become the property of the library for use now and in the future.
- ☞ Reference books remain in-house and on the shelf, available whenever the library is open.
- ☞ Reference books can be archived for future need.
- ☞ The printed book does not change its content, is not dependent on the publisher's continued existence in business, and is not plagued with technical problems.
- ☞ The printed book does not require the patron to use a mouse, understand Internet technology or vocabulary, navigate a web site or database, and/or cope with the idiosyncrasies of the computer.

Teens Invited To Help Plan Programs For Fall

As we begin the third year of our Target Teen program initiative we would like to invite teens ages 14 and up to attend a planning meeting for teen programs at the library. During the coming school year, we hope to expand the program to include monthly book discussions, poetry cafes, and film showings. Your input is greatly needed! Please plan to attend on Thursday evening, August 15 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. R.S.V.P. to Pam Klipsch at the library, 821-5770 Ext. 22.

August Film Festival Features Classic Family Films

Please join us on Sunday afternoons in August for an opportunity to view great classic family films on the big screen television in the large auditorium. This series is free of charge and open to the general public --- no advance registration required. Show time is 2 p.m. Refreshments are available from the vending machines located nearby in the children's department.

Show dates are as follows: Sunday, August 4: *You Can't Take It With You*, starring Jimmy Stewart, Jean Arthur and Lionel Barrymore; August 11: *Mrs. Miniver*, starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon; August 18: William Powell and Irene Dunne in *Life With Father*; and August 25: Irene Dunne again in *I Remember Mama*.

Library Installs Vending Machines for Public Use

In line with its policy to allow food and drink in the library, adopted by the Board of Trustees last fall, the library has contracted with Dan Cline of Independent Vendors, a local company, to provide vending machines selling soft drinks and snacks in the library. The machines are located in the front lobby on the main level and at the rear of the children's room on the lower level.

A recent survey by the Public Library Association indicates that allowing food and drink in libraries is a growing trend nationwide. Libraries have leased space to restaurants, contracted with vendors to run cafes, and installed vending machines. Libraries that allow food and drink --- some have done so for almost 20 years --- report this practice creates no significant problems in terms of spillage and litter, and that it is an amenity that attracts many users to the library.

Food and drink have been part of Kirkwood Public Library for quite some time. Refreshments are served at many library events and programs. The Friends of the Library, for example, provide free cookies and coffee for patrons for an entire week every year during the holiday season, and coffee and cake every fall to celebrate the birthday of the Greentree Shop. It has never caused a problem, and in fact, many of our patrons have expressed appreciation. Refreshments are served during programs in the children's room, also without problems.

We have insisted that the vendor include bottled water and fruit juices, and low fat snacks as choices in the vending machines. We have installed additional trash and recycling containers throughout the library, and arranged for these to be emptied regularly. The library receives a percentage of all vending machine sales. This revenue will help support library programs.

Like other institutions that depend on tax revenues, the library has discovered that tax revenues are no longer sufficient to cover the expenses of all the programs and services our users expect us to provide. During the coming fiscal year, for example, the library must find \$80,000 from other sources than tax revenues in order to maintain all programs and services. Income from the vending machines will help us fill that gap.



KPL Participates in John Steinbeck Centennial Celebration

Kirkwood Public Library is one of over thirty libraries nationwide (and the only library in Missouri) selected to participate in the Centennial Celebration of Nobel Laureate John Steinbeck. KPL has combined a \$500 grant from the National Endowment for the



Humanities with local gifts to support its program series, **America's Dispossessed: In the Tradition of Steinbeck.** We would particularly like to acknowledge

the gift of Art McDonnell, who wrote: "Since my sweet mother, Eva McDonnell, spent her younger years with her sharecropper family in the Oklahoma Dust Bowl, I know that the telling of this story and others like it are important." The programs in this four-part series will examine the American experience of poverty and dispossession that was the focus of so much of Steinbeck's enduring work. What factors combine to limit opportunity and keep people from achieving the American Dream?

Our series begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, when KPL scholar-in-residence Kathleen Nigro, Ph.D. will lead the discussion, "The Dust Bowl Dispossessed: John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*." The series will continue for three consecutive Thursdays in October, with programs focusing on the forced relocation of the Cherokee on the "Trail of Tears;" the southern Missouri sharecroppers' strike of 1939; and Barbara Ehrenreich's recent book, *Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting By in America*. All programs are held at 7 p.m. in the large auditorium, and are free of charge and open to the general public. To register in advance please call the library at 821-5770 Ext. 0.

A Note Of Thanks

We'd like to acknowledge the young teens that volunteered to help out in the children's department this summer. Forty teens, ages 11-14, helped out with everything from cleaning books to making crafts. They are:

Roger Alessi
Alicia Black
Winston Black
Chris Cassani
Tess Devine
Adam Edelstein
Jack Eschenroeder
Nick Evens
Claire Foley
Laura Geisel
Alex Hall
Brian Haenchen
Brian Hanning
Kristen Hanning
Ellen Herrmann
James Hesse
Sarah Huber
Colin Hunt
Emily James
Callie Jayne

Kristen Jacoby
Andy Kiehl
Tom Kerans
Peter Lewis
Billy Lewis
Erin Mackenzie
Nate Myers
Whitney Peek
Tess Rivera
Frank Ryan
Claire Schenkel
Carye Schmidt
Stephen Schumacher
Frank Schumacher
Rachel Schmotzen
Tim Schulte
Meredith Starrs
Lucy Williams
Madeleine Wurm



*Teen volunteers
Lucy Williams and
Ellen Herrmann
help Klaus Dollkopf*



*Teen volunteers Nick Evans and Brian
Hanning*

MYSTERIOUS SUMMER GRAND FINALE!

Final Family Reading Program Features Magician Chris Egelston

Chris Egelston, the Reading Magician, will bring his "Reading Is Magic" show to Kirkwood Public Library at



Chris Egelston brings his "Reading Is Magic" Show to KPL

6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 8. The Carterville IL native travels across the Midwest sharing his magical, motivational message about reading with children and parents. The "Reading Is Magic" show is a fun-filled program of magic, comedy and audience participation that emphasizes both the fun and the importance of reading, and gets children and parents excited about visiting the library.

This free program is our big family finale for the summer reading program. We will have ice cream and prizes for everyone who attends. Parents, grandparents, and the whole family are invited to attend --- no registration in advance is required. For more information please call the children's department at 821-5770 Ext. 15.

Wacky Wednesday with Cindy's Petting Zoo

Our final Wacky Wednesday program for the summer is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on August 7.

Watch a video presentation of the classic fable, "The Tortoise and the Hare," then meet a real giant tortoise and a big hare, courtesy of Cindy's Petting Zoo. Bring your camera!

Science Mysteries Solved

This summer we have been solving mysteries using science in the children's department. Our last case is "Super Sleuths to the Rescue." Learn how detectives crack codes and solve crimes using their sense of smell, touch and taste. Sign up for this exciting program, on Thursday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m. and repeated on Friday, August 2 at 10:30 a.m. To register call the children's department at 821-5770, Ext. 15.

Young Teens Magical Mystery Pizza Party

Young teens ages 11-14 are invited to sign up for our magical Mystery Pizza party at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 1. The night will be filled with surprises. A theater troupe will entertain us with their mystery drama. We'll have a trivia auction game where you can win play money then bid on prizes. (This was a hit last year!) To register for this free program, call 821-5770 Ext. 15.

Mystery Trading Station

Join us for our third annual trading station event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, August 9! Young teens ages 11-14 are welcome to bring their mystery treasures to the large auditorium to trade or sell. Younger children may also participate, but need to be accompanied by an adult to do so. Call the children's department at 821-5770 Ext. 15 to reserve your table. This event fills up fast. Tell your friends. Don't miss out on those mystery bargains!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Preschool and Toddler Story Times

After taking a couple of weeks off for a well-deserved rest and time to prepare new stories, Miss Rosie and Miss Lynn will begin their new sessions of story time during the week of September 9.

Preschool Story Times are scheduled for Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddler Story Times are scheduled for Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Programs are free. For more information call the children's department at 821-5770 Ext. 15.

September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Our goal is to have every child in Kirkwood signed up for a card at the library. Every child who signs up for a new library card during the month of September will receive a special gift from the children's department. Let's make *Every Child A Reader* at KPL!

We Love Teachers Too!

We want to meet our teachers --- those who teach in Kirkwood but live elsewhere included! Please visit the library during the month of September. Introduce yourself to the staff of the children's department and receive a special gift.



*Fireman
Fred & Friends visit
the children's room*



Annual chess tournament

*Grand Prize Winner Steven Pennington with
our chessmaster, Mr. William Wright*

Computer users crowd Giga's Place daily during the summer



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