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Sun 12:00 - 5:00

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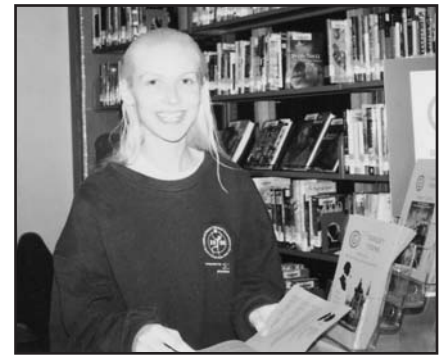
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Library Creates Area Just For Teens

In an overcrowded and heavily used library it can be difficult to accommodate the needs of all users. For some time the library board and staff have been concerned about a lack of space and resources dedicated to the needs of high school students.

"Miss Joan and the children's staff work hard to provide for the needs of children and middle schoolers," says assistant director Pam Klipsch. "But we have this gap when it comes to high school students." Many lifelong KPL patrons have good memories of hanging out at the library as teenagers, to meet their friends and study together, or just to find a little quiet private space to pursue personal interests. But over time, as resources and services and space have gotten tighter, teens were lost in the shuffle.

Pam, who has a background in what librarians call "young adult services," would like to see that gap filled. For the past two years the library has been moving in that direction. The "Target Teen" initiative, funded by grants from Target Stores and the Friends of the Library, has provided a series of teen book discussion programs.



Emily Kaiser looks over program brochures in the new teen area

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Joseph T. Walsh Joins Library Board of Trustees

Joseph T. Walsh, a real estate attorney and longtime Kirkwood resident, has been appointed by the mayor and city council to fill the unexpired term of Genie McKee on the library board of trustees.

McKee resigned this summer after five years on the board.

Walsh received his law degree from St. Louis University in 1968. He is a member of the law firm of Murphy Wasinger, L.C. Previously he was president and CEO of EnviroPAK Corporation. His wife, Kay, is director of the St. Louis Bereavement Center for Young People. They have three children who all attended Kirkwood schools, and both he and his wife have been active in PTOs and sports leagues.

He previously served eight years on the Kirkwood Planning and Zoning Commission, four years as its chair. Walsh is a member and past president of the Kirkwood Rotary Club, a member of the advisory board of Educare, and a director of Hope Unlimited and of the Kirkwood School District Foundation.

From The Stacks

By Wicky Sleight, Director

foodie: “A person whose hobby or main interest is food, a gourmet. The foodie is interested not just in eating good food but in preparing it, reading about it and talking about it as well.” *Oxford Dictionary of New Words, 1997.*

I am not a foodie nor a gourmet, but I do love good food writing. My favorite food author is Calvin Trillin. In his first book, *American Fried* (1974), Trillin described a traveling man’s struggle to “get something decent to eat.” Together with *Alice, Let’s Eat* and *Third Helping, American Fried* forms what Trillin calls “The Tummy Trilogy.” Trillin is a Kansas City native in love with KC barbeque. He stops off there every chance he gets and lets his readers know how wonderful it is. The October 2002 issue of *Gourmet Magazine* contains a classic Trillin piece, “Bowful of Dreams,” in which he expounds on New Mexican posole and sopaipillas.

This article will undoubtedly appear in the annual publication *Best Food Writing*. First published in 2000, *Best Food Writing* brings together the most exceptional writing culled from the past year’s books, magazines, newspapers, newsletters and web sites. Notable authors in the 2000 edition include Maya Angelou, Rick Bragg, Ruth Reichl and, of course, Calvin Trillin. This is a book ready-made for bedside reading and reading aloud on long road trips.

Certain biographies of famous chefs, cookbook authors, food writers and restaurant critics are especially



riveting and well-written. My favorites are *Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table*, by Ruth Reichl; *Kitchen Confidential: Adventure in the Culinary Underbelly*, by Anthony Bourdain; *My Kitchen Wars: A Memoir*, by Betty Fussell; and *Stand Facing the Stove: The Story of the Women Who Gave America The Joy of Cooking: The Lives of Irma S. Rombauer and Marion Rombauer Becker*, by Anne Mendelson.

Two books on the library’s “New Books” shelves are particularly noteworthy. *Consuming Passions: A Food-Obsessed Life*, by Michael Lee West is full of secret recipes and witticisms coined by her Appalachian relatives. Chapters include: “Fried Chicken: A Guide for the Wary,” “How To Make a Coconut Cake,” and “Funeral Food.”

“Live and learn. Die and get food. That’s the Southern way.” ---Anonymous casserole enthusiast on her way to the mayor’s funeral in Cookeville, Tennessee in 1995.

Anthony Bourdain, the executive chef at the brasserie Les Halles in Manhattan, details his world travel in search of the perfect meal in *A Cook’s Tour: In Search of the Perfect Meal*. Reviewers have called this book “deliciously wicked” and “brilliant, funny, an irreverent and accurate portrait of kitchen culture.” Try it, you’ll like it.

I have saved the best, and my all-time favorite food book, for last. George Orwell’s *Down and Out in Paris and London* is classic. Even though it’s classified as fiction, many parts of it must be autobiographical. The first half of the book describes a penniless narrator working in the kitchens of posh French restaurants. Just as Scott Turow’s *One L* should be required reading for all law school aspirants, *Down and Out in Paris and London* should be “must reading” for anyone considering a career as a chef.

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This year the library has added a teen film series and has plans for a teen poetry café (when teens get together to share their own poetry) in the spring. And just recently the library debuted its new **teens@yourlibrary** section, a cozy corner by the big west front window dedicated to teens ages 14 and up.

“It was really a labor of love,” says library director Wicky Sleight. “We don’t have a lot of money to spend, so we recycled old shelving and furniture with some donated chairs, and added new lights and posters to freshen things up. But we’ve had compliments already that the area looks warm and inviting.”

There’s a section for graphic novels, a popular new genre that combines text and art to tell stories, a sophisticated offshoot of the comic book; a section for teen magazines, a display



Adam Edelstein relaxes with a book in the new teen area

of new fiction and non-fiction for teens, and the teen fiction area. There are two butterfly chairs, two benches and several big floor cushions.

“It’s what my Dad used to call ‘a lick and a promise,’” Pam said. “It’s not big, but it’s theirs. We’ve already had requests to add new magazines and some

popular ‘manga’ titles. We hope the teens will tell us what they want. We hope the community will support our efforts to make the library teen-friendly once more.”

Thank You Notes

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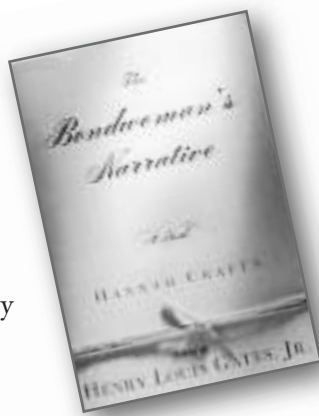
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Reader's Circle Book Discussion Group

The Reader's Circle Book Discussion Group meets every other month on the first Monday at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. In November Lois Bliss led a lively discussion of Judy Blunt's memoir, *Breaking Clean*. On January 6, Ricki O'Meara will lead the discussion of *The Bondswoman's Narrative*. The manuscript of this novel, written by Hannah Crofts, a former slave, was discovered by scholar Henry Gates, Jr., and edited by him for publication. To sign up for the book discussion group, please call the circulation desk at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 0.



Monthly Reading Club Winners

Congratulations to Beth Almquist and Les Gaffner, our September and October winners in the monthly prize drawings for the Let Freedom Read reading club for adults ages 18-80+ at the library. Prizes this year are gift certificates from Left Bank Books, St. Louis' largest independent bookstore. There is still time to sign up for the reading club! For more information, ask at the circulation desk.

The Intelligent Investor's Book Club

Dave Purcell of Purcell and Associates invites you to attend **The Intelligent Investor's Book Club**, meeting at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, starting January 9. Purcell will present and discuss books that make financial investment accessible to the ordinary investor. The authors selected for discussion are those respected by the investment community and recommended by academics who teach investment theories and principles. For the first meeting the book to be discussed is Benjamin Graham's *The Intelligent Investor* (HarperCollins, 4th Revised Ed., 1985). Graham is the man who taught Warren Buffet about investing. The book is available through libraries and bookstores. Reservations are required. For more information please contact Dave Purcell at (314) 966-8077.



E-Mail Notification

KPL patrons now can choose to be notified by e-mail when their reserve items are ready or when they have items out overdue. We can even send you e-mail reminder notices before your items are due! Patrons with KPL-issued library cards can be placed on the e-mail notification list by calling or visiting the circulation desk and providing us with the following information:

Name, Street Address, City/State/Zip, Area Code/Telephone Number, E-Mail Address, KPL Library Card Bar Code Number (last six digits only)

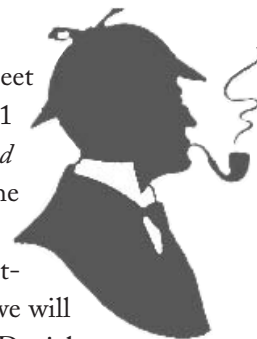
You can mail the information to the Kirkwood Public Library, 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood MO 63122 Attention: Circulation Desk or call (314) 821-5770 Ext. 10.

Target Teen Programs

Our Target Teen programs are designed for students ages 14-17. All programs are free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 821-5770 Ext. 22.

The Many Faces of Sherlock

Holmes book discussion series will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11 to discuss Carol Nelson Douglas' *Good Night Mr. Holmes*. Nelson's book is the first in a series of mysteries featuring Irene Adler, the woman who outsmarted Sherlock Holmes. On January 8 we will discuss *The Giant Rat of Sumatra*, by Daniel Gracely, one of the "lost cases" of Sherlock Holmes referred to by Dr. Watson but never, apparently, written up by him. Copies of both books are available for program participants.



The **Teen Ciné** series continues at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On December 18 the film will be *Lara Croft---Tomb Raider*, and on January 15 the film will be *Final Fantasy---The Spirits Within*. All films are shown on the big screen television in the large auditorium.

INTERNET! Announcing A New Computer Class

Beginning in January the reference department will add a new computer class, "Internet Sites for Everyday Needs." The Internet continues to grow exponentially. How do you sort through the countless resources to find those with the most comprehensive, accurate, clear and helpful information? "Internet Sites for Everyday Needs" will focus on sites that have been reviewed by the reference staff and selected to help you find answers to your information needs quickly and easily.

This new class joins our other four computer classes: "Basic Internet Search," "Advanced Internet Search," "Yahoo E-Mail," and "Basics of Microsoft Word." All classes are offered free to adults and held several times each month. Each class consists of a single 90-minute session, and you can repeat a class as often as you want. Advance reservations are required. For more information or to register for a class time, please call the reference department at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 20.

Alternatives Looks at Meditation Techniques and Vegetarianism

The **Alternatives** discussion series meets monthly at 7 p.m. On Thursday, December 12, Stacy Ferguson, director of the Webster Groves chapter of the School of Metaphysics, will discuss "Spiritual Concentration: A Meditation Technique." On Thursday, January 30, Christine Salter M.D., D.C. will present "The Health Benefits of Vegetarian Cooking." Dr. Salter is a physician and chiropractor in St. Louis who lectures frequently on vegetarianism. All programs are free of charge and open to the general public. For information or to register for a program, please call the library at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 0.

Story Times for Children

Time for Preschoolers:

Mondays 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.;
Thursdays 10:30 a.m.

Time for Toddlers (ages 2-3):

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Time for Schoolers (K-2nd grade):

Thursdays 4 p.m.



Treats are part of the program!



Story times at the library are active and involving!

For a complete list of themes for our story time programs, please call the children's room at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15 or come by and pick up a flyer. We will be taking a winter break from programs from December 17 through January 12.

Volunteers Needed!

Wanted: ten volunteers to work with youth grades 4-8 in our children's department. You will teach small groups how to search the Internet, keyboarding skills, using a digital camera, scanners, HTML programming language and how to create personal web pages.

Required: we ask each volunteer to pledge 40 hours of volunteer time --- two hours per week teaching a class and two hours per week helping youngsters one-on-one in the computer lab after school --- during a ten week program at the library.

Benefits: you will receive free five full days of professional training on these topics by skilled trainers from the Missouri Library Network Corporation at their facility in Webster Groves. Lunch is provided. This is your golden opportunity for fulfilling work that will help our Kirkwood youngsters.

We are very grateful for generous gifts from the Edward Chase Garvey Foundation and Peg Atkins that helped fund this after-school program at the library.

Chess Club for Kids

If you would like to learn to play or to improve your skills at chess, come by the library at 4 p.m. on Mondays in the large auditorium. This club is for school age children. For more information please contact Miss Joan at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 16. Chess Club will not meet on December 23, December 30 or January 20.

Kirkwood Junction Holiday Walk Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stop by the children's room during the Holiday Walk on November 23 for some holiday surprises. We will have music, stories, crafts and refreshments. Call the children's room for more information, at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15.

Family Holiday Party

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 16 for a Family Holiday Party in the children's room. We will be entertained by Craig Silvey, a multitalented funny man who is a juggler, mime and one-man comedy act. He will be followed by a special visit from a Jolly Man in a Red Suit. Bring your cameras.



Holiday refreshments follow. Free for children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Call the children's room at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15 for more information.

Martin Luther King Family Breakfast

Join us for our second annual Dr. King Family Breakfast on Saturday, January 25 at 10 a.m. featuring special guest Kunama Mtendaji. Kunama drums, sings, dances and tells stories with a vibrant energy that entrances children. We will



enjoy a continental breakfast complete with cereal, milk, juice and fresh Krispy Kreme Donuts. Reservations are required as space is limited. Please call the children's room at 821-5770 Ext. 15. This program is free of charge and open to children of all ages accompanied by an adult.

Guys Read!

"I can't get my son to read any more!" This is a common cry that librarians hear every day from concerned parents.

Recent research confirms our suspicions that boys don't seem to read as much as girls the same age. Why? According to a recent *60 Minutes* broadcast, boys are achieving less academically than girls their age also. This is very disturbing to many parents and others concerned about our children.

Some experts say that boys are more competitive by nature than girls and tend to prefer more competitive activities, like sports and video games, instead of books. Jon Scieszka, author of *The Stinky Cheese Man* and *The Time Warp Trio* series, has made it his mission to connect boys with books. Scieszka says, "They need to be interested and engaged enough to want to read. Start them with books they will want to read. They can grow as readers in all kinds of directions from there."

How can librarians help? During the next weeks the children's room will bombard boys with displays and booklists telling them about the great books that have been written just for them. Book talks will be included in every library event for youngsters. If you would like to find out more about getting your guys to read click on Jon Scieszka's web site: www.guysread.com.

Fall Activities at the Library



Children check out the computers donated to the library by the Kirkwood Kiwanis Club.



Mom and baby enjoy some time on the Internet!



Early dismissal Fridays bring kids to the library!

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