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Reference USA, a comprehensive online database is now available to the public at the library. Or, with a valid KPL library card bar code number, you can access Reference USA from your home or office computer through the "Electronic Sources" section of the KPL website at <http://kpl.lib.mo.us>.

Reference USA contains information about 14 million U.S. businesses and 120 million U.S. households. Reference USA provides a "Quick Search" method for searching the database, or you can create your own "Custom Search."

What can you do with Reference USA? Some possible uses: to find old friends and distant relatives; to plan vacations; to conduct market research; to locate sales leads, new business opportunities and suppliers; to send out resumes; to research funding sources for nonprofit organizations; to obtain business counts for planning purposes. The popular "radius search" allows you to choose a starting point, then search a radius between one tenth of a mile and 20 miles of that point, and then narrow the search by using SIC or Yellow Pages headings. For example: if you are planning to stay at a hotel, you can search for all the restaurants within walking distance of that hotel.

You can also find answers to such questions as:

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- Where is the Henry Doorly Zoo?
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- How many Jankowskys are listed in the United States?

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For more information, call the KPL reference department at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 20.

The KPL reference department has a new e-mail address:
kirkwoodlibrary@yahoo.com. You can ask your reference questions
via e-mail and receive replies the same way.

From The Stacks

By Wicky Sleight, Director

As a college freshman, my son was required to write an essay in English class about his favorite book. He wrote: "My all-time favorite book is *Goodnight Moon*. My mother used to read it to me every night. I still have my copy." Such is the enduring power of Margaret Wise Brown.



Goodnight Moon was published in 1947. It was always my favorite book, along with Brown's *Little Fur Family* (1946). My copy of that was covered with fur.

Wally Schramm alerted me to the Kirkwood connection of Margaret Wise Brown, the November Kirkwood Public Library "Author of the Month." Her grandparents lived in Kirkwood and are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. Her grandfather, B. Gratz Brown, served one term as Missouri governor in 1870.

Brown was born in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, in 1910. Her newly married parents had settled there after moving from Kirkwood. In 1952, Brown was engaged to marry James Rockefeller. At that time she wrote a new will (one of many) in which she expressed her wish to be buried in the Brown family plot in Oak Hill Cemetery.

"For a tombstone, I would like the square block of granite which forms at this moment the second step from the top as you come out of the left-hand front door towards the sea of the new house I built for Michael Strange in Maine. This piece of granite has a hole in it and I would like on it the following inscription:

MARGARET WISE BROWN
Born Died
Writer of Songs and Nonsense

It is my desire that this stone be left in the rough."

She changed her mind a day later and asked to be buried at sea. Margaret Wise Brown died suddenly in 1952 at the age of 42. She left behind over 100 delightful children's classics, many of which are still in print.

The Kirkwood Public Library "Author of the Month" for October is Kirkwood's own Eddy Harris. A quote from Harris fills one entire wall at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park. Beth Purcell suggested Harris. She wrote: "You had asked for books or authors that you loved to read and Eddy Harris is one of my favorites. His books are located in different areas of the library, so a bit harder to find."

Renew your acquaintance with Margaret Wise Brown and Eddy Harris this fall. You'll be glad you did.

A Message From Jill Raiser, President, KPL Board of Trustees

My regular visits to the Kirkwood Public Library began in the early '90s shortly after we moved to Kirkwood. I brought my father-in-law to the library with me; he would read newspapers and magazines while I browsed for books. As he became more housebound, I was able to bring him the large print books he enjoyed so much from the library.

In 1998, I volunteered to work one morning a week in the newly opened Greentree Shop, a project of the Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library. I assisted in some of the administrative duties of the shop, and eventually became the shop manager. This job included sitting on the Friends' board. In 1999 I was appointed by the Mayor to the library board of trustees, and in May of this year I was elected president of the board by my fellow trustees.

As someone who has always enjoyed spending time in libraries, my growing involvement in the Kirkwood Public Library has been a true pleasure and a privilege. Friendships with other volunteers and library staff have become an important part of my life. Observing and participating in the growing importance of the library as a civic and cultural gathering place for this community has been deeply rewarding.

Of course I am all too aware of the challenges we face as we confront the well-defined needs and limitations of our beautiful but aging building. But I look forward to working with all of you as a community meeting those challenges together!



Book Bag Sales Benefit Library

Love those books but having trouble carrying them all? Need something strong, sturdy but light weight to carry all your ever-increasing necessities, such as cell phones and Palm Pilots? Kirkwood Public Library has a variety of large canvas tote bags for sale. Nine different book-oriented slogans with colorful artwork are available, including five by noted illustrators of children's books: Sandra Boynton, Kevin Henkes, Arnold Lobel, Tomie dePaola and Garth Williams. The cost is \$20 each, payable by cash or check, with all proceeds benefiting the library. Please inquire at the circulation desk.

Flu Shots at the Library This Fall

Flu shots will be given at the library on Thursday, October 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the large auditorium. Cost is \$20, payable in cash or by check to Medical West Healthcare Services, or billable to Medicare Part B or GHP/GHP Medicare. You must have your Medicare card with you. If you have an HMO such as Medicare Complete, Premier Plus or Blue Choice Plus you will have to pay in cash or by check, even if you still have your Medicare card. For more information please contact Pat Rohan in the reference department at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 20.

Correction

In the August 2003 issue of the *Source* we listed community co-sponsors who supported the children's summer reading program. **Lifestyle Portraiture** should have been listed as **Lifestyle Portraiture by Ron Klein of August Image Group LLC**.

Thank You Notes

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to the library:

In memory of Harry J. Lutz
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Plan Ahead! Free Financial Planning Series

Len DeMoor will present a series of free programs at the library this fall. The series meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the large auditorium. On October 1 Len will discuss "529 Plans: Savings for College." What is a college 529 plan and how does it work? How much can you invest? What institutions and expenses qualify? What are the income and estate tax benefits of 529 plans and how can they be used as estate planning tools?



Len DeMoor

On November 5 Len will look at "Retirement Planning." Do you worry that you will outlive your money? This program is for people over fifty who are staring retirement in the face and want to know their options. Learn about investment strategies and what do to with your 401(k) as you enter those "golden" years.

On December 3 Len will examine "Life Insurance Options." You know you need it but you just don't understand it. Learn about life insurance, what it is, what it's used for, the three basic types, which type is best for you, and how to figure how much you need.

Len DeMoor is a professional financial planner, who enjoys helping people make the most of their assets and meet their financial and life goals. Len is a native of St. Louis, a graduate of Mizzou, and has an MBA from Oklahoma City University. He served in the USAF and is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. He is active in the Chamber of Commerce, the West County Jaycees, and coaches youth sports.

All programs in this series are free of charge and open to the public. For information please call the circulation desk at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 0.

Jane on Film Discussion Series

Is fidelity to the text and the author's intent one of the tests of a good film adaptation? Is it even possible for film to faithfully represent what began as words on a page? Does the public performance of the film eventually overwhelm the personal response to the book? Is viewing always a passive activity compared to reading?

These and other questions will form the topic of discussion as we examine four recent film adaptations of classic novels by Jane Austen, comparing film and text and our own responses to them. Films will be shown at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons in the large auditorium, and the discussions will be held the next evening, Mondays at 7 p.m. KPL scholar-in-residence Kathleen Nigro Ph.D. will be our discussion leader. Films and discussions are scheduled as follows:

Sense and Sensibility, directed by Ang Lee, with Emma Thompson, Kate Winslet, Hugh Grant and Alan Rickman. Film showing: Sunday, October 12; Discussion: Monday, October 13.

Mansfield Park, directed by Patricia Rozema, with Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller. Film showing: Sunday, October 26; Discussion: Monday, October 27.

Emma, directed by Douglas McGrath, with Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeremy Northam. Film showing: Sunday, November 9; Discussion: Monday, November 10.

Persuasion, directed by Roger Michell, with Amanda Root and Ciaran Hinds. Film showing: Sunday, November 23; Discussion: Monday, November 24.

Programs are free of charge and open to the public. For information please call the circulation desk at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 0.

Ghosts of Williamsburg Program

Librarian Patricia Rohan will present an illustrated lecture on the **Ghosts of Williamsburg**, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 25 in the small auditorium. The program is free and open to the public. Pat has traveled to historic Williamsburg as part of her research for this haunting program! For information please call the library at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 0.



Reader's Circle Looks at Motherhood

The Reader's Circle Book Discussion Series meets at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 3 to discuss *A Life's Work: On Becoming A Mother*, by Rachel Cusk. This memoir, published in paperback by Picador Press earlier this year, takes a decidedly unsentimental approach to its subject. Cusk, a British novelist and now the mother of two, found that caring for a dependent newborn was far from idyllic and not always as emotionally rewarding as she had been led to believe.

Her pithy descriptions of life with baby fill in the gaps left unexplored by most pregnancy and child-rearing books. Cusk addresses the challenge of not only trying to do what is best for your baby, but also of trying to maintain some sense of self in the face of such constant and overwhelming need. Laurel Walters has volunteered to lead the discussion. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is free and open to the public. To register please call the circulation desk at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 0.



Target Teens Explores Graphic Novels

The Target Teens Book Discussion Series takes a look at the teen genre favorite, graphic novels, this fall. The series, for teens ages 14-17, meets at 7 p.m. on the second

Wednesday of each month. On October 8 the group will discuss Volume One in the popular Japanese manga series *Mars*, by Fuyumi Soryo. This is high school romance 21st century style, not a sitcom and nothing sugar-coated.

On November 12 the book is Bryan Talbot's *The Tale of One Bad Rat*, which combines homage to Beatrix Potter with the story of a girl driven from her home to the streets by an abusive father.

The program is free; participants are responsible for obtaining their own copies of the books to be discussed. For information on this program please leave a message for Pam at the library, (314) 821-5770 Ext. 22.

Teen Read Week – Vote for the Teen’s Top Ten List

This year during Teen Read Week (October 19-25) teens have the chance to vote online for their Top Ten Books. Thirty-five titles have been nominated by teens in libraries across the country. Copies of the semifinalist list are available in the KPL teen area. To vote go online at www.ala.org/teenread and click on *Teen’s Top Ten*. Teen’s Top Ten List is sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association and *Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)* Magazine.

Teen Movie Night – RINGU!

Teens are invited to watch Hideo Nakata’s *RINGU*, the original Japanese horror film that inspired *The Ring*. A young reporter receives a mysterious video. After she views the tape she is warned that everyone who watches it dies within a week. She has seven days to find out what is going on. 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22 in the large auditorium. For teens 14-17.

Library Will Offer Basic Genealogy Class

The library will offer a free beginner’s class in genealogy research on four consecutive Sundays, October 5-26, from 1 to 3 p.m. The class will focus on how to organize your research, where to find information, and what records are most useful in researching your family history. Joel Shedlofsky, head of support services, will teach the class. Joel is a member of the St. Louis Genealogical Society and the Jewish Genealogical Society. He maintains the JGS web site and his own family’s extensive family history website, tracing family connections for eight generations on three continents. Class size is limited so advance registration is required. To register please call the library at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 0.

Imagination Station

Your own imagination can be scarier than the real thing! On Tuesday, October 28 at 4 p.m., we will use our imaginations to write and tell our own scary stories (no gross or gruesome stories allowed!), make a Halloween craft and enjoy some Halloween treats.

On Tuesday, November 25 at 4 p.m. we’ll investigate what really happened on the first Thanksgiving Day 382

years ago. We’ll also make a turkey craft and have some thankfully delicious refreshments. School age children are invited to attend these programs. Please sign up in advance by calling the children’s department at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15.

Meet Pierre Cruzatte – A Musical Journey Along the Lewis & Clark Trail

Come and meet Pierre Cruzatte, half French, half Omaha Indian, voyageur and fiddler on the Lewis & Clark expedition. Highlighting the tales of his adventures, Cruzatte sings, dances and plays the fiddle, the jaw harp and the spoons, frequently inviting his audience to join in authentic songs of the period.



Pierre Cruzatte is impersonated by California educator Daniel Slosberg, who began playing the fiddle at the age of five. He became interested in folk music, and after graduating from UC-Santa Barbara spent several years studying with masters of the Scots-Irish, French-Canadian, Klezmer and Appalachian traditions. He has played with the nationally renowned Aman Folk Ensemble.

Inspired by the Ken Burns documentary, Daniel began to research Pierre Cruzatte and the music, song and dance of the period. He was particularly struck at how music and dance served not only as pastime for the explorers, but as a diplomatic tool in their dealings with the many Native American nations they met along the trail. Daniel appears under the auspices of Young Audiences of St. Louis.

The program will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 18 in the large auditorium. Because space is limited, advance registration is required. Please call the children’s department at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15 to register for this program.

Youth Teen Halloween Party

Beware of strange creatures lurking at the library! A spooky night awaits those who dare to dress in costume and come to the library for refreshments, games and stories at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29. For young teens, ages 11-14. Bring a friend! To sign up call the library at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15. Don’t be a ‘fraidy cat! Do it today!





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and
hundreds of cookbooks.

Plan ahead! Mark your calendars for the Friends' Annual Book Fair
Wednesday, April 21 through Sunday, April 25, 2004

Computer Wizards

Beginning November 5, the children's department will offer a new after school computer class called **Computer Wizards** for children 8-12 years old.

Classes meet at 4 p.m. on six consecutive Wednesdays, and cover keyboarding skills, internet searching, graphic arts and word processing. At the end of the series each child who completes the course will receive a red CD case with the KPL Giga's Place logo. The class is free, but advance registration is required since space is limited. To register please call the children's department at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15.

Children's Book Week - Free to Read!

Sometimes the best reviews of children's books come from the kids themselves. During October and November we are encouraging kids to write their own book reviews for us. The reviews will be displayed along with the books during the annual celebration of Children's Book Week, November 17-23. Please stop by the children's department for your entry blank and rules. All participants will be entered in a drawing for a famous book poster that will be on display in the children's department. For more information, call us at (314) 821-5770 Ext. 15.

Continuing Programs - No Registration Required

Chess Club meets every Monday 4-5 p.m.

Time For Toddlers for 2-3 year-olds, meets every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time for 3-5 year-olds, meets every Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Family Story Time for families, meets every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on Story Time programs, please stop by the children's department to pick up a preschool bulletin.

Happy Memories from Laugh It Up @ Kirkwood Public Library!



Clifford the Big Red Dog visits the library!

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