

Washington Public Library

Summer Newsletter 2022



Author Jan Jacobi visited the library for the Lincoln Lookalike contest and book talk in February.



Mad Science: Fire and Ice! was at the library in April as part of the 2022 Community Read.

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the first edition of the library's Newsletter. I want to begin by thanking the Friends of the Library for their tireless support.

They stock the year-round used book sale in the library, sponsor the Friends Author Series, and help fund the purchase of many of the items in the Library of Things collection--just to name a few of the ways they support the library.

This year the Friends group helped start the library's collection of board games. Games are a great way for families to bond and connect, and a fun way for children to learn strategic reasoning skills. The library has games for all ages. If you have a game you'd like us to purchase, please ask. Here's to a great summer of reading and play!

--Nelson Appell, Library Director

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Missouri Book Festival Coming to Washington!

The first-ever Missouri Book Festival is coming to Washington the last weekend of August--Friday and Saturday, August 26th & 27th. This family friendly festival will be centered around the library and will highlight regional history, food, music, sports, art and more through interactive programs presented by Missouri Authors. Save the date! More details to come.



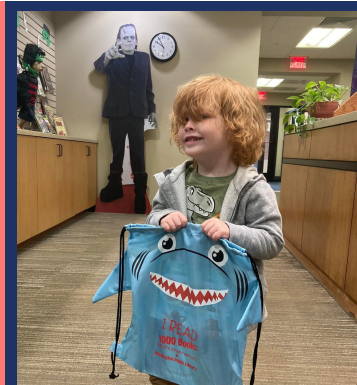
SAVE THE DATE!
Friday and Saturday,
August 26th & 27th

Bookmarked: A Summer Tween Book Club

Bookmarked is the library's newest book club and its just for tweens this summer! Bookmarked is a fun place to meet new friends & talk about books. You don't need to be an expert on the book to have fun! Snacks and drinks will be provided. We will meet every month on the 2nd Wednesday from Noon-1:00 p.m. in June, July & August (see website or Facebook for exact dates). Bookmarked is for all Tweens ages 9-12 who enjoy reading. Come to one meeting, or come to all! New members are accepted at any time. Before each meeting, copies of that month's selection will be made available at the circulation desk (tweens do not need to have a library card to pick up a copy of the book). You can pick up your copy by letting staff know you are picking up the Tween Book Club title at the lower circulation desk and a copy will be signed out to you. Make a splash with books this summer!



Teens play "Build-A-Monster" while waiting for the Frankenstein Escape Room.



Congratulations to Oliver, who has read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!



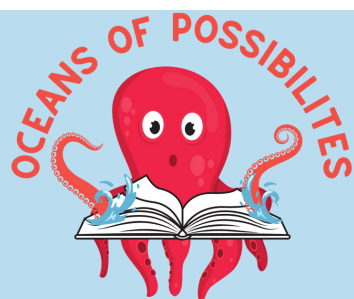
Former Mayor, Sandy Lucy, honored Carol Bunton for 45 years of service to the library.

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Oceans of Possibilities at Washington Public Library: Summer Reading Program!

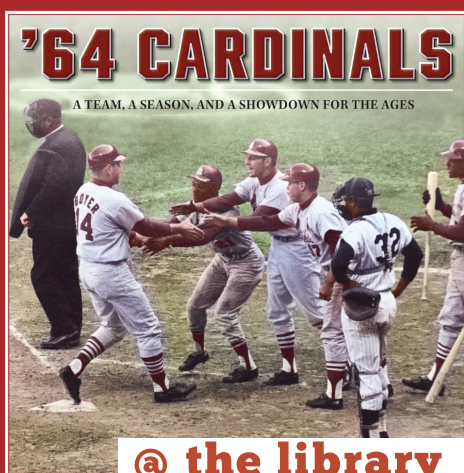
Summer is a time for kids and adults alike to relax, find a good book, and read for the pleasure of a good story. The library is supporting your summer reading with our Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages reading by awarding prizes for kids, tween, teens, and adults of all ages who read or listen to books this summer. In addition to the Reading Challenge we are offering over 50 programs in June & July. Take a look at the schedule in this newsletter for more information. Stop by the library to pick up a reading log or log your reading with Beanstack online (washmolib.org/reading-challenges/).



**Summer Reading Challenge
begins Tuesday, May 31st!
The Kick Off Party is
Friday, June 3rd @ 7 p.m.**



Star Wars Day was a galactic success with 134 scavengers! Fans of all ages participated in the Star Wars Scavenger Hunt on May the 4th.



@ the library

**Friends Author
Series: Ron
Jacobson & Bob
Tiemann will be
at the library
Thursday,
June 16 @ 6:30 PM**

CLOSINGS

**SORRY
WE'RE
CLOSED**

The library will be CLOSED
Monday, May 30th,
Sunday, June 19th,
Monday, June 20th,
Monday July 4th.

Upcoming Events

Children's Weekly & Monthly Programs

Tot Time | Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime | Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Wagging Tales | 2nd Mondays from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Chess Club | 2nd Tuesdays & 4th Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Bookmarked: Tween Summer Book Club | 2nd Wednesdays from Noon-1:00 p.m. in June, July & August

Legos Club | 3rd Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Young Adult & Adult Weekly & Monthly Programs

Monday Morning Book Club | 2nd Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Chess Club | 2nd Tuesdays & 4th Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Book Club | 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wordsmiths | 4th Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Midwest Game Club | 4th Saturdays from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Made Into Movies | Last Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Special Events

Kick-Off Party Go overboard with an evening of fun. **Friday, June 3rd** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. **ALL AGES**

Friends Author Series: Ann Hazelwood *Quilted Cherries*
Sunday, June 5th at 2:00 p.m. **ADULT/TEEN**

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Ages 5 & up. **Registration Tues., May 31st. Wed., June 8th** at 10:00 a.m. **KIDS**

Friends Author Series: Ron Jacober & Bob Tiemann *'64 Cardinals* **Thursday, June 16th** at 6:30 p.m. **ADULT/TEEN**

How to Snag a Sea Monster A Mesner Puppet Theater Presentation. **Friday, June 17th** at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers **FAMILY**

An Evening with Wiley Cash Cash will present his latest novel, *When Ghosts Come Home*. Generously sponsored by Kay Hazel. **Friday, June 24th** at 7:30 p.m. **ADULT**

Paint Night Registration starts **Monday, June 13th**. Limited to 25. **Wednesday, June 29th** at 6:00 p.m. **ADULT**

Sammy J Balloon Show Amazing sea creature balloon sculptures. **Wednesday, July 13th** at 10:00 a.m. **FAMILY**

Teen Paint Party Ages 12 and up. **Registration starts Friday, July 1st**. Limited to 25. **Friday, July 15th** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. **TEEN**

Make & Take Tuesday An evening of crafting at the library. **Tuesday, July 19th** at 6:00 p.m. **ADULT/TEEN**

Pirate School For scalawags of all sizes. **Tuesday, July 26th** at 10:00 a.m. **KIDS**

Friends Author Series: Dea Hoover *Hannibal: A Walk Through History*. **Tuesday, July 26th** at 6:30 p.m. **ADULT/TEEN**



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Program

MAY 31ST-JULY 31ST



Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*

Community Read Spring 2022

Micro Ghost Story Contest Winners

Read all the micro ghost story entries @ <https://scenicregional.org/contest/>

Ages 13 & Up

Winner – A Story by Ashley M.

As kids we believed if we hung our toes over the edge of the bed, something would take them in the night. Nobody told us, we just felt it. Lurking in the darkness. A shadowy being that would disappear as soon as we turned on the lights. If we made eye contact it would surely flee, but we didn't dare test the theory.

Somewhere along the way we forgot that fear. Tired out by the world we could collapse without a second thought. The monster no longer existed.

That's what they want you to believe. We thought we outgrew the childish stories, and we let down our guard. That's when they latched on.

The monsters ventured out beyond the dark space under the bed. They found new homes in the dark places of the mind, where the world wore us down. They found new fears on which to feed, new anxieties to hide underneath. We carry those dark places with us every day, and the monsters ride along.

You've felt them. I have. That dread that fills you when you fall short. The fear of failure. The worry about the unknown. Why feed on little toes anymore when they can consume your very soul?

Honorable Mention – Don't Look by Sue S.

It, they say, is out there. Don't look, you may see it, they say. Don't listen, you may hear it, they say. Don't search, you may find it, they say. Who are "they" anyway? What do "they" know? "They" don't know anything, so I went searching. I knew "they" would be talking about the deep dark woods at the end of my street. That is the spookiest place I know.

I waited until dark, then set off for the center of the woods with my sleeping bag and a flashlight. At first, I heard a whispering sound. I listened. I heard it! Then I saw something large and creepy. I looked. I saw it! I had searched. I found it! But what should I do? It was so scary I dropped my stuff and ran! Everywhere I went it followed me. I zigzagged around the trees, ducking branches—it followed. I leapt over a fallen log—it followed. I splashed through a creek—it followed. Finally, I couldn't run anymore. I stopped, sucking air. It sat down next to me. I feared what would happen next. That's when he held out his hand and said "Hello, my name is It."

Under Age 13

Winner – The Murder of Halia Reed by Nora Lynne S.

“Recent news: Halia Reed, 19, was found at the bottom of Lake Eerie. A brief visitation will be held on the 19th, and the funeral will take place on the 21st...”

-The Eerie Post, April 17th, 1975

The death was as horrible as the graveyard was empty the day of the funeral. If I had to choose how to die again, drowning would be my last choice. Yes. My name is Halia Reed. These are my words. I had the worst life, the worst death, the worst attended funeral. Let me explain...

1. I'm dead.
 2. I'm alive.
 3. I'm neither.
 4. I'm both.
 5. I'm too smart for you, because I know
 6. I was murdered.
- and
7. I've become a ghost.

A ghost of my former self, and what I could've become. But don't worry. Now, I've found them.

The ones who forced me into oblivion.

The ones who caused my destruction.

Or so they thought.

The ones reading this paper.

You know who you are, and what you've done. More importantly, I do.

And I will have my revenge.

I will find. And I will punish.

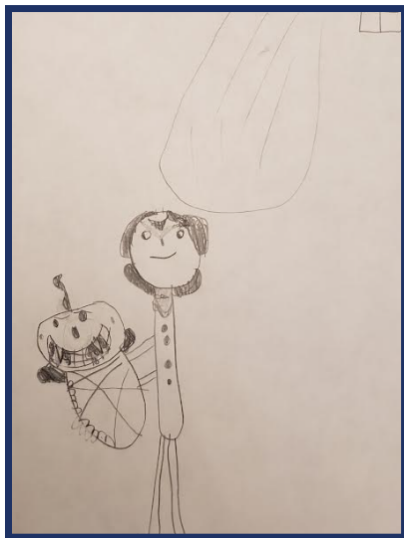
Fear me.

For I am coming.

And there is no escape, not this time.

The end? No. This is only the beginning.

Honorable Mention – Scary Stories by Lauren B.



A dark and stormy night Sadie, Katie, and Lucy were telling ghost stories. Katie said, “I think ghost stories are scary.” So she left. “Let me go! I’m going to tell a really scary story!” said Lucy. “A dark and stormy night three kids walked into a haunted house.

They knocked on the door and it fell over. They walked inside. The floors creaked. The kids heard something. I turned around. Nothing! A loud voice spoke behind me, “IF YOU ENTER YOU MAY NEVER GET OUT...MUAH HA HA!” Suddenly

the door slammed back. A man stepped into the light holding a cute baby with yellow, bloody fangs! Suddenly the baby turns into a bat. The man grabs the bats feet and the bat floats through the closed door. The kids find a crack in the wall and slip through it. Finally, they are free! The kids have no food, so they die. And that is how to tell a scary story. Just then Katie jumps into the room and scares them! The girls scream! Katie laughs, “That’s how you really scare someone!” “I was joking! I am not scared of scary stories.” says Katie. They all laugh.