

HOURS OF OPERATION MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM SUNDAY CLOSED

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Board Meeting

The Library Board of Directors will meet at 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 13th. The public is welcome to attend in the main level conference room. Those wishing to be included on the agenda should contact the Library Director Kate McBride.

National Library Week

Golden Library Card

April 23-April 30 (Ensures 1 drawing entry)

National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association each April. The National Library Week theme for 2023 is "There's More to the Story." In celebration, the library will hold a "Golden Library Card" drawing. During the week, 30 "Golden Library Cards" will be hidden throughout the building. Visitors who find a golden card may enter it in the drawing. Four cards will be drawn. Each winning card will be worth \$10 toward a three-month library membership or library credit in the form of fines, faxes, copies, lamination, and book sales.

ACTIVITIES



Preschool Program April [][th

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Located in the north basement meeting room. Come join the fun!

(No library card necessary.)



April is National Poetry Month! Stop by the library to take a look at our poetry display!.



Craft-a-Card

Make your own greeting card at the library! Stop in the conference room any time between 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM on April 26th. Supplies will be provided. Bring your creativity and a friend! Free of charge. No library card necessary.



Happy Birthday Pigeon!

The Pigeon's birthday was April 1st and one day is not enough to celebrate it according to him. The Pigeon told the librarians that he wanted to receive birthday mail throughout the rest of the month of April to celebrate it. Visit the writing station in the Children's Section to say happy birthday to the Pigeon!

Earth Day



Spring Bunny Scavenger Hunt

Spring bunnies are hiding all around the children's area! Ask one of the librarians for a scavenger hunt sheet!



Rainy/Snowy Day S.T.E.M.

Puzzle

Wanting a challenge? The library offers puzzles to do in our genealogy section! Just come into the library and take a seat at the table and start putting the pieces together!

Rain keeping you in? Well then visit the library for Rainy Day STEM building activities for kids. The library provides building supplies in

the meeting room for kids to explore their imagination. *This

activity is only available during rainy or snowy weather.*

ACTIVITIES





Best Choice Labels

The library continues to accept Best Choice labels. The UPC bar codes may be deposited at the circulation desk. Salem Public Library receives \$30.00 for every 1,000 labels. Thank you for your support!

Go Fishing with Your Library Card



Trout season opened March 1st! Salem Public Library and the Missouri Department of Conservation are partners in the Rod and Reel Loaner Program. Through the Rod & Reel Loaner Program individuals can check out fishing poles and tackle boxes for free using their library cards at the Salem Public Library. The fishing poles are equipped with standard spin-cast reels. The tackle boxes are supplied with hooks, sinkers, rubber worms, and bobbers for basic fishing opportunities. Individuals need to provide their own live bait or desired lures to bait the hook. Equipment checks out for 3 days. Fishing rods and tackle boxes need to be returned to the circulation desk, not the drop box. Items may not be renewed and are subject to overdue fines.

Recollections

"Recollections" is a revival of Salem Public Library's adult program, an opportunity to gather and share memories on a central theme. While anyone is
welcomed, content is designed for those who are at least 60 years of age. Programs will be held in the library's downstairs meeting room at 10:30 AM on the 2nd
Wednesday of each month. Please use the outside ramp or stairs on the north side of the building. Library membership is not required and there is no fee for participation.



REVIEW

Book Review: "The Vegetable Gardener's Container Bible"

Lots of things happen in April including the beginning of gardening season. That isn't really true for the avid gardener as seeds are started even as early as February. However, outdoor gardening gets its biggest start in April.

I've gardened for years, so why do I continue to read books about gardening? Because I learn new things in them.

This last month I chose "The Vegetable Gardener's Container Bible" by Edward C. Smith. I've previously read his "The Vegetable Gardener's Bible" and found it interesting.

With all the weather changes and getting older, container gardening is making its way into my garden. Containers are different and require different methods than regular gardening. This author has done lots of such gardening and has lots of useful tips. I still found the most interesting part to be the last chapters on different vegetables, herbs and edible flowers.

One limitation on this book is the author's location: Vermont. I've never come across a gardening book set in the Ozarks and many of the plants and methods that work in other parts of the country don't work so well here. I plan to check out another gardening book on Gardening in the Midwest. It includes Illinois, but no Missouri.

Another factor to consider while reading gardening books is the changes in weather patterns. I've always loved growing potatoes and peas, but have given them up as March is too cold and April too hot. Some summer crops like okra must be planted almost a month later now.

April includes Earth Day. Reading accounts of what different areas were like many years ago and remembering what places like southern California were like when I was growing up makes many of the goals of this day look so important. There are many books to remind you to reduce your footprint on the Earth. Many of these actions are simply to use less: less electricity by turning off lights and devices you are not directly using, only buying things you actually need, making fewer trips to town each week. These are so simple, like gardening. And they pay big dividends.

Karen GoatKeeper is a local author with two books on the Missouri Shelf: "Exploring the Ozark Hills" of nature essays and photographs and "My Ozark Home" of nature photographs with haiku.

NEW BOOKS

Adult Fiction

Storm Watch (Box) I Will Find You (Coben) Rock Paper Scissors (Feeney) Sugar Cookie Murder (Fluke) Never Never (Hoover) Collateral Damage (Jance) Someone Else's Shoes (Moyes) The Lost Ticket (Sampson)

Adult Non-Fiction

The Grandfamily Guidebook (Adesman) Sewing For Children (Hardy) The January 6th Report (Raskin) You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey? (Ruffin)

Audio CDs

Westward Of The Law (Braun) Targeted (Eason) The American Adventuress (Gortner) The Sister's of Sea View (Klassen) Yesterday's Tides (White)

Large Print Fiction

I Will Find You (Coben) An Annie Pederson Novel: (Coble) Bk. 1 Edge Of Dusk The Adventures of Fox Running: (Davis) **Bk. 2 Justice Warrior** The End Of Nowhere (Dearen) The World Played Chess (Dugoni) The Bachelor and the Bride (Eden) Captive (Johansen) A Duff MacCallister Western: (Johnstone) Bk. 12 Riding The Nightmare The Orchard (Lewis) The Sundown Rider Series:(Lowry) Bk. 26 Snake Oil Justice A Coffee Lover's Mystery: (Lush) Bk. 3 Live and Let Grind Son Of Man: Retelling The Stories Of Jesus (Martin) The High Mountain Sheriff Series: (Massey) Bk. 3 Forever Sheriff The House of Wolves (Patterson) Love On The Santa Fe: (Peterson) Bk. 2 Beyond The Desert Sands Signal Fires (Shapiro) The Florence Legacy (Snelling) The Call Of The Wrens (Walsh)

DVDs

Into The Ashes Just Mercy

Young Adult If He Had Been With Me (Nowlin)

Juvenile Non-Fiction

Marvel Avengers Assembly X-Change Students 101 (Chhibber) National Geographic Kids-Everything World War I (Kenney) Minecraft (Monster)

Easy Fiction

Paw Patrol-Puppy Birthday To You! (Albert) Mole's in Love (Bedford) Rosa's Room (Bottner) Drive (Clement) Click, Clack, Boo A Tricky Treat (Cronin) 5 Minute Disney Pixar Stories (Disney) I Did It! (Emberley) Pirate Stew (Gaiman) 5-Minute Magical Stories (Greening) Why Should I Help? (Llewellyn) Why Should I Listen? (Llewellyn) Why Should I Eat Well? (Llewellyn) The Invisible Boy (Ludwig) Lemonade For Sale (Murphy) Who Made This Cake? (Nakagawa) Fancy Nancy and the Missing Easter Bunny (O'Connor) Hot Dog (Salati) From The Farm To You (Triplett)

Easy Non-Fiction

Good Enough To Eat (Rockwell)

Easy Reader Fiction

The Berenstain Bears' Sleepover (Berenstain) The Berenstain Bears' New Pup (Berenstain) The Berenstain Bears and the Shaggy Little Pony (Berenstain) The Berenstain Bears-Take Off (Berenstain) Splat the Cat-Good night, Sleep tight (Engel) Marley Farm Dog (Hill) Little Bear's Visit (Minarik) Justice League-I Am The Flash (Sazaklis)