



*Salem*  
**Public Library**

**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, May 11th. 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.

*"Walk This May"  
To The Library*



May is National Walking Month, also known as "Walk this May!" Stop by the library this month and participate in our "Walk Through Storybook" display on Thursday afternoons and go through our sidewalk chalk challenge.

# ACTIVITIES



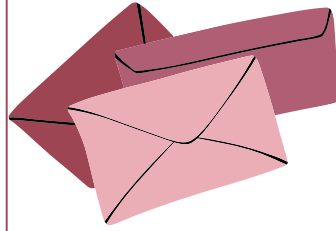
## Preschool Program

May 9th

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Located in the north basement meeting room.  
Come join the fun!

(No library card necessary.)



## 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 May 24th. Supplies will be provided. Bring your creativity and a friend!



Free of charge.  
No library card necessary.

## Creative Beginnings Month



May is Creative Beginnings Month! The first thing that comes to mind to being creative is being artistic, but that is far from the truth. Creativity is in everything such as science, writing, and so much more! Bring in a creative project you have made for a chance to win a prize.



## EXCITING NEWS!

Salem Public Library has been awarded a grant of \$7,550.00! We're calling this project Tech Connect because it will allow us to upgrade some technology and improve service to patrons. Through the grant, seven (7) new computers and seven (7) new monitors will be purchased as well as two (2) new barcode scanners. Three (3) of the new computers and monitors will replace outdated equipment in the public-use computer area. Four (4) of the new computers and monitors will replace failing equipment in staff work areas like the circulation desk and cataloger's office. If you've visited the library recently, you may be aware of how happy the two (2) new barcode scanners will make staff. These scanners won't require the gentle taps and less loving thumps to encourage them to function. Stay tuned for Tech Connect updates as the new equipment is installed and ready for use!

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# ACTIVITIES



Mental Health  
Awareness Month

Congratulations



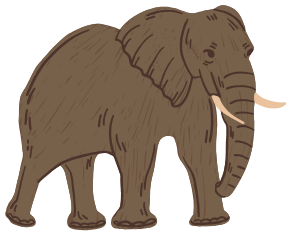
Class of 2023

Mother's Day



May 14th

National Endangered  
Species Day



May 19th is National Endangered  
Species Day! Stop by the library to  
pick up a book to learn about some of  
these amazing creatures.



**American Flag Retirement  
Drop-Off**

There will be a collection box at the library for  
old, damaged, or soiled American flags. Anyone  
may leave a flag between Monday, May 22nd and  
Saturday, June 10th. The library will deliver flags  
in need of retirement to American Legion Post 99.

The Legion will properly dispose of them in  
accordance with the United States Flag Code.

## 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.



**May 10th**

# REVIEW

## **Book Review: "Tell Me Three Things" by Julie Buxbaum**

Young adult novels can deal with some very weighty topics as teenagers often deal with these in their own lives. These books offer them a safe way to look at these without having to look at themselves.

"Tell Me Three Things" by Julie Buxbaum deals with grief, stepparent, being uprooted, trying to fit in, bullying, sexuality and dating among other things. In spite of this, the book is light reading, enjoyable.

The main character is Josie. Her mother has recently died from cancer. Her father meets a woman through an online support group and marries her. Josie doesn't even know she exists until her father comes home from what was supposed to be a business trip informing her of his marriage and that they are moving from Chicago to Beverly Hills.

In Chicago Josie and her father were solidly middle class. In Beverly Hills her new stepmother is recently widowed, very rich, produces movies, has a son a year older than Josie and is paying her tuition to a very posh private school where everyone has known everyone for most of their lives. Josie is lost.

An anonymous email shows up offering to help her navigate the new school and the students. So begins the texting between SomebodyNobody and Josie. And, yes, this turns a bit romantic, only from their conversations.

It does help to know some of the texting abbreviations. This isn't crucial as these are often self explanatory.

The young adult shelves have lots of fantasy and horror series. But there are some gems hidden there too. This book is one of them.

Another book I'm reading is "Stars Upstream: Life along an Ozark Stream" by Leonard Hall. This is a gem for anyone familiar with the Current River or who loves to go floating for the scenery and fishing.

Written in 1958 when Cedar Grove had four families living there and roads were few, this book takes a look at the history of the area. Fair warning: settlers don't look good as their practices almost destroyed the land. Things were starting to improve when the book was written.

**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

- Secrets From Grandma's Attic: (Adams)  
Bk. 1 History Lost and Found
- An Agatha Raisin Mystery: (Beaton)  
Bk. 33 Devil's Delight
- A Hamish Macbeth Murder Mystery: (Beaton)  
Bk. 35 Death Of A Traitor
- A Mrs. Murphy Mystery: (Brown)  
Bk. 31 Hiss & Tell
- A Jack Ryan JR. Novel: (Clancy)  
Bk. 15 Zero Hour
- A Vera Stanhope Mystery: (Cleeves)  
Bk. 6 Harbour Street
- A Charles Lenox Mystery: (Finch)  
Bk. 1 The Vanishing Man
- A Charles Lenox Mystery: (Finch)  
Bk. 2 The Woman in the Water
- Windswept Way (Hannon)
- Secrets From Grandma's Attic: (Melby)  
Bk. 2 The Art Of Deception
- Homecoming (Morton)
- Still Life (Penny)
- The Long Way Home (Penny)
- The Black Dagger-Brotherhood Series: (Ward)  
Bk. 21 Lassiter

## Adult Non-Fiction

- The Knitted Rug-21 Fantastic Designs (Druchunas)

## Large Print Fiction

- To Capture His Heart (Allen)
- Eden's Children (Andrews)
- Simply Lies (Baldacci)
- A Joe Pickett Novel: (Box)  
Bk. 23 Storm Watch
- The Devine Doughnut Shop (Brown)
- A Morgan Clyde Western: (Cogburn)  
Bk. 4 Too Proud to Run
- A Place To Land (Denton)
- Cold Light Of Day (Goddard)
- The Metropolitan Affair (Green)
- A Novel of the Battalion of St. Patrick: (Herbeck)  
Bk. 2 To The Color
- A Tale of the Fetterman Massacre: (Murphy)  
Bk. 1 Bozeman Paymaster
- Countdown (Patterson)
- Pictures Of The Heart: (Peterson)  
Bk. 1 Remember Me
- A Letty Davenport Novel: (Sandford)  
Bk. 2 Dark Angel
- The Montgomerys of Spirit Lake: (Stelmack)  
Bk. 3 Their Together Promise
- An Ezekiel Flagg Western: (Timanus)  
Bk. 1 The Penitent Gun

## Audio CDs

- The Second Coming Of Lucas Brokaw (Braun)
- More Than Meets The Eye (Johansen)
- The Fires Of Blackstone (Johnstone)
- Preacher's Purge (Johnstone)
- 3 Days To Live (Patterson)
- Encore In Death (Robb)

## Juvenile Fiction

- Welcome To Wonderland: (Grabenstein)  
Bk. 1 Home Sweet Motel
- Welcome To Wonderland: (Grabenstein)  
Bk.2 Beach Party Surf Monkey
- Welcome To Wonderland: (Grabenstein)  
Bk. 3 Sandapalooza Shake-Up
- A Starless Clan: (Hunter)  
Bk. 3 Shadow
- George Brown, Class Clown How Do You Pee in Space? (Krulik)

## Juvenile Non-Fiction

- Gateway Arch (Dittmer)
- Phoebe and her Unicorn: (Simpson)  
Bk. 1 Unicorn Theater

## Easy Fiction

- Soar High, Dragonfly (Bestor)
- Fun With Clifford (Bridwell)
- The Black Hole Debacle
- Disney Puppy Dog Pals-Adventures in Puppy-Sitting (Disney)
- The Cool Bean (John)
- There Was A Hole (Lehrhaupt)
- Boats Will Float (Rosenbaum)

## Easy Non-Fiction

- Ambulances (Besel)