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Reading Revelations

Widening the reading experience is the goal for library book groups

Unless you're reading to someone else – say your kids or grandchildren – reading is a singular activity, just you and the book. You imagine how the characters might walk and talk, how any unusual names are pronounced and, in the end, if you liked the book or not.

But members of book groups may have different perspectives about the plot, the characters and if it was a good read or not. Take those unusual names, for instance. If someone listened to an audio version of a book, they would know how a name is pronounced.

Hearing those different perspectives are what members like about book groups.

"Sometimes everyone likes a book, and sometimes nobody likes a book – we've had that happen," said Anna Lou Hunziger, who attends the 3rd Thursday Book Group at the Savannah Branch.

The Belt and Savannah branches each have two book groups for adults. Belt groups meet monthly, and the Savannah groups meet in alternate months.

What books the groups read are determined by library staff and from suggestions by group members. The goal is to introduce the groups to new authors and genres, hoping to expand the reading experience.

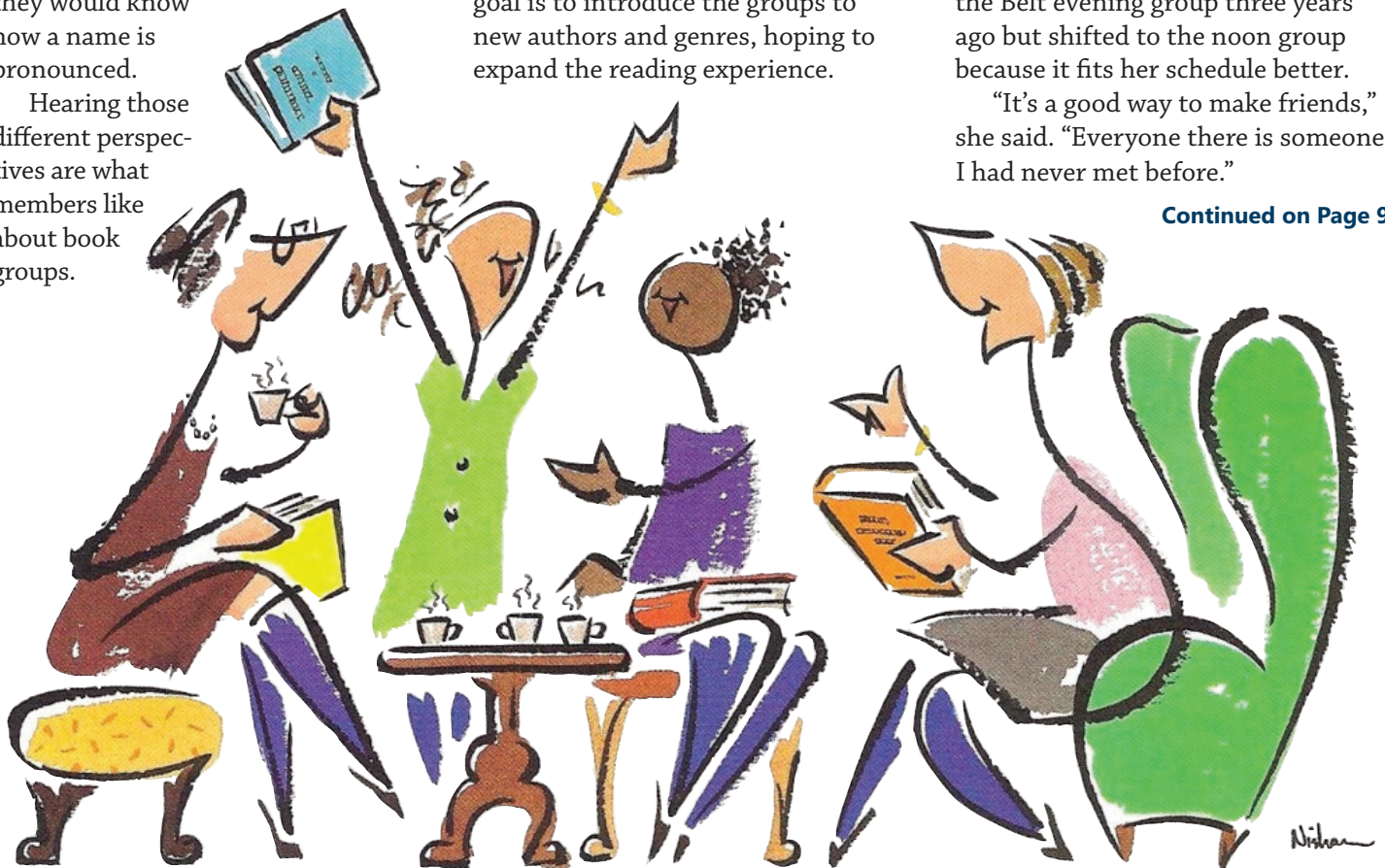
"When we meet, we typically recommend our favorites or books that remind us of what we had just read," said Savannah library assistant Leah Holt. "I personally have been given recommendations from my group members that I would have never tried before."

The groups have anywhere from five to 16 regular participants, with the majority of them being older women. Why few men participate is hard to say, group leaders said.

Janet Hatten started going to the Belt evening group three years ago but shifted to the noon group because it fits her schedule better.

"It's a good way to make friends," she said. "Everyone there is someone I had never met before."

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Banned Stand

Public libraries support school libraries' opposition to bans

If you want to know the power of literacy and reading, just look at how hard some people work at stopping someone from reading a book.

Our region is just now experiencing the book banning trend that has been cresting in other communities across Missouri and across the nation. The problem lies with singling out individual works for removal from public access so that no one can read them, based on the opinion of a minority of community members and the reasons they cite for wanting a book banned.



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The freedom to read is closely tied to the freedom of speech, one of the freedoms we hold most dear in our democracy. If schools or libraries (“the government”) were to decide what speech was allowed or not allowed, they would be in violation of the Constitution. There are some limits to the freedom of speech, and this is where book banners tend to operate. They read salacious passages taken out of context and label the entire work as obscene. Or they think the topic is too mature for certain readers. Or they wish to shield children from what they think are radical world views. The instincts to want to keep children safe are not what we object to, but the blanket nature of book challenges that make assumptions about the value of a work as seen only through the eyes of rejection.

School libraries often get more book challenges than public libraries because they have a captive audience and there is this impression that every child is in contact with all the books in a school library. (Don’t we wish!) Just like the public library, school libraries work hard to connect kids with books and to develop a collection that will support the curriculum and allow for reading for pleasure. However, schools have a responsibility to protect children in ways that public libraries do not, so book banners don’t think anything controversial should be in schools.

The problem is many of these books speak to the real-life experiences of young people: They are being raised by two daddies or know someone who is. They have a big sister, or cousin, or aunt who got pregnant before they finished high school. They see violence on television and in the videos they watch on their mobile devices.

While none of us in the library community want to spend our careers dealing with book banning on a regular basis, it’s actually a good sign when we see so many community voices rise up in opposition to censorship. It means we aren’t alone in the fight for the freedom to read. Ultimately, it is parents who should decide what their children are allowed to access. We believe that everyone should be able to read stories they can relate to, so we stand with the banned.

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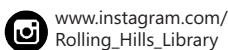
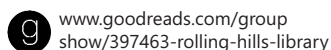
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Status for account information **Renew all** to renew everything on your account

Renew due to renew overdue items **Help** for a list of available commands

or text anything else to start a conversation with a librarian.



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The board generally meets at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Friends of the Library

The Friends support the library through volunteer and fund-raising efforts. The Friends board meets monthly.

Rolling Hills Library Foundation

The Foundation strives to provide financial support for large endeavors and future growth of the library by seeking substantial gifts from patrons and supportive foundations.

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July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



304,889

Items Checked Out

Plus 64,135 e-books and digital audio!



25,288 uses of library computers



198,617

Library Visitors

The library averaged over 560 visitors each day!



2,233

New Cardholders



44,183

Premium Resources Accessed Online



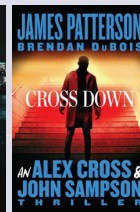
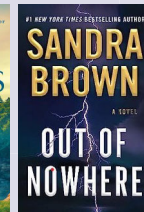
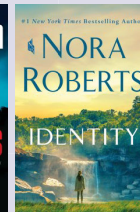
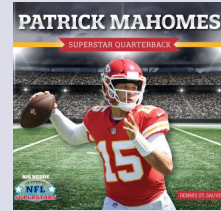
10,270

New items were added to our collection of 161,574 holdings

7,610

Miles driven by the Bookmobile

Top 10 Most Checked Out Titles



Top Highlights

- ▶ 2,211 passport assistance appointments
- ▶ 9,356 uses of our Wi-Fi network
- ▶ 1,894 reservations of our meeting rooms, physical and virtual
- ▶ Passed a permanent library tax levy
- ▶ Lowered the library levy to \$0.28
- ▶ Selected new location for St. Joseph branch and shared design images

552

Events were held

14,767

People attended our events



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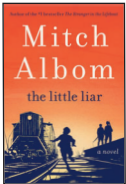
Library Lego Lab

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 11, we'll spread out the library Legos and children and adults can build some fun together. Try a quick group challenge, make a build based on a theme or just have free play. 5:30-6:30 p.m. second Wednesdays, Belt Branch CreateSpace

Book Review

Truth be told, Albom's latest novel will leave you thinking about lying

Mitch Albom has always been an author that has made me stop and think about life in so many ways. Such is the truth with his novel **The Little Liar** (F Albom).



Nico Crispi is an 11-year-old boy living in Salonika, Greece, during the World War II era. Salonika is a city that is mostly inhabited by Jewish people, which includes Nico and his family. Nico has always been a very truthful boy who has never lied to anyone. When the Nazis invade, a Nazi officer convinces Nico he could save his family and friends by spreading the word they should board trains bound for "the North" and a better life. Nico does that, not realizing they are headed to their deaths.

Nico understands, too late, what he has done. Feeling deceived by the world, Nico chooses a different path – one of lies and deceit throughout much of his remaining lifetime. The book follows Nico's family through the years and his journey to find them both during and after the war.

If you are a fan of Albom's books, or even if you've never read one, this is one you won't want to miss. His message of honesty and the impact of life's choices resonates long after the last page has been turned.

– Janis Curran, *Bookmobile library assistant*

Holiday events lineup includes wreaths, ghosts and ... slime

The change in seasons brings with it three major holidays in Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas – and library events to help you prepare for those days.

Natural Wreath Making – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, Belt Branch. Lauren Conrad will show adults how to make a simple wreath using small branches and grasses. All materials provided. Register at events.rhcl.org/event/11257091.

Painting Classes – Belt will have two painting classes to create fall pumpkins. Adult class is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, with registration at events.rhcl.org/event/11258374. An all-ages class will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, with registration at events.rhcl.org/event/11258381. All materials provided.



Cheesecloth Ghosts – 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, Savannah Branch. Adults will make this holiday craft to decorate for Halloween. Register at events.rhcl.org/event/11438673.

Uncle Fester's Costume Closet – This Belt annual event provides free Halloween costumes for children in need. The gently used clothing, masks and other items are given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Children must

have an adult with them to browse the costumes. Open 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20; and throughout Monday, Oct. 21. All items have been donated and additional donations are welcome.

Pumpkin Slime Extravaganza – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, Belt. Kids can make slime with adding either pumpkin spice or pumpkin "guts." Supplies are provided for 30 kids. No registration is required.

Halloween and Fall Drop-In Crafts – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, Savannah. All ages are welcome to make fall and Halloween crafts. Children must have an adult present.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt – All day Saturday, Oct. 26, Belt. Families can search the library for "tricks" and collect "treats" when they finish.

Miniature Scenes: Holiday Version – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, Savannah. Adults will make Christmas scenes using breath mint tins and Mason jar lids. For a personal touch, bring your own photos to use. Register at events.rhcl.org/event/11471208.

Family Art Night – 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, Belt. Families will paint Christmas themed houses. All materials provided. Register at events.rhcl.org/event/11165865. Make sure to sign up all family members participating so everyone gets a canvas.



Register to Vote!

Oct. 9 is the last day to register for the Nov. 5 general election.

In-person no-excuse absentee voting begins Oct. 22.

Oct. 23 is the last day to request absentee mail ballots.

Library staff can help you register for upcoming elections. Ask us for details!





Fall Family Walk

Hilary Newey, aka The Excellent Pedestrian, will lead a group along the River Walk and share information about what you are seeing. We'll meet at the Remington Nature Center shelter in the SW corner of the center's parking lot. **5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1502 McArthur Drive**

Food is also on the event menus at Belt and Savannah

Food will be the topic of four programs this fall at the Belt and Savannah branches.

Rachel Livesay from the Andrew County Extension Office will teach youths and teens kitchen skills while making a tasty snack in a class at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Savannah. Registration opens at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at events.rhcl.org/event/11239572.

Did you ever think a waffle iron could make other food than waffles? Learn how to make more than breakfast items in a class at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Savannah. All ages are welcome. Registration opens at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at events.rhcl.org/event/11438368.

At 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, teens will celebrate National Candy Day by making and tasting candy at Belt. Registration opens at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at events.rhcl.org/event/11510710. Registration closes two days before the class so we know how much ingredients to provide.

Two days later on Wednesday, Nov. 6, adults will have the chance to make and taste seasonal treats in a class at 6:30 p.m. at Belt. Registration opens at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at events.rhcl.org/event/11510936. Registration closes two days before the class so we know how much ingredients

Local history, pop culture events coming this fall at Belt

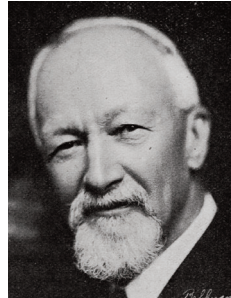
Local architectural history, fossils, local ghosts and ghost stories are the topic of four programs this fall at the Belt Branch.

Edmond Jacques Eckel, one of St. Joseph's most prolific architects, will be the topic of a history program at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, by Shelly Haynes from St. Joseph Museums.

Eckel was born in France in 1845 and studied architecture as a young man. He came to the United States in 1868 and in 1869 was traveling to Kansas City. When his train was delayed in St. Joseph due to a washed-out bridge, he explored the town and decided to stay because of the town's post-Civil War economic boom. He began working as a draftsman and would design many of the mansions of that era, including the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion.

Eckel went on to form his own architectural firm and had many partnerships through the years. It's estimated he or his firms are responsible for 75% of the public and private buildings of that era in St. Joseph.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, Missouri



Architect Edmond J. Eckel is credited with designing St. Joseph's City Hall, Livestock Exchange Building and many more buildings still standing today.



Author Stephen King is credited with writing many books that keep you up at night.

Western professors Evan Hart and Ed Taylor will discuss their podcast, which explores "the spooky, the haunted and the occasionally laughable world of the paranormal and supernatural." This program for adults and teens is presented in partnership with Missouri Western's Pop Culture Club.

In celebration of National Fossil Day on Wednesday, Oct. 16, retired Northwest Missouri State geology professor Dr. John Pope will discuss fossils and our region's natural history in a program at 7 p.m. If you have fossils you'd like to know more about, bring them along so Dr. Pope can evaluate them.

Just in time for Halloween, Missouri Western professor Michael Charlton will discuss the books and career of the "King of Horror," author Stephen King at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24. King has published more than 60 horror, mystery, suspense, crime, science fiction and fantasy novels, 12 collections of shorter

stories and five non-fiction books, not to mention screenplays and essays. This program is presented in partnership with Missouri Western's Pop Culture Club.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books FREE of charge to children from birth to age 5, through funding shared by Dolly and the State of Missouri. Every child birth to age 5 in Missouri is eligible! Sign up now using this QR code.



READY FOR THE GOLD?
Summer Reading Program



Jetpack Jason from Mad Science of KC creates a foam hat using shampoo, water and bits of dry ice for this surprised volunteer on June 24 in the Belt Branch Upper Story.



Pyro Flow! lit up the Belt parking lot with their fire dancing on July 25.



John and Mary Susan McCrae bring life to their circus puppets in a show June 10 in the Upper Story.



Many parents joined their kids in the foam party fun on June 6 in the Belt parking lot.



Bob Atchison (left to right), Jesse Graber and Steve Goeke of The Livewire String Band perform a mandolin tune July 2 at the Belt.



French teacher Carol Pittman points out the ingredients for Salade Niçoise, a popular French salad, that participants

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2,860 registrations
1,672 completions
34,547 books read



There were plenty of smiles at the Savannah Branch this summer. One volunteer (above) was happy to be part of Mr. Stinky Feet's show on July 1, and the Orrick Acres Petting Zoo donkey looks happy to get an afternoon handout on June 3.



After showing the crowd that there was nothing in the parts of this decorative box, Max the Magician proceeded to pull out several long banners and scarves from the box on July 8 in the Upper Story. How did he do that? Magic!



Jan Syrigos of Wildheart (above) leads her Savannah audience in a song about working together on July 22.

Will Stuck (right) introduces his pet chicken to a Belt volunteer on July 15. The girl's task was to pick an egg to determine the direction Will's program would take.



would use to
make their own
salads in her July
19 program at
Belt.



READ FOR THE GOLD!
Summer Reading Program Prize Winners



Anniestyn won the MVP drawing prize of games and a picnic cooler.

Don't stop believing in reading!
 Kids! Take our Missouri Reading Awards Challenges to earn more prizes. Keep track with paper logs or using the online Beanstack app. More information at rhcl.org/missouri-readers-awards

Rowan, Jaycey, Niall and Sam



Miriam, Gabriel, Junah and Chloe

Miles, Olivia, Troy and Cora



Mackenzie



Beau



Eli



Emery



Katie

"Last week I was in and asked the librarian for something good and different to watch. She gave me (Season 1 and 2 of Murdoch Mysteries) and it was the best thing I've seen!" - Patron Comment Form



Joyce Raye Patterson Kitchen Band

It's a fun concert evening for all ages with this enthusiastic musical group. They'll play some Halloween-themed tunes among other songs on a variety of recognizable and inventive instruments. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, Belt Branch Upper Story

Quick moves are needed for the year's second chess tournament on Halloween

Age doesn't matter when it comes to chess. That was shown at the library's first annual chess tournament on June 8 when 15-year-old Houston Jennings topped the field of 21 players in the U.S. Chess Federation-rated event.

"You can spend your whole life studying chess and still be a beginner, or you can study it for a few years and be a master," Bridgid Reeves, the tournament director, said.

Houston, who lives in Grain Valley, Mo., learned chess at the age of 5. When the pandemic put an end to in-person meets, he used the internet to expand his game.

He usually plays in Kansas City Chess Club events but came to St. Joseph for a new challenge. Second-place winner Samuel Young is from Kansas City, and third-place went to Ethan Stech from Springfield, Mo.

"I thought the tournament was amazing," Houston said. "It was good competition and a good environment."

Reeves was happy with the overall success of the day,

enough that she is adding a second tournament. On Thursday, Oct. 31, players can test their quick thinking in the free Frightful Fast Chess Frenzy from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Belt Branch Community Room.

The blitz-style tournament will be a double round-robin quad tournament, meaning participants will be placed in groups of four or less who will play each other in two games per round. Players will start with 5 minutes on their clocks.

More information and registration is available at events.rhcl.org/event/11466278. Games start at 6 p.m., so players should show up early to find their tables.



Different opinions are welcomed in book groups

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Public services librarian Anali Mathies leads the Belt's noon meetings and picks a variety of books based on genres, seasonal themes or cultural themes. Before meetings, she will email discussion questions or pertinent articles like book reviews or author interviews to the group. With September being Banned Book Month, the group will read and discuss **The Bluest Eye** by Toni Morrison.

"There have been some fairly strong differences in opinion (about books) over the years, but I would say the group makes space for that to happen," Mathies said.

Some of her group's members have been coming to meetings for 10 years while others come for a few years, take breaks and then return. The core group has extended their friendships beyond the library.

"Everyone who comes is very interested in being part of the group," Mathies said.

When picking books to read, library staff consider the library's collection of more than 100 book group kits, which has a wide variety of genres. Like almost anything at the library, the kits can be checked out by other book groups. Information about the kits, including a list of titles, is available at

Library Adult Book Groups

Books to be discussed are listed in the descriptions of each meeting on the library Events Calendar.

Belt Branch Evening Group – 6:30 p.m. third Tuesdays monthly. No registration needed.

Belt Noon Group – Third Wednesdays monthly. No registration needed.

3rd Thursday Book Group – 5 p.m. in odd months, Savannah Branch. Registration required.

Tuesday Book Group – 5 p.m. in even months, Savannah Branch. Registration required.

rhcl.org/book-club-kits. A display of some of the books can be found at the Belt Branch by asking staff.

Belt Branch manager Kelly Morris leads the monthly group that meets on the third Tuesdays of each month. Sometimes her participants haven't finished reading the featured book or even read it, but that's OK.

"There's no pressure," Morris said. "It's just nice to get together and talk about books."

Savannah Branch manager Jill Weaver has the same outlook: "Finishing a book is not a requirement for attending book group meetings. But know that we will discuss the book and there will be spoilers."

STAR Program

Our Services to Adult Readers Program provides homebound adults who can't visit the library due to age, illness, disability or transportation challenges with library materials by mail or in-person delivery. Call us at 816-205-7100 for more information or to sign up.



Medicare Part D Sign-Up

Staff from Young at Heart Resources will make changes to existing plans or help people 65+ enroll for the first time. Bring a list of your prescriptions and dosages to this drop-in program. No appointments necessary. **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, Belt Branch**

Fairy Tale Magic

‘Wishing Game’ author’s second novel is another story to get lost in

Did you love fairy tales when you were young? Did you stop believing as you grew older and wiser? Perhaps it’s time to believe in them once more. Meg Schaffer’s new novel, **The Lost Story** (F

land, inspired by **The Chronicles of Narnia**.

Our story starts with a pair of 14-year-old boys, best friends who go missing in a West Virginia state forest, vanishing without a trace. Many search parties fail to find them.

Six months later, the boys walk out of the forest with Jeremy carrying Rafe. They have both grown inches taller and gained muscle, becoming young men. How did they survive? And where were they all that time?

Rafe, who has come back bearing scars, can’t remember anything about the forest and what happened there. Jeremy remembers everything about the magical realm they walked into but is unable to tell Rafe anything about what happened to them.

In the years to come, Rafe will become a reclusive art-

ist who makes incredible art that is straight out of a fairy tale. The images come to him in his dreams. Jeremy left the forest with the ability to find lost people. He carries this gift so that he may find one special lost girl, if she only wants to be found. In the years to come, Jeremy finds many lost girls but not his special one.

Fifteen years later, that girl, Emilie, finds Jeremy herself. The time has come for Jeremy to take Emilie and Rafe back through the portal into a wondrous magical land. Together they must go on a quest to find the book of Rafe’s lost memories and confront their past and the many dangers on the way. A fairy tale wouldn’t be complete without dangers untold and knights to fight for princes, princesses and kingdoms, would it?

This book was absolutely delightful with everything you would want in a whimsical fairy tale. I hope you will be as charmed as I was with **The Lost Story** because I think we might hear from our lost boys again in a sequel.

– Jennifer George, Rolling Hills Library technical services manager



Meg Schaffer is a creative writing instructor and master’s candidate in screenwriting at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

- Anatomy of a Fall
- Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom
- The Beekeeper
- In the Land of Saints and Sinners

- Dream Scenario
- Dune – Part 2

- Ghostbusters – Frozen Empire
- Bob Marley: One Love
- Kung Fu Panda 4

- The Marvels
- Mean Girls
- Priscilla
- Wish
- Wonka
- Planet Earth III
- Animal Crackers
- Anyone But You
- Billions: The Final Season
- The Canterville Ghost
- Finestkind

- The Dancing Detective: A Deadly Tango
- Freelance
- Godzilla X Kong: The New Empire
- The Holdovers
- The Long Game
- My Sailor, My Love
- One Life
- Red Right Hand
- Sasquatch Sunset
- The Taste of Things
- Waitress: The Musical

New DVDs @ the Library



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Kids and their toy friends (including dolls) are invited to an evening Storytime and craft class that will have the animals staying behind for a night of adventure. Families will pick them up the next day along with photos of the animals' visits. Registration is required. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, Savannah Branch

No doubt that Ledecky is a champ

What makes a champion? After reading swimming sensation Katie Ledecky's **Just Add Water: My Swimming Life** (B Ledecky), I'm sure she qualifies.

Ledecky has been swimming since she was 6 years old and will most likely continue swimming for years to come. She followed both her mother and brother in taking up swimming at an early age. In 2012, at the age of 15, she qualified for the London Olympics as the youngest member of the American swimming team. She stunned everyone, including her family and teammates, by winning her first gold medal in the 800m Freestyle. Following that performance, Ledecky swam in three more Olympics, including this year's Paris Olympics.



American swimmer Katie Ledecky had a lot to smile about this summer at the Paris Olympics.

Book Review

As an Olympic and professional athlete, training is year-round with many different competitions to swim in. It takes dedication and the love of water to keep at it all those years. Gold medals might also help, too.

Ledecky's training is phenomenal; she's in the pool every single day. During the pandemic when training facilities closed, she found someone with a private, regulation-sized pool that allowed her and a teammate to continue practicing. Swimming allowed Ledecky to find her normal

in that difficult time.

With the Olympics this summer, I was really looking forward to reading Ledecky's autobiography. It was amazing to read her words about her love of swimming and competing while watching her win medals in Paris, including two golds, one silver and one bronze. She now has nine Olympic gold medals, four silvers and one bronze. Overall, she has won 50 medals (38 golds, 10 silvers and two bronzes) in the Olympics, World Championships and Pan Pacific Championships.

I wonder, though, if she should have waited to write her autobiography. After all, she's only 27 years old and may be back for the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028!

– Rochelle Greenwood, Belt Branch library assistant



Movie Review

Ghostbusters ride again in latest installment

Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire is the latest offering from the Ghostbusters franchise and direct sequel to **Ghostbusters: Afterlife**. The story is set two years after the conclusion of **Afterlife** with the Spengler family back in the old firehouse in New York City.

Frozen Empire brings back many of the characters from **Afterlife**, such as Lucky, Mr. Grooberson and Podcast. The original Ghostbusters are here as well with Janine Melnitz and a return of former EPA Agent Walter Peck.

Jason Reitman once again is a master of tying this story to the Ghostbusters universe while keeping the uniqueness of it, by mixing in new and old friends and enemies.

The story starts with a room full of people freezing to death in July 1904. In present day, the Busters are under fire from Mayor Peck for their destructive results. When Pheobe is suspended, she accidentally becomes the key to releasing an ancient god of cold. With the world freezing, the Ghostbusters must find the last Fire Master to save the world.

– Devon Campbell Library I.T. assistant



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Cake ingredients

- 1 15-oz. box yellow cake mix
- 2 3-oz. boxes peach gelatin
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 16-oz. bag frozen peaches

Frosting ingredients

- ½ cup salted butter (1 stick)
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- ⅔ cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Ice water for an ice bath to cool frosting

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13-inch cake pan. In a large bowl, beat together the cake mix, dry peach gelatin, eggs and the oil.

Slice the still frozen peaches in half to make them more bite size. Use a wooden spoon to fold the peaches into the cake batter, and then pour the batter into the greased cake pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Check the center of the cake with a toothpick; if it comes out clean, the cake is done (very moist crumbs are OK). The cake's edges will be brown. Let the cake cool completely.

While the cake cools, make the brown sugar frosting. In a 2-quart pot, add butter, brown sugar and heavy cream and stir them together over medium high heat until the mixture reaches a boil with bubbles across the top. Set a timer for 1 minute and stir frequently. After stirring, remove the pot from the heat and stir in the vanilla.

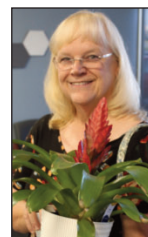
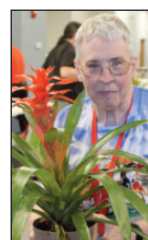
Prepare the ice bath and set the pot in the water without getting water in the frosting. Let the frosting cool, scraping the pot's side occasionally, until the frosting is room temperature and much thicker.

Use a hand mixer to beat the frosting for 3-5 minutes, until it is thicker but still pourable. Spread the frosting over the cooled cake. The cake will keep on the counter for a day or two, but after that put it in the refrigerator.

The day I made this cake it was hot and I was tired, so I didn't make the frosting. I used Cool Whip instead and took the cake to a cookout. People there loved it. Enjoy!



Barb is a Rolling Hills Library retiree who has made cakes for her friends and former co-workers for decades.



Friends of the Library members Deann Walker and Cindy Kerns left the Friends annual board meeting on July 11 with plants they won in table drawings. The meeting also had a review by Library Director Michelle Mears of interior renderings for the new library.