NEWS AND NOTES
DUE TO THE RECENT EVENTS CONCERNING THE CORONA VIRUS, MANY OF OUR ALREADY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR MIGHT POSSIBLY BE CANCELLED IN THE FUTURE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, OR GIVE US A CALL TO CHECK ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE LIBRARY AND ALL PROGRAMS.

----Thanks to all who participated in the Adult Winter Reading Program. We had over 70 participants this year. Great job and we hope you enjoyed the list of suggested book titles and were able to chill out and read!

In addition to Facebook, you can follow us on Twitter@MaplewoodLibra1.

Some programs may need to be cancelled due to inclement weather or last-minute cancellations. If in doubt, just give us a call.
Check out our website www.maplewood.lib.mo.us, or “like” us on Facebook for updates.

The library will be closed: May 25—Memorial Day Observance

ADDITIONAL ITEM OF NOTE
Please note that we are now closing at 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.
All other hours remain the same.

APRIL PROGRAMS
GENTLE YOGA WITH DANIELLE
EVERY SATURDAY APRIL 4 THRU JUNE 27, 2020
9:30----10:30 A.M
Join Danielle each Saturday for 5-60 minutes of gentle yoga, relaxation, and meditation. No yoga experience is necessary. Please bring your mat and any props you may want. Wear comfortable clothing you can move in, and be prepared to leave your shoes near the door! Danielle has practiced yoga for over a decade and completed Urban Breath's 200-hour Foundational Yoga Teacher Training in 2019. Come and try yoga—or continue your practice of it—on the mat with Danielle!

SAY IT WITH A CARD!
Thursday, April 2—6:30-7:30 p.m.
Class size is limited to 10 and pre-registration is required.
You may register March 2 thru March 21, 2020.
Spring is here and summer is around the corner. Often you want to commemorate an event like graduations or weddings or that special person in your life with something unique for them or for their special day. Join Debbie Phillips as she shares the art and fun of card making and guides you as you make separate and different greeting cards. This is a fun way to learn a new craft or gain some new ideas to make your hobby special.
A PLANT-CENTRIC LIFE
Tuesday, April 7----6:30-7:30 p.m.
This is part of a quarterly class on topics related to health and wellness.
There’s never been a better time to consider adopting a life that’s plant-centric. With so many compelling reasons to make this shift, certified whole health coach Gayle Rose shares experience from 25 years of vegetarian living. From practical tips, whys and how-to’s, this hour will leave you feeling not just informed but inspired.

PERILS FOR PETS IN THE GARDEN
Thursday, April 16----6:30-7:30 p.m.
Did you know there are many garden plants and plant based foods in your home that could be toxic to your pets? This discussion will identify those culprits and let you know what problems they cause. If there are home remedies to help we will discuss them and when you should seek veterinary assistance.
We will also set the record straight on some plants, such as poinsettias, that have been identified as toxic and really are not.
Joanne Graham DVM, MS Diplomate ACVIM (Oncology) is a board certified veterinary oncologist who spent 30 years in practice. In addition to private practice, she taught at Iowa State University and also trained at the National Animal Poison Control Center. Joanne is a Master Gardener, as well as a volunteer at the Flora Conservancy of Forest Park.

THIRD TUESDAYS AT THE LIBRARY
This month’s presentation will be:
“BASEBALL IN ST. LOUIS”
Tuesday, April 21----6:30-7:30 p.m.
Baseball in St. Louis is the story that tells the history of St. Louis as a baseball town through and through. It’s the story of young children playing in farm fields, school yards and brick alleys. It’s the story of kids playing in the region’s little leagues, high schools and colleges. It’s the story of men who made it to the major leagues from St. Louis and those of all ages who play simply for the love of the game. This is the story of St. Louis baseball, its impact on the community, those who played, and those who watched. It’s the story of St. Louis baseball from the little leagues to the Major Leagues.

Ed Wheatley grew up in and around the world of baseball and continues to play in senior leagues across the country. As the leader of the St. Louis Browns Historical Society & Fan Club, he works to preserve the history and legacy of this transplanted American League team. He regularly speaks on topics of baseball history around the country and has twice had the privilege of speaking at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Ed is the co-author of St. Louis Browns: The Story of a Beloved Team and Incredible Cardinals, and has been a producer of two award winning St. Louis Browns documentaries that aired on PBS.
Books will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of the author.

MEALS IN AN INSTANT
Thursday, April 23----6:00-7:30 p.m.
Class size is limited to 12 and pre-registration is required.
You may register March 30 thru April 18, 2020.
Do you have an electric pressure cooker or plan to get one and are not sure how to use it? This HANDS-ON class will cover:
· Different pressure cooker models
· Appliance features
· Safety tips
· Additional equipment you can purchase
· Tricks to make cooking a breeze
Participants will complete a recipe in an electric pressure cooker and sample different recipes. Presented by Leslie H. Bertsch, MS, MPH, RD, Field Specialist in Nutrition & Health with the University of Missouri Extension.

SPRING CRAFTING WORKSHOP
Thursday, April 30----6:30-7:30 p.m.
Get crafty with the staff of Perennial at this upcycled crafting workshop! While you’re already doing your spring cleaning, why not learn how to make something new with items you might normally throw away? We’ll be crafting a sweet little woven bowl from reclaimed t-shirt yarn as well as a desktop organizer from corks + scrap wood.
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MAY PROGRAMS

FOREST PARK OWLS: Hiding In Plain Sight
Thursday, May 7—6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mark H.X. Glenshaw is an award-winning naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park since December 2005. Mark's talk, Forest Park Owls: Hiding In Plain Sight, will cover how he found these owls, basic facts about the species, and the different behaviors he has been able to see and document with photos and videos to illustrate these behaviors. You may have heard about the owls and Mark's work with them from the regular media coverage they receive—now here is your opportunity to learn more about the owls in person.

THIRD TUESDAYS AT THE LIBRARY
This month’s presentation will be:
“GROWING UP ST. LOUIS”
Tuesday, May 19—6:30-7:30 p.m.

No matter when or where we grow up, the stories, people, and places that populate our memories leave an indelible mark on the manuscript that becomes our life story. A day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904, meatless meals and hard times during the Great Depression, or knowing Mark McGwire’s precise homerun count that summer of 1998 become galvanized in our own timelines, while other details fade into the background.

In Growing Up St. Louis, hear the stories that stuck with more than a hundred native St. Louisans over the last century, told by the very people who lived through them. Ranging from joyous to humdrum, and even to the grim, these childhood memories offer a glimpse of life in still frame, from the start of the twentieth century to the present day. A young girl is transfixed by the Beatles debut on Ed Sullivan and a future local sportscaster falls in love with sports as he and his dad watch the 1968 World Series. With new and old photographs to accompany the essays, join veteran author Jim Merkel on a journey through ten decades of coming of age in St. Louis. Whether they spark nostalgia or empathy, they'll surely provoke commentary about how deeply our tender years impact us for the rest of our lives. Longtime St. Louisian and journalist, Jim Merkel is the author of “The Colorful Characters of St. Louis”, “Hoosiers and Scrubby Dutch”, “Beer, Brats, and Baseball”, and “The Making of An Icon”. He has appeared on KMOX, KWMU, KDHX, and Fox2 News in the Morning and covers St. Louis City Hall and the city’s South Side for metrostl.com and the SouthSider and NorthSider newspapers.

Books will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of the author.

BEST GARDENING PRACTICES FOR A SUSTAINABLE GARDEN
Thursday, May 21—6:30-7:30 p.m.

In this class you will learn gardening practices that will help you maintain your garden in an environmentally friendly way. Among the points covered will be plant selection, composting, mulching, water conservation, recycling, Integrated Pest Management, and improving the soil. Presented by Betsy Alexander, a Master Gardener since 2005, Betsy has 8 programs that she shares as a speaker with the Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau. In addition, she is the Speaker’s Bureau coordinator and has volunteered at the Missouri Botanical Garden Kemper Center display gardens for 9 years.

UP AND AT ‘EM:
Researching Genealogical Records In Person
Thursday, May 28—6:30-7:30 p.m.

This is part of a quarterly class on various aspects of genealogy.

Online research leaves a lot of records yet to be uncovered and published in digital form. Let’s dive into local repositories and the record collections that warrant a real-time visit. Ms. LaDonna Garner, M.A. of Leafseeker Consulting, will guide you through this challenging, yet rewarding, area of genealogical research. Questions are welcomed and encouraged.

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JUNE PROGRAMS

IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK:
Researching Your House’s History
Thursday, June 4—6:30-7:30 p.m.
The Library & Research Center of the Missouri Historical Society has a wealth of resources to help you learn about the history of your house and its former inhabitants. Find out how to use city directories, census records, neighborhood histories, photographs, and maps to research the history of the place you call home. Presented by Dennis Northcott, Associate Archivist with the Missouri Historical Society.

THIRD TUESDAYS AT THE LIBRARY
This month’s presentation will be:
“FOREST PARK: A WALK THROUGH HISTORY”
Tuesday, June 16—6:30-7:30 p.m.
Forest Park has functioned as a proverbial playground for generations of St. Louisans and tourists alike. While you could explore this green expanse of trees and pathways by many modes of transportation, the best way to know its paths and treasures is on foot. With Forest Park: A Walk Through History as your guide, you’ll be able to take the time to appreciate the Park’s historical markers and natural wonders. Local author Carolyn Mueller Kelly brings an insider’s perspective after spending a decade living near the Park and countless hours exploring its bike paths and running trails. Check out her favorite spots like Kennedy Forest, the Bridge to Picnic Island, and the Saint Louis Zoo, or discover your own as you venture into this crown jewel of St. Louis.
Books will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of the author.

STORIES FROM THE BACK ROAD:
Folk Music, Legends, and Tales from Lost America
Thursday, June 18—6:30-7:30 p.m.
The stories behind the great folk songs of America are as interesting as the songs themselves—stories about courtship and love, outlaws, adventurers, tragedy, murder and the supernatural. Dusty James & Abalone Pearl will perform some of these songs using guitar, banjo, mandolin, autoharp, dulcimer, and harmonica, and will discuss the fascinating legends and tales that inspired them. Join us for this fun and exciting event! Both Dusty and Pearl began playing as teens in the folk venues of the famed Gaslight Square District in St. Louis where they honed their instrumental skills and the art of crafting tight vocal harmonies. Each possesses in-depth knowledge of the music that drove the ‘60s folk revival and can speak extemporaneously about each song they have carefully chosen for their repertoire. The musical styles are varied and include traditional folk, roots, singer-songwriter, classic country, blues, Americana and surprises. They invite the audience into the scene by conveying the joy that goes with performing tunes that hold special significance for them.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM
This year’s theme will be:
“IMAGINE YOUR STORY”
The program is still in the planning stages, so please be sure to check our website or get a flyer on your next visit for all of the details. We will be hosting several programs around the theme of sharing your story, hearing the stories of others, and using our imaginations to explore the world around us.
Remember----we ALL have a story!

ON-GOING ADULT PROGRAMS
TACK QUILTING CLASSES
Monday Evenings  6:30-8:30 p.m. Classes continue through May 18, 2020
What a wonderful craft to learn and to share. Learn to make quilts in this time-honored way. Learn how to make them for those in need or for yourself. Learn simple techniques of quilt-making.
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
If class is full, you may be added to a waiting list.
Watch for details regarding new class forming in the fall.

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MAPLEWOOD LIBRARY BOOK CLUB
Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Book titles will be announced.
Join us for a lively discussion of new and classic titles.
For dates & upcoming titles, just sign-up and we will add your name to our email list for future notification.

Maplewood Library Writer’s Group----“Write-In”
Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is a casual, loosely structured event. You can come for as long or as short a time as you wish. This is not a class, and there’s no formal program. Just bring your laptop or pencil and paper. We will gather in the Reading Room (fireplace room) around 7:00 for introductions and a brief chat, followed by writing time and/or continued conversation. Enjoy the company of other writers while you work on your breakout novel or romance or short story or memoir or picture book or mystery or...

MORE NEWS AND NOTES
NEW SERVICE OFFERED BY MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB
If you come to the library and have forgotten your reading glasses, you’re in luck. The Maplewood Lions Club has generously donated glasses and eyeglass cases for your use. The strength of each pair is on the individual earpiece. Also, there is a box available for donations of used glasses. Thank you Lions Club for your community involvement.

BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPE
KEEP A LOOK-OUT” In addition to the telescope that is already available, we now have binoculars for you to check out. You can use them for stargazing, bird watching, and other activities that require long-distance viewing. As with the telescopes, binoculars check out for one week but may be renewed. You may request either but they must be picked up from and returned to the same library. Other restrictions apply but you may ask about this at the library. Hope you enjoy these additions to our library. You never know what you might see!

ART DISPLAYS
We have recently been able to host the art work of talented local artists. There is space available for local artists who would like to display their work. Displays would be exhibited on a monthly basis. To make arrangements or to look at potential display areas, contact the library at 314-781-2174.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS
We are currently in the process of developing a collection of large print books for our patrons. It will take some time to establish, so bear with us. You will find the titles that we have in our adult browsing area.

DISPLAY CASES
Don’t forget: If you have a collection you would like to share, just let us know. We’ll see what we can arrange.

MRH Yearbooks On-line
The Maplewood Library has finished digitizing its collection of Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School yearbooks. You can access all the years we have from 1926 through 1986. See how many folks you remember! Check it out at: http://tinyurl.com/y8zcbxak

REMININDER
Discover all we have that is new to our library. To receive free weekly emails, sign up at: http://wowbrary.org/signup.aspx?l=1843

KIDS’ CORNER
We are excited to welcome Ms. Kim Royer as our new Youth Services Librarian. Turn the page and you will find all of the fun events that will be happening from April through mid-summer. Keep watching for more new events and activities by checking out our website: www.maplewood.lib.mo.us See you soon!

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MPL Youth Services
Kim Royer, Youth Services Librarian

We have exciting happenings for kids of all ages this spring and summer. Take a look below at our upcoming events and mark your calendars. Our annual Summer Reading Programs will begin on Tuesday, May 26 and continue until Friday, July 31. That’s 10 weeks of reading, challenges and events for everyone from babies through teens.

### SPRING PROGRAMS

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### SUMMER READING 2020

Pick up your reading logs beginning **Tuesday, May 26**

Below is a partial list of events, check in to see what else we have in store for you.

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