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Children can build with “stone” blocks and prepare a meal fit for royalty (below) in *The Amazing Castle* exhibit.

# Royal Treatment

Kids will learn while playing in new traveling exhibit in Belt Upper Story



The latest traveling exhibit at the Belt Branch Upper Story transports children and families to a magical place and time – inside a castle’s stone walls where a peaceful community exists and everyone has a special job to do.

Opening Friday, Sept. 22, and continuing through Jan. 5, 2018, *The Amazing Castle™* is designed for families and school groups with children ages 2 to 8 years old but can be enjoyed by all ages.

The free exhibit will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Thursdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. A grand opening is planned for 5-7 p.m. Sept. 22, and other special programs are being planned in conjunction with the exhibit.

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# Season of Changes

We weren't taking it easy during our programming break

Welcome to the first issue of Browse, our new library newsletter! I know there have been some questions and concerns about our programming break, but we hope you can see that our brief recess has helped us to find bigger and better ways to grow your library.

First off, we are moving our newsletter publication to a quarterly schedule. A new issue will come out with the change in seasons and will have more pages and features. We also are working to improve our social media and e-mail communications as well as signage and other promotions.

Programming has started up again and I want to thank you for your patience while we took this time to retool. You may not notice much difference, but planning events for each season and creating a branch-based approval process for programs gives us the ability to plan ahead and have the resources needed for programs. It also builds in some downtime so staff can recharge before the next season.

Our short hiatus also let us explore some new outreach efforts. We want to get out into the community to be where people are and let them know what wonderful things they can access through the library. We had a great time with our coloring booth at Trails West! and plan to be back again. We will have a booth at the Josephine Expo in October, and staff also have been out at schools and at a recent health fair, handing out information about the library.

Finally, we are branching out this fall with more "unique stuff" to check out. We have had fishing poles from the Missouri Department of Conservation for almost two years and last year added wi-fi hotspots to take the internet home or on the road. Now we are adding ukuleles (to go along with a class to teach basic ukulele skills) and 6-foot folding tables you can borrow to use for yard sales or family gatherings.

Fall is a time for reflection and family events. We pull sweaters out of storage and notice the nights getting longer, ready to curl up with a good book. Take some time to venture out to the library, visit The Amazing Castle™ exhibit, and try out our downloadable resources like e-books and streaming concerts.

**Michelle Mears, Rolling Hills Library Director**  
*mmears@rhcl.org*

## Other ways to reach and follow us

Text the library at **816-287-9828** using these keywords, and we'll help with your account:

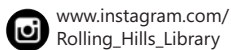
**Status** for account information

**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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### Friends of the Library

The Friends support the library through volunteer and fund-raising efforts. Friends board meetings are held 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.



## Savannah Appreciation Day

Enjoy a chili dog lunch on us and take another look around the remodeled Savannah Branch as our way of saying "Thank You, Savannah" for your support of the library. **11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, @ Savannah Branch**



Wear your costumes to trick-or-treat and play games at Boofest on Saturday, Oct. 28.

# 5 Halloween Events at the Library

## Jack-o-Lantern 101

Learn some basic skills for planning a pumpkin design and then carrying out that plan by carving or painting. You can bring your own pumpkin or use one of our small ones, but please call ahead if you will need a pumpkin. This program is for ages 11 and older and participants should understand knife safety. Younger children may attend but should not use a knife. **3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, Savannah Branch.**

## Jack-o-Lantern Contest

Carve a jack-o-lantern and bring it to the **Savannah Branch** on **Wednesday, Oct. 25**. The public has until noon Saturday, Oct. 28, to vote on their favorites. Prizes will be given in several categories. You may retrieve your pumpkin Oct. 28 or leave it through Halloween.

## Bats in Your Belfry

Did you know most of the myths you've heard about bats are untrue? For Bat Appreciation Month, Shelly Cox from the Remington Nature Center will talk about these

fascinating animals! She won't bring live bats to the program, but Shelly will show skeletons and preserved bat specimens. Appropriate for children ages 6 and older. **4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 @ Belt Branch**

## Boofest at the Belt Branch

Wear your costume to trick-or-treat, play spooky games and make Halloween crafts at our annual Halloween party! The Kiwanis Club will provide a free hot dog lunch to the first 200 kids. If you don't have a costume, stop by Uncle Fester's Closet in the lobby to pick out one to wear and keep for Halloween! Uncle Fester's Closet opens at 10:30 a.m. **11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, Belt Branch**

## Haunted Library Treasure Hunt & Trick-or-Treating

We dare you to visit our haunted library on Halloween evening and try to find all of the creepy treasures in the stacks! Children ages babies through teens will receive a treat cup with goodies and a free book. **4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, Savannah Branch**



## Open mic nights

Music & Musings is a new monthly series of open mic sessions for older teens and adults to share their musical talents, poetry and prose with others. Step up to the mic and show an appreciative audience what you've got. 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 25, Oct. 16 & Nov. 13 @ Belt Branch

## Computer classes planned for BB and SV

Technology services librarian Bridgid Reeves returns in October with a month's worth of computer classes for beginners and folks needing help with their devices.

● **Word 101** – Learn the basics of the popular word processing program Microsoft Word. You'll create a new document, save your work, use, spell check and more. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 @ Belt Branch. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 @ Savannah Branch.

● **Excel 101** – Get started using the Microsoft spreadsheet software. You will create a new document, enter information, sort it and more. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 @ Belt. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 @ Savannah.

● **Powerpoint 101** – Powerpoint is a computer presentation software that allows you to make a colorful slide show for work, school or home. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 @ Belt.

● **Drop-In Tech Help** – Having trouble with your laptop, e-reader, smartphone or other personal devices? Bring them in so Bridgid can take a look. 2-4 Wednesday, Oct. 18 @ Savannah. 2-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 @ Belt.

● **Electronic Resources @ the Library** – Learn about the many databases and e-services we provide, from free legal documents

to the latest in e-books. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 @ Belt. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25 @ Savannah.

Basic computer skills are

needed for these classes, as well as signing up in advance at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>.



Ellen Sybert (left) helps make a vertical gardening plot during a trip earlier this year to South Africa. Local villagers will use the gardens to grow vegetables.

# Lending a Hand in Africa

## Sybert to speak about her recent mission trip to South Africa

Ellen Sybert describes herself as an “Andrew County farm girl” who naturally knows something about gardening. So when she went on a mission trip this summer to Africa and had her choice of activities to help local residents with, she chose vertical gardening.

Sybert will present a program about her trip on Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Savannah Branch. She was one of five people from Word of Life Church in St. Joseph and three people from Phoenix who participated in the Orchard: Africa trip to Mahikeng, South Africa.

The goal was to teach residents of two nearby towns how to grow edible produce using recyclable resources they had on hand – two-liter plastic bottles and old denim pant legs as their containers.

With a local unemployment rate of about 70 percent, the locals needed ways to grow their own food and have a product to sell, Sybert said. They planted spinach, beets, onions and carrots using the new system.

On their last day in South Africa, the group went on a picture-taking safari and saw many animals in the wild. 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, Savannah Branch



Thank you, thank you, thank you

The 2017 Summer Reading Program was a great success, so we'd like to give one more shout out to those who donated to this year's edition: Alexander's Blind and Shade Shop, Allied Arts Council, Bode Sports Complex, Books Revisited, Cabana, Chili's, Commerce Bank, Culver's, Fazoli's, Axel & Katie Neubauer, Nodaway Valley Bank, Pony Express Community Bank, Smallcakes and St. Joseph Aquatic Park and Texas Road House.

## AARP driving class on calendar

Instructors Teddy and Jerry Graham will teach seniors how to avoid driving hazards and how to account for age-related changes in vision, hearing and reflexes while driving in an AARP driving safety class.

Participants will receive certificates for completing the class. The class costs \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for the public and is payable the day of the class. Registration is required and opens at 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>. The class is geared toward senior but is open to all ages. **1-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23 @ Belt Branch**



## Potter to show, discuss his work

Ceramic artist Carl Crutchfield of Gower will show and discuss his electric-fired stoneware in a Classy Seniors program at the Belt Branch.

Crutchfield studied ceramics in college but worked as a teacher and principal for more than

25 years. He returned to ceramics upon retiring in 2005 and moved to Gower from Wilmington, N.C., earlier this year. **2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 @ Belt Branch**

## Seniors can sign up for Part D

Melissa Steele and staff from the Northwest Missouri Area Agency on Aging will present infor-

mation about 2018 Medicare Part D prescription drug plans for seniors ages 65 and older, help make changes to their plans and help first-time recip-

ients sign up for the coverage. You need to bring a list of your prescriptions and their dosages. **10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 @ Belt Branch**

# Valuable Volunteers

## Plenty of opportunities exist for pitching in to help the library

Now that the library is back to putting on workshops and classes after a break to refine and recharge our programming, the Friends of the Library need your help revamping our ranks.

The Friends of the Library provides the majority of the library's volunteers, and we'd like to add you to the mix. To get started, see me in the Friends bookstore, Books Revisited. I'll hand you a simple volunteer application, and you'll be on your way to joining one of the best collections of people I've encountered.

I hope Books Revisited has become a facet of your library experience. If it is, you'll be aware of our knowledgeable volunteer staff, but volunteering doesn't stop at the bookstore counter.

This autumn, the library is opening its doors to The Amazing Castle™, an exhibit from the Minnesota Children's Museum featured on the front of this newsletter. But it will take more than our library staff to handle the influx of visitors to the Upper Story. Daytime and evening volunteers will be necessary to the success of this wonderful event, and the exhibit will be a great opportunity for a first-time volunteer to see



**New officers for the Friends of the Library include these volunteers: secretary Cindy Soper (left to right), president Galen Johnson, vice president Esther Francis and treasurer Patrick Dare.**

what a positive effect you can have.

Numerous volunteer opportunities present themselves throughout the year with Storytimes, general circulation, special events and even cleaning our large aquarium. The library likely has something that you could help with.

Call me at 205-7125, and I'll be more than willing to answer any questions you have.

*– Hans Bremer,  
Rolling Hills Library volunteer  
& bookstore coordinator*



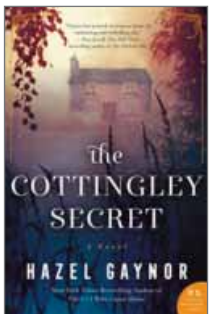
## Reading groups return

The Belt Branch adult reading groups, Cover to Cover and Novel Ideas, meet on the third Wednesdays of most months. The reading schedule is available on the monthly events calendar at [www.rhcl.org](http://www.rhcl.org).

# Fairy Tale of the Century

## Gaynor weaves novel from true-life story of girls photographing ‘wee folk’

In 1917, real-life cousins Frances Griffiths and Elsie Wright do the impossible in the village of Cottingley, Yorkshire – they take photographs of fairies dancing in the grass near their cottage.



### Book review

Their routine lives are soon shattered when some of the era’s most influential people become interested in the pictures. The girls become instant celebrities, and what began as a small prank soon escalates to mammoth proportions, engulfing not only the cousins but their descendants.

Those real events are the basis for Hazel Gaynor’s new novel, “The Cottingley Secret,” which is a delicious trip through time.

In present day London, Olivia Kavanagh’s perfect life seems to be shattering into chaos. Her wedding day is looming and she might not love her fi-



**This picture was taken by Frances Griffiths in 1917 supposedly showing her cousin Elsie Wright with a fairy.**

ancé. Her grandmother has dementia, and her grandfather has just passed away, leaving her a used bookstore in a small Irish village.

But maybe the maelstrom isn’t a disaster, afterall. Maybe it’s all a bless-

ing in disguise, especially when her family’s past and Olivia’s unruly present collide. Could fairies be real?

A hidden manuscript written by Griffiths that Olivia finds in the bookstore hints at the impossible. And then there’s the fact that Olivia’s grandmother and mother always had believed in the Wee Folk.

But could fairies be behind the changes taking place in Olivia’s new life? With a suddenly thriving bookstore, the manuscript and a possible new romance on the horizon, Olivia is determined to discover the connection between the Cottingley fairy photos and her own family.

Gaynor weaves Olivia’s modern trials into the story of Griffiths and Wright, creating a great mix of mystery, romance and historical fiction. All the characters are well rounded, Olivia is very relatable and the supporting characters are enjoyable.

– Gena Fisher,  
Belt Branch public services  
assistant

### New Large Print Books @ the Library

- Before We Were Yours by Lisa mWingate
- The Supremes Sing the Happy Heart-lache Blues by Edward Kelsey Moore
- Against All Odds by Danielle Steel
- Beach House for Rent by May Alice Monroe
- Without Warning by Joel C. Rosenberg
- The Promise of Dawn by Lauraine mSnelling
- Extraordinary Adventures by Daniel mWallace
- Lucky Boy by Shanthi Sekaran
- Trajectory by Richard Russon
- The Right Side by Spencer Quinn
- The Girl Who Knew Too Much by mAmanda Quick
- Burning Bright by Nick Petrie
- Murder Games by James Patterson
- Beautiful Tempest by Johanna Lindsey
- The Legend of Russian Bill by Richard mLapidus
- He Said, She Said by Erin Kelly
- Upon a Spring Breeze by Kelly Irvin
- The Sunshine Sisters by Jane Green
- Little Sister by Barbara Gowdy
- Dangerous Minds by Janet Evanovich
- Molly and the Cat Cafe by Melissa mDaley
- The Cherished Quilt by Amy Clipston
- You Don’t Have to Say You Love Me mby Sherman Alexie
- I Need a Lifeguard Everywhere But mthe Pool by Lisa Scottoline



Check these out. Seriously.

It's not just books, magazines and music that you can take home from the library. Beginning this fall, you can check out ukuleles and 6-foot folding tables. Both items will be housed at the Belt Branch. Check out time is for three weeks. Watch our website for news on when they will be available to the public.

## Exhibit has tailor's shop, kitchen and garden plot

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think children and families will be delighted with it," Library Director Michelle Mears said. "It also will be a great learning experience that day-care centers and schools can visit."

The exhibit features eight themed areas where children can don costumes and engage in role-playing by becoming lords and ladies and villagers. They will visit workshops of the blacksmith, tailor, gardener, carpetner and cook. They can build their own castles out of "stone" blocks and visit a tower where a sleeping dragon resides.

As they play in the exhibit, children will experience the interconnectedness of individuals as they interact with friends, family and new acquaintances. No matter if they visit once or many times, each trip through the castle is a learning experience.

The exhibit was created by the Minnesota Children's Museum with funding from Curtis and Marjorie Nelson and The Curtis L. Carlson Family Foundation.



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The blacksmith workshop is one of eight areas children can play in as part of *The Amazing Castle™* exhibit.

## Special Castle Events

### Knights, Castles, Family Fun!

The St. Joseph United Way invites children and families to a morning of fun in *The Amazing Castle™*. Doughnuts and juice will be served, and every child will receive a free book. For more information about this free event, call Jay at 364-2381.

This program is presented by the United Way's Success by 6 program and is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services & Technology Act, as administered by the Missouri State Library. **10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, Belt Branch Upper Story**

### Lego Castles

Drop in to see what cool creations you can build with our collection of Lego

blocks. Work with a group to build a village or make your own castle. All ages and building abilities are welcome. Larger blocks will be available to use, too. **2-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 @ Belt Branch**

### Princess & Pirate Party

Kids taking part in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading program can celebrate their accomplishments at this event.

Wear your prince, princess or pirate costume and play in *The Amazing Castle™* then enjoy games, crafts and Storytimes. Refreshments will be served.

If your child isn't signed up yet for 1000 Books, this would be a great opportunity to do so. **1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Belt Branch Upper Story**

### Books Revisited

The Friends of the Library Bookstore

Offering used books, music and more! 1908 N. Belt 205-7125  
Hours: 9-6 Monday-Friday, 9-5 Saturday & 1-4 Sunday

# Simple Satisfaction

Frozen strawberry puree gives this cake an extra layer of flavor

*We may have changed the name, look and frequency of the library newsletter, but we weren't about to drop one of the most popular newsletter features: The Cake Lady's recipes.*

*Retired library staff member Barb Dalrymple always has had a good sense of humor, evidenced by the line in this recipe: "Store cake covered in the refrigerator for up to three days." Like this cake has a chance of lasting three days.*

## Simply Delicious Strawberry Cake

- 1 box white cake mix
- 1 3-oz. box of strawberry gelatin
- 1 10-oz. package frozen strawberries in syrup, thawed and pureed
- 4 large eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease two 9-inch round cake pans. In a large bowl, combine cake mix and gelatin. Add pureed strawberries, oil, eggs and ¼ cup water; beat at medium speed with a mixer until smooth. Pour into prepared pans.

Bake for 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let cool in pans for 10 minutes then remove cakes and let them cool completely on wire racks.

Spread strawberry frosting (recipe below) between the layers and on top and sides of cake.

Garnish with sliced strawberries, if desired. Store cake covered in the refrigerator for up to three days.

## Strawberry frosting

- 1 8-oz. package cream cheese,

softened  
¼ cup butter, softened

1 10-oz. package frozen strawberries in syrup, thawed, pureed and divided

- ½ teaspoon strawberry extract
- 7 cups powdered sugar

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and butter at medium speed with a mixer until creamy. Beat in ¼ cup strawberry puree; reserve remaining puree for another time. Beat in extract and gradually add powdered sugar, beating until smooth. For a pinker frosting, add 2 or 3 drops of red food coloring.



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