

Halloween Plans

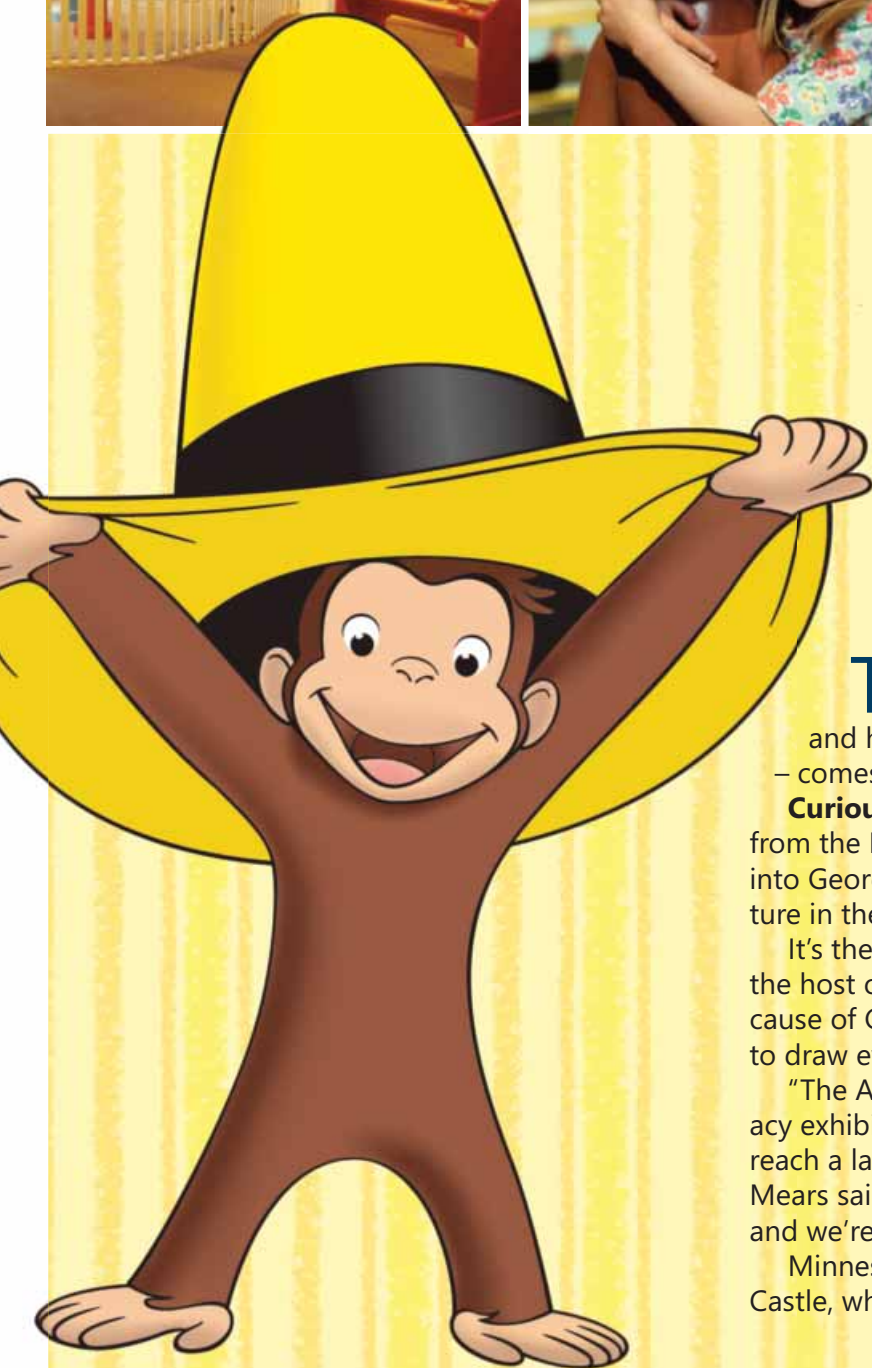
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Monkey See, Monkey Do

Children's exhibit coming this fall to Upper Story features Curious George of book, TV fame

The insatiable curiosity of Curious George™ – the little monkey that has captured the imagination and hearts of children and adults for more than 75 years – comes to life Sept. 21 in the Belt Branch Upper Story. **Curious George: Let's Get Curious!** is a traveling exhibit from the Minnesota Children's Museum that will bring kids into George's world and lead them on an educational adventure in the library's largest conference room.

It's the second year in a row for Rolling Hills Library to be the host of a traveling exhibit dedicated to children. And because of George's popularity, the library expects this exhibit to draw even more visitors.

"The Amazing Castle™ last year showed us that early literacy exhibits can make a difference (with attendance) and reach a large number of families," library Director Michelle Mears said. "We had over 5,000 visits to The Amazing Castle, and we're anticipating over 8,000 with Curious George."

Minnesota Children's Museum also created The Amazing Castle, which was in the Upper Story from Sept. 22, 2017,

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Monkey Memories

Happy reading experiences make a difference, by George

We are beyond excited to be hosting the Curious George™: Let's Get Curious exhibit this fall at Rolling Hills Library. It feels like we're being visited by a real-life celebrity, even though he's just a character in a book.

When I was little, I told my mother I was going to marry Curious George because I was IN LOVE with him. Forget the fact he never talked, was always causing a ruckus, and was a monkey. I just knew we were destined to be together forever!

Having just finished our BEST SUMMER EVER with over 3,000 participants in the Summer Reading Program, I am reminded how important it is to connect young readers with stories and characters that resonate with them and encourage them to read more. For the 1,308 summer readers who shared their completed logs with us, they read 27,443 titles AND 77,886 minutes AND 89,611 pages, all in the eight weeks of our program. That's A LOT of books.

As a library, we know reading is an activity that builds upon itself. Enjoyment of books sets the stage for a lifetime of reading, so we need to make sure the earliest experiences of books and reading are memorable. We start with Babytime and Storytime to give parents and children a great experience in listening to stories. Then we encourage them to sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a program to keep parents reading to their kids.

Our online Tumblebooks service – in which popular children's books become animated audiobooks – will be available in schools this fall for the first time, extending our assistance to teachers and school librarians. Did you know that kids who are not proficient in reading by third grade (age 9) are four times more likely to not finish high school?

In addition to early literacy efforts, we have a project in the works that will support adults seeking a high school diploma. In between all this, we continue to offer great programs for all ages and a fabulous collection of books and materials, including the new, no-wait Hoopla service for music, movies, e-audio, and e-books.

Curious George would never get bored in our library, so why don't you join us and find out for yourself?

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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.



Blood Drive

Library members and the public are invited to donate blood to help provide Community Blood Center with blood for more than 70 medical facilities in the Kansas City area. Appointments can be made online at esavealifenow.org and entering the sponsor code "rollinghills." Walk-in donors also are welcome. **11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, Belt Branch Upper Story**

Moving Outdoors

New Book Boxes are coming to rural communities in Andrew, Buchanan counties

For years, the library has maintained Community Collection bookshelves in the rural communities of Andrew and Buchanan counties. Now those bookshelves are about to undergo a transformation.

The first sign of change can be seen in Amazonia, where earlier this year a colorful new Book Box was placed outside the United Methodist Church. The converted newspaper rack holds books for children and adults and sports a vinyl wrap that advertises the library.

The box restores a regular library presence in Amazonia. The Community Collection bookshelf was removed from the post office there a few years ago after declining usage.

With the first box established, the plan now is for more Book Boxes to appear in other rural communities, from Bolckow in north Andrew County to Lewis and Clark Village in southern Buchanan County.

The boxes are a way of drawing more attention to the



Outreach and Bookmobile manager Deb Ezzell shows off the first Book Box, which was placed outside Amazonia United Methodist Church.

was designed by FastSigns of St. Joseph.

library's presence in the rural communities.

"We had the impression that many rural residents were not walking into their local post offices very often," said Michelle Mears, Library Director. "We wanted to make these items more accessible and make everyone aware of the service by using bright colors and placing them outdoors."

Books in the boxes include fiction and nonfiction in both hardcover and paperback form. They will be changed out on a regular basis by library staff.

The other communities where the boxes could appear are Fillmore, Rosendale, Rea, Cosby, Helena, Easton, Agency, Faucett, DeKalb, Rushville and at Rosecrans Memorial Airport. Other locations also are being considered.

The Friends of the Library are underwriting the costs of the boxes, which were purchased from the St. Joseph News-Press. The colorful wrap

Program lineup for kids has films, karaoke, pajama party

There's always something for children, teens and families to do at the library, but here are a suggested few:

Friday Flicks – Bring your friends and maybe a big pillow or comfy chair to watch a movie. Refreshments, too. **3:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 7 and 21, Savannah Branch.**

Candy Science – Kids ages 8 and older will make edible silly putty, catapults, eruption art and more. Younger children are welcome but will need adult

supervision. **4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, Belt Branch.**

Back-to-School Karaoke Fun – Here's a way to work up an appetite before supper! Kids and their families and friends can take part in all sorts of musical fun. **6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, Belt.**

Teen Crochet: Bookmark – No experience is needed to crochet a soft bookmark. All materials provided. Sign up in advance at rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events. **10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 3, Belt.**

Sew a Coaster – Kids ages 8 and older

will use a library sewing machine to make a colorful coaster. All materials provided. Younger children are welcome but will need adult supervision. No sewing experience needed. **4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, Belt.**

Good Night Moon Pajama Party for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten – A special Storytime for families taking part in or interested in the 1,000 Books reading program, with refreshments and fun activities. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed bedtime friend. Sign up in advance at rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events. **6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, Savannah.**



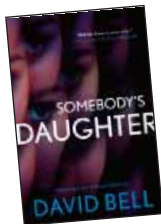
Coffee off the Square

The Savannah Branch is rearranging part of its space to create its own coffee shop and community gathering spot for one week. Make time in your day to have a cup of joe with others and talk about the kids, grandkids, weather, sports or (gulp) politics. **Serving daily, Sept. 24-29**

Book Review

Fast-paced mystery sends man out to find his possible daughter

Michael Frazier is in for a shock when his ex-wife, Erica, shows up at his door one night in author David Bell's new mystery, "Somebody's Daughter."



Michael and Erica are divorced, but she's back to tell him they have a 10-year-old daughter, Felicity, and the girl is missing. Erica is desperate for Michael's help.

Angela, Michael's current wife, is not too thrilled with the situation as her husband rushes out into the night without thinking things through. Michael and Angela are trying to have a baby of their own when he discovers he may already have a daughter. Nothing will stop him until he finds her.

After Michael leaves, a man shows up at their home claiming he knows Erica and Felicity. What he says causes Angela to then go in search of Michael.

This story is told over a day's worth of time with a lot of flashbacks to Michael's childhood and the death of his sister, which has affected him his whole life. In trying to find Felicity, Michael makes some crazy mistakes.

I enjoyed this fast-paced mystery. There are no graphic scenes or crude language, so almost anyone would be able to read this book. I also liked that I did not figure out the mystery until the end. David Bell never disappoints me.

– Cindy Kieber, *Rolling Hills Library outreach assistant*

Halloween Happenings

Adults will have their own event to dress up for this year

After Christmas, Halloween just may be the second favorite holiday at the library. Kids in costumes, spooky decorations, creepy crafts – what's not to like?

Here are five Halloween events happening in October, and one of them is strictly for adults:

El Dia de los Muertos Crafts

Children, families and adults can make Day of the Dead crafts at the Savannah Branch in a free program set for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. Advance sign-up is required at rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events.

Boofest

The Belt Branch will be haunted by hundreds of kids for the annual Halloween party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Kids will trick-or-treat through the library stacks, play games and make crafts before enjoying a free hot dog lunch provided by the Kiwanis Club. Lunch tickets will be given to the first 200 kids. No sign-up is needed.

Uncle Fester's Closet

This free giveaway program of new and gently used Halloween costumes to kids is usually part of Boofest. But construction of the new Bookmobile garage and office will make the CreateSpace unavailable this year, so it is planned for 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Belt Storyhouse.

Donations of new and gently used costumes and costume pieces will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 19, at both library branches.

Spooky Stories in the Stacks

Adults – if they're brave enough,



Costumes of all kinds are seen every year at the Belt Branch Boofest, which is planned for the last Saturday of October and will include a free hot dog lunch for the first 200 kids.

that is – can stick around after the Belt closes Monday, Oct. 29, to take an after-hours tour and hear some scary stories. Participants are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Sign up in advance at rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events. Participants must be in the Community Room before 8:45 p.m.

Haunted Stacks Party

Youths of all ages can trick-or-treat at the Savannah Branch from 4-6 p.m. on Halloween and take part in a scavenger hunt and other activities. No sign-up is needed.



Passport Fair at East Hills Mall

We're taking some of our passport agents to the mall for the public to learn about and apply for passports. If you've got the proper paperwork, come apply for your passport – no appointments needed. Visit rhcl.org/services/passport-acceptance to know what's involved. **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, East Hills Mall**



Jerry Maccoux reads "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" using braille while Avenue City School librarian Jolynn Atoe turns the pages for students to see. Asleep at Maccoux's feet is his guide dog, Daffodil.

Clear Vision

Blindness doesn't keep Jerry Maccoux from seeing the importance of reading

Jerry Maccoux likes to have fun, and he thinks kids should have fun, too. There's plenty of time to be an adult, after all.

That was part of his message to Avenue City Elementary School kids in July, along with the need to read to become better students and the tip that blind kids really are no different than sighted youths. They like to have fun, too.

Maccoux should know. Born without eyes, he's never let his blindness hold him back. He's been behind the wheel of a car more than once ("I love driving cars"), tried water skiing, gone scuba diving, swum across lakes, plays many different musical instruments and has recorded his own CD. He can shoot a rifle and handgun, and he's a top-level ham radio operator who has wired his own radio room and installed antennas on roofs.

Then there are the daily chores he's done through the years: mowing the lawn, cleaning out gutters, shoveling snow.

A music therapist for the Helen Davis School, Maccoux showed the students how to have fun playing music. He also promoted reading in the Rolling Hills Library Summer Reading Program and showed how he could read using braille.

To better serve the blind and visually impaired, the Bookmobile has added five braille children's books to its collection: "Curious George Makes Pancakes," "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs," "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham."

While many blind youths use audiobooks for reading, learning braille is a necessary skill, Maccoux says. Listening to books may be convenient to learn, but braille teaches students to "see" how words are formed.

"When you're able to read things on your own, you're able to learn more," he said. "If all you do is listen, you don't know how to spell."

In 1973, 75 percent of the blind were braille literate, he said. Today, that rate has fallen to about 25 percent. Part of the issue is that braille requires more expensive books and machines to translate materials into braille. Those are items that local school districts often can't afford.

As a boy, Maccoux's favorite book was "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," reading it over and over in braille. He read many other books through the Wolfner Library, which provides free materials to the visually impaired in Missouri.

– Alan Stolfus, Browse editor

Library Scenes

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The Belt Branch parking lot (top) was filled with vehicles of all sizes for a few hours May 24 for Touch-a-Truck, which kicked off the Summer Reading Program. More than 700 people got up-close looks at the variety of cars and trucks. At Touch-a-Truck that afternoon at the Savannah Branch (above), kids could try on a police vest and crawl into Savannah Police Department vehicles. It wasn't a truck, but this red boat (right) was still popular with Savannah kids.



Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove leads a band made up of kids at

Science educator Nitro Joe prepares to drop a match into a tube containing a small amount of chemicals during his program July 9 at the Belt Branch Upper Story.



LIBRARIES ROCK!



Trying out the cowbell (left), posing as rock stars (center) and showing off the slime they made, all at Belt Branch programs this summer.



his program June 25 in the Belt Branch Upper Story.



Local fossil and rock collector Mike George shows the casting of a T-rex tooth in his event on June 18 in the Belt Upper Story.



Biology teacher Jon Casey appears to be saying "You said you wanted to hold a snake" at his program June 11 at the Savannah Branch.



LEFT: At the end-of-summer ice cream social on July 27 at the Savannah Branch, kids could put on as many toppings as they wanted. BELOW: Kathleen Barbosa watches her son, Antony, eat ice cream at the event.





Pardon Our Mess

Construction on a new garage for the Bookmobile began in August on the southwest corner of the Belt Branch. The drive-through garage with doors on its north and south sides is expected to be finished in late September. Once that is completed, the Belt parking lots will be resealed and painted with new parking stripes.

Authors Featured in Exhibit

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through Jan. 5, 2018.

This year's exhibit will be open to the public through Jan. 5, 2019, with hours of 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Group appointments also can be made.

Based on the characters in H.A. and Margret Rey's classic stories and also scenes from the popular PBS television series, the free exhibit features the neighborhood where George lives with his friend, the man with the yellow hat, including:

- An apartment building, where kids can operate wheels to move George on pulleys from window to window.
- A sidewalk produce stand for kids to play customer and salesperson and explore the shapes and sizes of fruits and vegetables.
- A construction site where kids can design a building, create structures and use machines to move materials.
- A city park will give the busy neighborhood some green space and a place to meet a full-size George.
- A three-hole mini golf course where pipes, ramps, funnels, turntables and bumpers can be used to experiment with physics and engineering principles.
- A space rocket where kids can pose for pictures with George and e-mail them home.
- A farm that has animals and windmills, windsocks and chimes that kids can use wind power to learn about cause-and-effect.
- And a historical display about the Reys' escape to safety during World War II with the first Curious George manuscript and how George has changed through the years.

The colorful sets and fun activities are an early introduction to math, science and engineering principles. Teaching such ideas goes along with the library's mission of promot-



Families will find colorful displays in the whimsical exhibit.

Curious George Special Events

Movie: Monkey Business: The Adventures of Curious George's Inventors – A documentary about the extraordinary lives of Hans and Margret Rey, who carried their original manuscripts on bicycle while fleeing Nazi-occupied Europe. Not rated. 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, Belt Branch Community Room.

Curious George Party – Families in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program can celebrate their accomplishments with games, crafts and refreshments at the Curious George exhibit. 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, Belt Upper Story.

Movie: Curious George – Spend the afternoon before Thanksgiving watching this animated movie about the man with the yellow hat finding a little monkey on his trip to Africa. Rated G. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, Belt Community Room.

Curious George Storytime – Featuring books, crafts and a special visitor. 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, Belt Storyhouse.

Scavenger Hunt – Go on a library scavenger hunt with one curious monkey! 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, Belt Branch.

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Fiesta Biblioteca!

Oct. 4 is National Taco Day, a perfect way to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15), which recognizes the contributions of Hispanic Americans to our culture and society. Bring the kids or come by yourself to enjoy a bilingual Storytime, crafts, music, photo booth and tacos. **5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, Belt Branch**

Book Review

Everyday powers turn out to be superpowers in quirky little novel

Tom, an ordinary pool cleaner, has no superpowers when he meets his first superhero, Amphibian, who has been sucked into a pool drain in Andrew Kaufman's novel "All My Friends are Superheroes."

Tom "rescues" Amphibian, becomes his best friend and goes with him to a superhero party. There he falls in love with the

Perfectionist. She perfectly falls in love with Tom as well.

On their wedding day, the Perfectionist is hypnotized (by her ex-boyfriend Hypno) to believe Tom is invisible. After six months she gives up waiting for him, even though Tom has been constantly by her side. Now he must make her see him – or he doesn't deserve her.

This book is witty and whimsical, funny and frivolous, sweet and oh so clever. It is full of superheroes with every day abilities that translate into superpowers. Some are the Couch Surfer ("empowered with the ability to sustain life and limb without a job, steady companion or permanent place of residence"), the Inverse, the Falling Girl and the Shadowless Man.

This is a short and fast read and something very much out of the ordinary. The book was published in 2003, and 15 years has not diminished its message. It's a strange love story with cute illustrations throughout that I enjoyed very much. I hope you will, too.

– Jennifer George, Rolling Hills Library technical services manager



Toddlers will find something to do in the Curious George exhibit.

Friends Help Fund Exhibit

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ing literacy for all ages.

"Early literacy and early childhood education are incredibly important activities, and we are dedicated to doing all we can to expand opportunities for kids to learn," Mears said. "The most rapid brain development occurs in the first three years of life, so we can't afford to wait until kids go to school to provide them with a rich learning environment."

The educational benefit for children and the cultural experience for the community make the cost of bringing in these large exhibits worthwhile, Mears said. The Friends of the Rolling Hills Library covered a majority of the exhibit's cost and is providing many of the volunteers needed to staff the room.

"It's important to us that these exhibits are offered free of charge to everyone, especially since similar experiences in Kansas City and other major cities almost always charge admission," Mears said.



The exhibit includes three holes of mini-golf on which kids can change the hazards.

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Heart of the Matter

Short book looks at 12 phrases that can change your life – or help you accept it

Writer Kelly Corrigan has a great life with two kids, a husband and a dog, but on deeper inspection there are cracks. Her teenage daughters are surly and uncommunicative, her husband is busy and distracted and just why are they paying the girls to clean up after their own dog?

Book Review

In her latest book, “Tell Me More,” Corrigan takes 12 phrases – from the simplistic “Yes” and “No” to the more complicated “I was Wrong” and “I’m Sorry” – to show the real-life effect these phrases have on people.

Some of her stories are funny, like how the phrase “It’s Like This” can be a balm for when things are going haywire. On a particularly annoying day when her husband and kids leave her holding the bag of responsibility, Corrigan employs “It’s like this” to accept the chaos and escape its gravitational pull long enough to slide into understanding and acceptance.

Other stories are more sobering. For the phrase “I Was Wrong,” she tells a horrible story



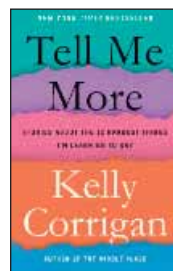
about the dog’s toilet habits. “Good Enough” becomes a lesson in accepting yourself and your limitations.

Corrigan is a good writer, and her stories draw you into her chaotic life and let you feel what she is feeling. The grief she still harbors for the loss of her father runs through the book but gives the reader a personal connection to her.

Her stories show how she has come to understand that some situations are out of her control and she needs to accept that realization or be crushed by the feeling of helplessness. Other situations can be changed if someone will take responsibility for them by saying “I’m sorry” or “I was wrong” and then dealing with the results.

This little book has a lot of great personal stories that, if you pare down the situations to their bare bones, can provide lessons for your own life. We must take the time to connect with the people around us, listen to them, empathize with them and accept them as they are. Our lives will be richer if we do.

– Gena Fisher, Belt Branch public services assistant



New Picture Books @ the Library

- New Shoes by Chris Raschka
- People Don't Bite People by Lisa Wheeler
- Dance, Dance, Dance! by Ethan Long
- Every Color Soup by Jory Hurley
- The Princess and the Pit
- Stop by Tom Angleberger
- Pancakes in Pajamas by Frank Asch

- If Wendell Had a Walrus by Lori Mortensen
- A Most Unusual Day by Sydra Mallery
- Are You Scared, Darth Vader? by Adam Rex
- Who Will Bell the Cat? by Pat McKissack
- Rumble Grumble ... Hush by Kate Banks
- Big Tree Down by Laurie Lawlor
- What Happens Next by Susan Hughes

- Do Not Lick This Book (It is Full of Germs) by Idan Ben-Barak
- Big Brown Bear's Cave by Yural Zommer
- Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur by Cirocco Dunlap
- Sometimes You Fly by Katherine Applegate
- The Big Umbrella by Amy Jane Bates
- The Treasure of Pirate Frank by Mal Peet



Mom's Morning Out: Countdown to Christmas

Brunch + crafts = the perfect morning out for mom! Come make your own Advent/Christmas countdown calendar to take home to your kids while connecting with other moms. 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, Belt Branch



For the Older Crowd

Do crafts, sign up for Medicare Part D, take a trip overseas this fall at the library

Exercise programs, a history program and an African travelogue highlight a busy three months of events for adults and seniors at the library.

Most of the programs are free, but a few require advance sign-up at rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events and one charges a fee. Not all of the programs could be listed here, so information on them is on the library's website, www.rhcl.org, and library calendars distributed monthly.

Make Your Own Zine Books – Jane Travis will show how to create small magazine-like books that tell a story. Bring your own photos, drawings, paper remnants or mementos. Other supplies provided. Advance sign-up required. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, Savannah Branch.

Simple Senior Exercises – Cheryl Webster will show you how to build balance, strength and flexibility. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, Savannah.

Southern Africa Travels – Library staff members Kathie Vaughan and Alan Stolfus will share tales and pictures from their trips this year to Botswana and South Africa in a Classy Seniors program. 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, Belt Branch.

Learn How to Play Mahjong – Mahjong enthusiast Vernon Townsend will teach this Chinese tile game and gauge interest in forming a weekly mahjong group. 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, Savannah.

Sewing Make & Take – Use the library's sewing machines to make easy projects in one evening at the Belt Branch. Materials provided. Advance sign-up required.



Alan Stolfus will show pictures from his Botswana trip in a Classy Seniors program Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Belt Branch.

Book Bags – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25. **Zipper Pouches** – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16. **Holiday Placemats** – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. A Crochet Make & Take will make winter head bands at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5.

History of Gypsies – Author Marilyn Weimer will share the story of the Romani people, which she discovered while doing research for a novel. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, Belt.

Fall Flora Fun – Learn how to make roses and other flowers from leaves and dried grasses. Supplies provided. Advance sign-up required. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, Savannah.

Fall Photography – Avid photographer Richard Moore will show and discuss taking beautiful pictures and answer questions about cameras in this Classy Seniors program. 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, Belt.

AARP Smart Driver Course – Classy Seniors presents this half-day class for people of all ages. Advance sign-up required. \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members, payable the day of the class. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Belt.

Mini Altered Christmas Tin – Classy Seniors will transform Altoids tins into seasonal scenes using embellishments. All materials are provided. Advance sign-up required. 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Belt.

Medicare Part D Enrollment – Seniors can sign up for the prescription drug program, get help changing existing plans or enrolling for the first time if they are 65 or older. Bring a prescription list with dosages. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, Belt Branch.

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

Seasonal Sensation

Recipe combines two of fall's favorite flavors into one scrumptious creation

The Cake Lady says: I like to bake this cake the day before I serve it so the flavor and texture ripens. If you do that, glaze the cake the day you serve it.

CARAMEL APPLE CAKE

3 cups flour
1 1/3 cups sugar, plus 1/4 cup for the apples
1 1/2 teaspoons ground apple or pumpkin pie spice
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
4 large Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and roughly chopped (about 5 cups)
3 large eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup sour cream
Finely grated zest from 1 orange
Juice of 1 orange (about 1/3 cup)
1 tablespoon vanilla

Caramel glaze

1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
2 tablespoons water
1/2 cup heavy cream
3/4 cup pecans, toasted and roughly chopped
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Pinch of salt
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter and flour a Bundt pan.
Whisk the flour, 1 1/3 cups of sugar, 1 teaspoon of the pie

spice, baking powder, baking soda and salt together in a large bowl. Toss the apples with the remaining 1/4 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon pie spice and set aside.

Whisk eggs and oil together in another bowl. Whisk in the sour cream, orange zest and juice and vanilla. Pour mixture into dry ingredients and stir with a wood spoon until just combined but still a bit lumpy.

Using a slotted spoon, scatter about 1/2 cup of the apples in the bottom of the Bundt pan. Put about one-third of the batter on top. Repeat alternating with the remaining apples and batter, ending with the batter. Bake until cake pulls away from the sides of the pan and a skewer in the center of cake comes out clean, about 75 minutes. Cool 10 minutes and invert onto a rack placed on a baking sheet. (The cake can be prepared to this point a day ahead.)

To make glaze: Stir sugar, corn syrup and water in a small saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat and cook, swirling the pan but not stirring until the sugar is a dark amber-colored caramel, about 15 minutes. Pull pan from the heat and carefully pour in cream. (Be careful. It will splatter.). Stir in pecans, vanilla and salt. Cool until caramel becomes thick and syrupy, then evenly pour over the cake and cool until set.



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