



**New Library
Hours Begin
Jan. 1**

Belt Branch
Noon-6 p.m. Sunday
9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday

Savannah Branch
Noon-5 p.m. Sunday / 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Monday-Friday / 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

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Feed Your Mind

For many people when the weather turns cold, the first impulses are to curl up with a good book and to eat to stay warm. That's what makes food the perfect theme for the 2020 Adult Winter Reading Program.

"We try to pick a broad theme every year, something that we can find with a lot of books that are tied to that theme and something we can do some programming with," Belt Branch manager Kelly Morris said in describing the "Feed Your Mind" theme.

And food is something most people can relate to, Savannah Branch manager Sandra Keiffer pointed out: "If they don't like to cook, they like to eat."

The annual reading initiative for adults ages 18 and older opens Jan. 2 and ends Feb. 29. Adults can sign up at any time during the two months and must read four books. Logs will be available on Jan. 2.

When they sign up, participants will receive a reading log and a starting gift of lip balm. The log will provide different food-related categories to choose from, and library

staff will be able to recommend authors to read in the categories. Some of the categories are Cookbook, Appetizer (short stories), Comfort Food (re-read an old favorite), Spaghetti Western, Taste of Home (local author or setting) and Tickle Your Taste Buds (humor).

If they don't want to read food-themed books, Morris said, participants can read any four books of their liking, but the fun of the program comes from reading new genres and authors.

The reading log also has a section for participants to write in a recipe that will be turned in when they complete the program. The recipes will be made into a library cookbook.

Participants who read four or more books will receive prizes of a limited-edition library oven mitt, a free book or a Books Revisited coupon for a book, entry into the grand prize drawing and an invite to an end-of-program party. The grand prizes are \$50 Walmart gift cards for the Belt Branch and Savannah Branch and a gift basket of similar value for

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E-Services for All

Changes are happening to the library's digital landscape

If you are a data geek like me, you love statistics. I watch our library usage statistics very closely to make sure our resources are being used and they continue to grow. Our physical item checkouts (like books, DVDs, and ukuleles) increase every year at about 2-5 percent. It has taken a while, but our digital resources are now increasing in usage at a much higher rate, around 40 percent annually.

As we integrate mobile devices more and more into our daily lives, it makes sense that we would integrate them into our library lives as well. Currently, we are adding a few new online services.

One of those is Freegal Music, which lets you create playlists, get three hours of streaming music per day, or download three free songs per week that you can keep. To use it, download the app and choose Rolling Hills Library from the list. Then enter your library card number and PIN/password.

Another new app is SimplyE, which integrates ALL of our e-books and e-audio from multiple different services into one interface. It is a total gamechanger, working towards our ultimate goal of getting our digital materials into one "catalog" for discovery and checkout.

On the digital publishing front, however, things are not so rosy. Macmillan, one of the Big 5 publishers in the United States, has decided to change the way it sells e-books. Libraries can now buy only one digital copy in the first eight weeks after a book is published. After that, any copies we buy are good for 52 weeks until they "expire" from our collections. There has been a movement by libraries to petition Macmillan about this decision, but it hasn't made an impact yet. Go to <https://ebooksforall.org/> to learn more and sign the petition.

As we move through winter, it's a time for celebration and renewal, a time to uphold holiday traditions, make new goals, and set resolutions for the new year. I would challenge you to try a digital download or streaming item this winter. You may find it becomes a real lifesaver when you are snowed in or otherwise too busy to visit the library. With many of you planning holiday travel, what better time to load an e-audio book on your phone and play it through your car speakers on the drive to your destination.

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*The board generally meets
at 6 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.



Center for JOY

The owners of this St. Joseph community center that works for justice, community outreach and yoga will discuss their programs and events and also demonstrate yoga and breathing practices with movements appropriate for all body types. **3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, Belt Branch.**

Crafts, sing-alongs and visits from you-know-who will make for a ...

Special Season

The library has several craft and music programs coming in December to celebrate the holidays, but it wouldn't be Christmas without a few visits from one jolly ol' elf. We've planned those, too.

Stories with Santa – Andrew County Parents as Teachers will present holiday stories, songs, crafts and a visit

by Santa for preschoolers and their families. A great photo opportunity. **6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, Savannah Branch.**

Breakfast with Santa – Youths of all ages and family can enjoy a free breakfast of doughnuts, fruit, yogurt and drinks before visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus and doing crafts. **9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Belt Branch.**

Sensory Sensitive Santa – Santa and Mrs. Claus will meet with youths and adults who have sensory issues and prefer a quieter setting. **2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Belt Community Room.**

Musical Christmas Stories and Holiday Sing-Along – All ages (from preschoolers to seniors) can enjoy a holiday Storytime by Miss Saundra and a sing-along with Miss Paula on the keyboard. Santa will visit, too! **10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, and Thursday, Dec. 12, Savannah.**

Knitted Mice – Miss Saundra will show adults who have basic knitting skills how to make cute Christmas mice to tie onto presents or tuck onto a Christmas tree branch. Pattern, yarn, stuffing and embellishments pro-



Santa Claus will make several visits to the library this holiday season.

vided, but participants must bring size 4, 5 or 6 needles. Sign up at events.rhcl.org/events. **6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, Belt.**

Painted Pinecone Trees

– Youths and adults can turn pinecones into sparkly Christmas trees to decorate for the holidays. All materials will be provided. Sign up in advance at events.rhcl.org/

events. **4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Savannah.**

Belt Storytimes – Mrs. Claus will read stories to toddlers and preschoolers before Santa Claus stops in to visit and pose for pictures. **Toddler time, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17. Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18.**

Christmas Sing-Along – All ages can sing Christmas carols and seasonal songs with music provided by library staff members. **4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Belt.**

Classy Seniors Sing-Along – Age won't be held against you if you sneak into this event for the refreshments and to sing Christmas carols and seasonal songs with music provided by library staff members. **10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Belt.**

Christmas Movie – It wouldn't be the holidays without at least one movie about a naysayer who gains the Christmas spirit, and this year it's the 2018 movie "The Grinch." **3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Belt.**

Noon Year's Eve Party – Youths of all ages can enjoy refreshments, games and crafts as we look forward to 2020. **Noon-2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Savannah.**



Let's Talk About Woodworking

Roger Martin will discuss the opportunities the St. Joseph Woodworkers Guild offers the community to grow and develop woodworking skills and the purpose of donating to good causes. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, Belt Branch.

Losing LeRoy

One of the library's oldest Friends leaves behind a legacy of support and stories

By Hans Bremer
*Books Revisited manager
& library volunteer coordinator*

Our bookish world is filled with as many eccentric, real-life characters as there are wizards, fairies and generals throughout literature. As a bookman, I've met a host of these awkwardly comical souls, and a case could be made that my name has a place on their familial scrolls. On any given afternoon, several of them share a back corner of Books Revisited to chat about local history, World Series catchers and the best Milton Berle joke.

Sadly, the bearer of the latter secret left us on Nov. 5, when Friends of the Library board member emeritus LeRoy Bush passed away at a spry 78 years of age. I had the pleasure of listening to LeRoy's schtick for the last several years, and it never failed to draw a chuckle or childish "boooo." LeRoy often claimed that we were "without Hope [Bob] and Cash [Johnny]." Now, we're without Bushypoo, and I couldn't be more heartbroken.

LeRoy had been a staple in Books Revisited since its inception but, more importantly, LeRoy was a staple in the greater book world for decades prior. He sold books at Record Rendezvous in the early days of East Hills Mall and managed its offspring in Leavenworth and Kansas City. At one point, he ran a bookstore close to the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville where he managed to sell countless novels to Minnie Pearl AND win a pink Cushman motor



LeRoy Bush wore many hats through the years at Rolling Hills Library, but he was always known as one of the library's most dedicated volunteers.



scooter when one of his "regulars" named The Band's album **Music from Big Pink**. Such were LeRoy's maps and legends.

My sense of loss, however, isn't solely for LeRoy's tales of a pompous Jeffrey Archer, a congenial Shelby Foote or a trip to a Memphis stage with none other than revivalist Billy Graham, but also for his encyclopedic knowledge of authors and titles. I'm of the belief that LeRoy remembered every book he handled as most true book people do.

My good friend John Rioridan, who passed earlier in 2019, had his entire library cataloged with the purchase dates, store names and, if available, the clerk names who helped him when buying a book. At this point, I wish LeRoy had known John about as much as I wish I could hear either of them tell me another tale about Jay Silverheels (a friend of John's) or Louis L'Amour (a friend of LeRoy's).

I suppose what I'm attempting to convey is my grief at losing two friends and mentors, gentlemen we'd be hard pressed to replace on a technological planet. What LeRoy kept cataloged in his memory took a lifetime to acquire. The booksellers John did business with were people who stayed up late reading bibliographies and catalogs to garner the necessary information for their trade. Computers offer us some of that information now, but it's abridged and lacks a vitality that escapes us every time someone like LeRoy passes. For that alone, we should mourn.

Martin Luther King Jr.



African American Read-In

Our third annual event will celebrate Black History Month with all ages reading from inspiring books and poetry. Mid-City Excellence will provide musical numbers and a meal will be served. 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, Belt Branch Upper Story

Storybook Ending

Families still have time to step into the world of fairy tales via traveling exhibit

Come Jan. 6, the library will still have books of fairy tales for children to read, but it won't have the real-life setting that allows them to step into the pages of those tales.

Once Upon a Time ... Exploring the World of Fairy Tales, a traveling exhibit from The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum, ends its four-month run in the Belt Branch Upper Story on Jan. 5. The free, interactive exhibit is open Wednesday through Sunday and can be visited as many times as children and families want to come.

Since it opened Sept. 20, children have been able to sit down at the dining room table from *Beauty and the Beast*, make shoes in the cobbler's shop from *The Shoemaker and the Elves* and elude the giant from *Jack and the Beanstalk* by going down a slide – among other activities. Other stories featured in the exhibit are *Anansi and the Talking Melon*, *Cinderella*, *Thumbelina* and *Lon Po Po*.

The first-grade classes from St. Joseph Christian School visited on Nov. 21, and the students enjoyed acting out the characters they've read about.

"Books are treasures, and the library is the perfect place to go treasure hunting," teacher Ellen Lane said. "We want our students to love reading and expand their imaginations. The *Once Upon a Time* exhibit gave our children the opportunity to do both."

The school came to last year's **Curious George™: Let's Get Curious** exhibit and was eager to return this year. The exhibit "is an excellent way to introduce children to the benefits of the library and the wonderful world of books," Lane said.

The St. Louis Public Library produced *Once Upon a Time* with The Magic House, and the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services provided funding. The Friends of Rolling Hills Library provided funds to bring the exhibit to St. Joseph.



St. Joseph Christian School students tried on costumes, escaped from the giant's castle and played a piano at the *Once Upon a Time ... Exploring the World of Fairy Tales* exhibit





Boofest, the Belt Branch's annual free Halloween party, lured more than 300 youths and 200 accompanying adults into the library during two hours on Saturday, Oct. 26. The event included safe trick-or-treating, crafts, games and a free hot dog lunch from the Kiwanis Club.



In a program on Oct. 22 at the Belt, Sandy Mastrangelo explains how she acquired and baked with the many cake pans that she donated earlier this year to start the library's cake pan collection. The pans can be checked out for three weeks.



Touch-a-Truck on Sept. 27 in the Belt parking lot brought many families who wanted to see and crawl into and onto the 13 cars, trucks and motorcycle on display.



Library Scenes

September to November 2019



Rebecca Denney shows off the bouquet she won at the adult bingo game Nov. 19 at the Savannah Branch. The arrangement was donated by Landers Flowers.



In honor of the late Fred Rogers, the Savannah staff – including Miss Janet (left to right), Miss Paula, Miss Dana, Miss Saundra and Miss Jill – wore cardigan sweaters to work on Nov. 13, which was World Kindness Day. They are holding library materials about the beloved children's TV personality.



Peri Zahnd describes the 500-mile pilgrimage she and her husband took along the Camino de Santiago in Spain during a program Nov. 21 at the Belt.



On Oct. 4, the library and Savannah Branch patrons bid Connie Rehm farewell with a reception as she retired after working at the library for almost 29 years.



For the Love of Pets

Kappy Hodges from the Friends of the St. Joseph Animal Shelter will discuss the plans and progress of the new animal shelter, show what the Friends group is doing and share information on caring for pets. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, Belt Branch

Free & Easy to Use

These e-resources can help you learn a language and find some romantic reads

With a new year upon us, now is the time to learn or read something new. Especially when Rolling Hills Library offers access to dozens of electronic resources for free.

Beginning in January, the library will promote a featured e-resource monthly with in-library and Facebook promotions. The first resource to be put in the spotlight will be Mango Languages in January followed by Romance Book Cloud in February.

Mango Languages

If foreign travel is in your future or you're just looking to brush up on a new skill, Mango is an interactive language learning platform with instruction in over 70 languages. Some of the languages are the usual suspects like Spanish, French, German, English, Italian, Japanese and Korean. But they also include Arabic, Cherokee, Czech, Greek, Hawaiian, Norwegian, Malayalam, Pashto, Swahili and Telugu. Playfully, there's even Pirate to learn.

Users can sign in as a guest or make their own account to track their progress. Learning is made easy by displaying dialog on the screen at the same time audio files are played, allowing users to listen to a language being spoken by native speakers as well as see it. Mango also has quizzes to aid in comprehension and has the option to record your own voice for comparison.

Mango's Little Pim language-



MANGO



learning e-resource is aimed at children ages 0-6. It uses short videos starring Pim, a multilingual panda, in 12 different language programs.

Both Mango and Little Pim can be accessed from the library website at rhcl.org. From there, visit the "online learning and research" page under the "technology" tab. The free Mango app also can be downloaded in most app stores.

Romance Book Cloud

With Valentine's Day on the calendar, February is the natural

month to promote this e-resource that brings free reading to tablets and smartphones.

Romance Book Cloud provides access to more than 1,700 romance titles by simply clicking on a title and then on "read online." The book opens in your internet browser so there is no additional app to download.

To use it, visit rhcl.org and click on "online learning and research" under the "technology" tab. Scroll down to the e-books section to find it.

All titles are simultaneous access, which means unlimited users can read the book at the same time with no waiting. The drawback is that books can't be downloaded, meaning an internet connection is needed not only to select the book but to read it as well.

Users can search by specific title, author, theme or genre or browse by the type of romance, which include contemporary, paranormal, historical, holiday, regency, suspense, military and western. Titles can be "favorited" so they can be found easily later.

E-books are a very popular format with romance readers. In fact, 89% of all romance sales are digital, according to a 2016 report by the Romance Writers of America association. By offering Romance Book Cloud, the library is trying to serve members with a larger selection than what the library's physical collection can provide.

Bing Crosby
and Bob Dylan



For the Love of Song

Classy Seniors will take a stroll through the 20th century by way of the American Songbook. Join Hans Bremer & Friends as they play and discuss popular music of various decades. All ages are welcome! **10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, Belt Branch**

New service will provide library patrons with something to read by ...

Bundling Up

Stitch Fix is an online subscription clothing service that asks shoppers their style preferences and then sends them clothes to try on. Shoppers buy the items they want and return the others.

On the Stitch Fix website, client Charles M. boasts, "Stitch Fix opened my eyes to styles I never would've picked for myself."

That's the goal behind Book Bundles, a new service coming to Rolling Hills Library users in early 2020. Patrons will indicate what their reading preferences are, and library staff will pick out books for them to read.

"Library staff are really good at book recommendations," Belt Branch manager Kelly Morris said. "This service is for patrons who don't have time to select their own books or who are overwhelmed when they come into the library. Plus, it's just fun to have someone else pick out books for you."

Patrons will fill out forms at the library or online at rhcl.org to describe what genres and subjects they like to

read. They'll also choose if they'd like to receive three, four or five books monthly and the branch where they will pick up the books. Patrons will be notified by e-mail, text message or phone call when a bundle is ready for them. The books will check out for three weeks and must be returned by patrons.

When they're finished with a bundle, patrons fill out a questionnaire to rate and comment on the books in order to help library staff choose their next books.

Book Bundles will start out aimed at adult readers but eventually will be open to youths and teens. The service is designed to help readers but also to take advantage of library staff members' literary knowledge.

"Readers advisory is an important service that the library can provide that not a lot of people may be aware of," Morris said. "Library staff are heavy readers who read widely in a lot of different genres and this is a way to put their skills to use."



Nickel Boys tells a terrible tale but is too good to put down

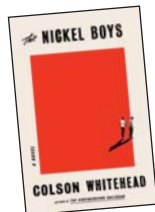
The novel **The Nickel Boys** by Colson Whitehead comes highly recommended, compiling such honors as Time magazine naming it one of the top 10 fiction books of the decade. Its topic made me want to search for more information, and I bet it

will make you curious, too.

What I discovered were facts too intense for words. Historical facts bring things front and center and demand a response.

Colson's character, Elwood, is a motivated, bright, young African American growing up in the 1960s. He is headed to college and works diligently in high school while Martin Luther King Jr. speeches re-

play in his head. He's on track to make a difference in his world, but when someone gives him a ride in a stolen car, things turn against him even more. Elwood is sent to Nickel Academy.



Nickel Academy is based on a real school in Florida that closed in 2011. The school that existed almost 100 years has a haunting history, and the nearby cemetery today reveals long-held secrets about the boys who were sent to this "reform" school.

Elwood believes he can prove himself by working hard and displaying his integrity to instructors. Soon he learns that

the odds are even more overwhelming than he imagined.

I am still tormented by the awful treatment that some young men endured in our not-so-recent past at schools like the one portrayed here. Surely there were more like this one. I want to say I enjoyed the book, but that would be a lie. But I couldn't put it away without knowing the outcome of an endearing young man.

We can't, and we shouldn't, erase even our most terrible history. It must be remembered because we so easily forget. May we never be guilty of repeating such unthinkable acts of terror.

— Kathie Vaughan, Belt Branch
circulation assistant

Book Review



Happy Chinese New Year!

January 25, 2020, begins the new lunar year, and families can join Missouri Western professor Bin Qiu and others to learn why this will be the Year of the Rat in this all-ages program. **10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, Belt Branch**

Magazine Memoir

Reichl takes readers behind the scenes in book about her days leading Gourmet

I don't understand, truly understand, cooking or music, which is why both of them intrigue me. Good restaurants

Book Review

and jazz are two of my favorite things, but how they work, I haven't a clue.

I do have a better understanding of the publishing world from a distant career as a newspaper reporter and editor and from growing up in an era when the arrival of Life magazine and then Sports Illustrated marked the most important days of the week. So Ruth Reichl's new book, **Save Me the Plums**, about her decade of running Gourmet magazine, kept me turning pages like one dips tortilla chips into a bowl of fresh guacamole.

Reichl truly understands food and writes about how it and Gourmet affected her life from an early age. She became a food writer in her 20s, then a restaurant critic and food editor at the Los Angeles Times and then a restaurant critic for the New York Times. With some reluctance, she took on the role as Gourmet's editor-in-chief.

Her goal was to modernize the staid magazine and alter its course from upper class dining and shopping rag



Ruth Reichl (Photo by Michael Singer)

to one that tackled all issues involving eating and to one that appealed to a broader audience. (And she wasn't afraid to break taboos, once having a chef pose with a giant, dead fish for the magazine's cover. Dead fish were seen as a curse for rack sales.) She won over her new staff and bosses, added some new voices and became the face and brand name of Gourmet in the last heady days of magazine influence before the internet and the Great Recession changed everything.

When the end suddenly came for Gourmet in 2009, Reichl and her staff were thrown out of work

and into a state of shock. Such scenes continue a decade later as journalism and the publishing world still try to figure out how to deal with the internet and the threat of distant corporate ownership.

But not having a magazine did not keep Reichl from telling entertaining stories about food. She has written several bestselling books and edited others, with **Save Me the Plums** a well-done addition to her menu.

— Alan Stolfus, Browse editor

- American Woman
- ANZAC Girls
- Good Boys
- Worricker: The Complete Series

New DVDs @ the Library

- The Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew Mysteries
- Blinded by the Light
- Hobbs and Shaw

- Dora and the Lost City of Gold
- Sesame Street: Elmo's Learning Adventures
- Fantastic Beasts
- Bye Bye Birdie
- Cold War
- Indian Horse
- Them That Follow
- The Art of Racing in the Rain
- The Art of Self-Defense
- The Kitchen

- Three Peaks
- The Meanest Man in Texas
- Ophelia
- Round of Your Life
- Red Joan
- Luce
- The Quiet One
- The Cat Rescuers
- Mike Wallace is Here
- This Changes Everything
- Around India with a Movie Camera



Valentine Cardmaking Blizzard

Make cool valentine cards for all your friends and family! A great craft program for all ages using fun materials, including Valentine candy. Register in advance at events.rhcl.org/events.
6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, Savannah Branch

Library changing hours to be open longer each week

At its November meeting, the library Board of Trustees approved changing the library's holiday schedule and increasing library operating hours, which will go into effect Jan. 1.

Both branches will be open for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day. We honor the origins and reasons for the holidays by serving the public on those days and will add related programming on those dates.

Library hours are increasing by two hours per week at each location and aligning closer to the demand we see from users, based on both foot traffic statistics and requests from users.

The Belt Branch is currently open 1-5 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The new hours will be noon-6 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

The Savannah Branch is now open 1-5 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The new hours will be noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

These changes add 292 hours to library availability per year.

— Michelle Mears,
Library Director

Events have food-themes

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Bookmobile and Service to Adult Reader patrons.

Several food-themed events have been planned as part of the program, including:

Appetizers and Finger Foods

Try some new and delicious dishes by sharing your favorites. Bring the recipe and samples for others to try. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, Savannah.

Recipe Cards with Word – Learn how to use Microsoft Word to make printable recipe cards on your computer. Register in advance at events.rhcl.org/events. 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, Savannah.

Saltshaker Snowpeople – Classy Seniors will turn clear glass or plastic saltshakers into cute crafts. All supplies provided, but you can bring your own shaker if you want. Register in advance at events.rhcl.org/events. 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Belt.

Recipe Cards with Word – Learn how to use Microsoft Word to make printable recipe cards on your computer. Register in advance at events.rhcl.org/events. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, Belt.

Backyard Bird Feeding – Exchange wild bird stories while making a cute feeder for the winter and a bird bath for spring. Bring two saucers and two teacups or one teacup and a wide mug. All other materials furnished. Register in advance at events.rhcl.org/events. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, Savannah.

Cup of Tea – Amanda Paden of the

Simply Tea shop will discuss types of tea, how to prepare them and the health benefits of different kinds of teas. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, Belt.

DIY Recipe Books – Learn how to use Microsoft Publisher to create your own recipe book. Remember to bring recipes to use in your new book. Register in advance at events.rhcl.org/events. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, Belt.

Take Home Dog Treats – All ages and families will mix up some dough and use cookie cutters to make dog treats that you bake at home. You'll also learn how to make dog bone wreaths. Register in advance at events.rhcl.org/events. Tuesday, Feb. 4, Savannah.

Heart Healthy Living – Gina Lucas, a health education specialist with University of Missouri Extension, will present information about having a healthy heart. Feel free to bring your lunch. Noon Thursday, Feb. 6, Belt.

Insta Pot Luck – Bring your favorite dish made with an Insta Pot along with the recipe to share after we discuss how to use this popular kitchen appliance. 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, Savannah.

Literary Potluck – How does food or cooking play a role in a book you've enjoyed? Tell the group and bring a book-related dish to share. Please include a card for the buffet table that lists the ingredients in your dish. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, Belt Branch.

Now is a great time to renew your membership to – or join – the Friends of the Library! Do so at rhcl.org or at Books Revisited.

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

Belt teens can take part in coding class, new Sunday book club

A new book club and a special computer class at the Belt Branch are giving teens new opportunities.

Bode Middle School teachers Ms. Alkier and Ms. Hoskins are leading a Teen Book Club that meets at 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month (Dec. 8 & 22, Jan. 12 & 26 and Feb. 9 & 23). All reading levels are welcome, and extra copies of the books are available to check out.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, retired computing professor Dr. Judy Mullins will lead teens in a coding project in celebration of Computer Science Education Week. She also will have information about the Aspirations in Computing scholarships for young women. Advance registration is needed at events. rhcl.org/events.

Wake-Up to Cake

Greet your guests with coffee, milk and this delicious cake

Here's an easy recipe for any morning you'll have company visiting this holiday season. Mix this up before the kids are awake on Christmas morning, and it will be easy to get them to leave their presents when this cake is ready to serve.

Banana Breakfast Cake

1¾ cup sugar
2/3 cup butter, softened
3 ripe bananas, mashed
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups flour
1⅓ cup buttermilk
2½ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
¾ teaspoon salt
1 cup dried cranberries or dried cherries

1 cup
chopped
pecans

Heat
oven to
325 de-
grees.
Grease and
flour a 10- to
12-cup Bundt pan.

In a large bowl, mix sugar, butter, bananas, eggs and vanilla until very light and fluffy. Add all remaining ingredients; mix well. Spoon batter into prepared pan.

Bake at 325 for 70 to 80 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely on rack. Serves 16.



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