



# Rolling Hills Library News

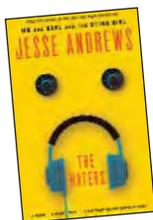
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## New Items

### YOUNG ADULT

- *This is Where the World Ends*  
by Amy Zhang
- *All American Boys*  
by Jason Reynolds
- *The Haters*  
by Jesse Andrews
- *The Velocipede Races*  
by Emily June Street
- *Vanishing Girls*  
by Lauren Oliver
- *Another Day*  
by David Levithan
- *Sword and Verse*  
by Kathy MacMillan
- *Thicker Than Water*  
by Brigid Kemmerer
- *The Truth*  
by Jeffery W. Johnston
- *Half Lost*  
by Sally Green
- *Rebel of the Sands*  
by Alwyn Hamilton
- *Hurricane Kiss*  
by Deborah Blumenthal
- *See How They Run*  
by Ally Carter
- *The Rig*  
by Joe Duce
- *Almost Infamous: A Supervillain Novel*  
by Matt Carter
- *Glittering Court*  
by Richelle Mead



This rendering shows what the new mural by artist **Kelly Poling** could look like on the west side of the Savannah Branch.

## Painting Over It

### *Murals to be added to outside of Savannah Branch*

By the end of May, not all of the books at the Savannah Branch will be found *inside* the library. Some will be outside.

Artist **Kelly Poling** of Chillicothe will begin painting this month murals of large books on the west and east sides of the building. The spines of the books will be facing out, just like they would appear on library bookshelves.

The project is another improvement to the Savannah Branch funded from the sizable gift from the estate of **Margaret Perry**, a California resident who died in 2012. As a child in the 1950s, Perry

would visit the library while in Savannah to see her grandparents. She also left money to Northwest Missouri State University and a high school and several libraries in California.

Rolling Hills Director **Michelle Mears** says the book murals will help distinguish the building as a library and also contribute to Savannah's efforts to beautify the town square.

"We also know there are a lot of people who walk for exercise in Savannah, so it will be something nice to look at while you're walking," she said.

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### LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000161149**, you've won a \$10 gift certificate to Books Revisited, the Friends of the Library store. Bring in your card to claim your prize by May 31. Bookstore hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

## Rolling Hills Library

### Belt Branch

1904 N. Belt., St. Joseph, Mo.  
816-232-5479  
HOURS: 9-9 Mon-Thu  
9-6 Fri-Sat/1-5 Sun

### Savannah Branch

514 W. Main, Savannah, Mo.  
816-324-4569  
HOURS: 9-6 Mon, Wed, Fri  
9-8 Tue, Thu/9-5 Sat/1-5 Sun

### Business Office

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### Bookmobile & Outreach

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*The board 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. Meetings are set for January, April, July and October.

### 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.

# Spring into reading

## Renew yourself this season by opening a book

Spring in northwest Missouri is an ever-changing kaleidoscope of colors, scents, and weather. It reminds us that there is hope and renewal after the bleakness of winter.

This spring I am reminded of our library mission to engage our community of users in literacy and learning. Our method is engagement, because we are not here to tell you what to read but offer you assistance and direction.

Our community includes everyone who visits our branches, uses the Bookmobile, and clicks on our web site or social media. There are no out-of-district fees (and no overdue fines), so everyone can join us and use our resources. Literacy and learning refer to both the traditional books provided by the library and our desire to help people grow their skills and knowledge through our classes and programs.

We are always looking for better ways to promote our collections and services. Public libraries have to become savvy marketers, looking for ways to advertise the library and create “raving fans.” Not

a week goes by without a staff person sharing an encounter with a library user who says, “I didn’t know you do that.”

One of the ways we are reaching out is to add more “news” to the newsletter and to put events in a separate calendar. All library cardholders with an e-mail address on file will get a message with the newsletter and calendar.

No matter what new-fangled gadget comes along, we are still committed to reading as an important part of life.

Our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program has had a great beginning. Reserve Express lets patrons sign up to be added automatically to the reserve lists for the most popular authors. Both Belt and Savannah branches display the newest Bestseller Lists for both fiction and non-fiction. Promoting our new items is very important because everyone wants the “new stuff.”

If you haven’t read something for pleasure in a while, I encourage you to give it another try, especially sitting under a tree this spring. The nice thing about reading is that it also goes well with a hot beverage on a rainy afternoon, another possible spring experience in our corner of the world.

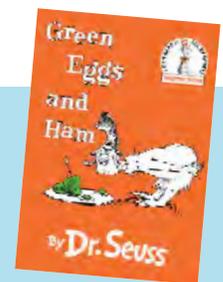


**Michelle Mears**

*Rolling Hills  
Library Director*

## And the winner is ...

Voters gave the nod to “Green Eggs and Ham” in our recent Battle of the Books tournament. Patrons could vote at the Belt Branch and through the library’s website.



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## Library events

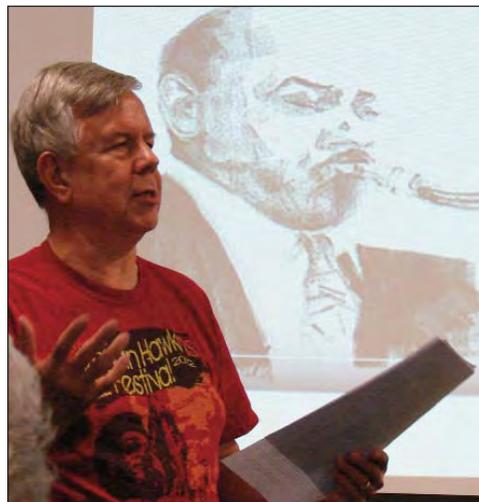
A sneak peek event for the traveling exhibit “Spirited: Prohibition in America” was held April 12 for the Friends of the Library, Board of Trustees members and other invited guests. It was a good chance to get an upclose look (right and below left) at the displays.



Dr. Daniel Smith from Northwest Missouri State University was the speaker at the exhibit’s grand opening on April 16. The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that created Prohibition, he said, was the wrong way to address a social issue.



Mike Wilson of Bolckow spoke April 19 at the Savannah Branch about the history of the banjo and how he learned to play the instrument.



Lanny Ellis, vice president of the Coleman Hawkins Jazz Society, spoke to Classy Seniors April 21 in the Belt Branch Upper Story about the jazz musician as part of the Spirited exhibit.

For more pictures of library events, visit [www.facebook.com/RollingHillsLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/RollingHillsLibrary).

# 1,000 books? No problem for 17-month old

Megan Ragan has read to her son “since the beginning,” she says. Now 17-month-old Oren has become the first youth to complete the library’s 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

The program, which started in January, encourages parents to read to young children so they will be ready to succeed when they begin school. Children can sign up at any age before kindergarten and earn prizes for the number of books they read. And every time they read a book, even if it is the same book over and over, it counts toward the goal.

Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading teaches children how to recognize letters and words and how to listen in a school setting.

Megan learned about the program when she brought Oren to Babytime on a Monday morning at the Belt Branch. Reading already was an established part of Oren’s life, so she figured 1,000 books would be an attainable goal. Three months later, they did just that.

“Usually we read several times a



Oren Ragan and mom Megan celebrate reading 1,000 books.

day, several books at a time,” Megan said. “And he and his dad (Richard) always read two books (“Good Night Moon” and “I Love You Like Blueberry Pancakes”) every night before he goes to bed and however many more before he’s ready to go to sleep.”

As a former Head Start and kindergarten teacher, Megan understands the importance of reading. It was easier to reach the 1,000 books mark now, she said, because Oren is reading board books. If he was older and reading longer books, it would have taken longer to complete the program.

But instilling the love of reading in children is the important goal of the effort.

“We know that he’s not going to have any trouble understanding what you do with books,” she said.

## Bookmobile Schedule

### Tuesdays, May 3 & 17

Savannah – 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cedar Tree Apartments

### Wednesdays, May 4 & 25

Amazonia Elementary School – 7:30-8:30 a.m.

### Friday, May 10

Avenue City School – 9-11 a.m.

### Friday, May 13

Union Star Elementary School – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 18

Faucett – 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
Easton – 2-3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

### Friday, May 20

Helena Elementary School – 8-11 a.m.

### Saturday, May 21

Rosendale – 9-10:30 a.m.; Bolckow – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;  
Fillmore – 2-3 p.m.

### Monday, May 23

Cosby – 2:30-4:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 27

Gower City Park – 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Visits may be canceled because of inclement weather.  
Call 205-7100 to verify visits.

## Books Revisited

*The Friends of the Library’s new bookstore located next door to PepperJax Grill upstairs from the Belt Branch! Bigger space, more items!*

**Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday**  
**9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday**  
**1-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday**

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# Readers, take your summer marks

What better way to start the 2016 Summer Reading Program than to say to those eager readers who sign up on Sunday, May 15, "On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!"

That's the theme to this summer's reading extravaganza, and May 15 is the day registration begins for youths of all ages, teenagers and adults. The theme combines reading and sports to promote an active lifestyle.

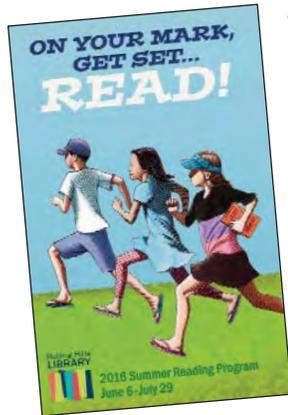
Participants can sign up at the Belt Branch, Savannah Branch and the Bookmobile and will be given a

reading log to set their goals by pages, minutes or books read. An eight-page booklet outlining the featured performers and programs is available starting this month, along with a separate events calendar to post at home. All events can be found online at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>.

The first events on the summer calendar are a coloring break for

adults at noon-1 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at the Belt Branch (grown-ups can relax with adult coloring pages over lunch time every Thursday in June) and the family movie "Turbo" at 2 p.m. Friday, June 3, in the Belt Branch Upper Story.

The Clement McCrae Puppets of Kansas City are the first featured entertainers, performing Monday, June 6, at 11 a.m. at the Belt Branch and 4 p.m. at the Savannah Branch. Their show, "Puppets on the Move" will feature hand puppets and marionettes dancing, singing and performing tricks and feats of strength.



## Local history talks coming to Prohibition exhibit

A full menu of programs is being served this month as part of the "Spirited: Prohibition in America" traveling exhibit on display in the Belt Branch Upper Story.

Parts 2 and 3 of the PBS documentary "Prohibition" will be shown at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, and 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, respectively. The movie "The Sting" will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

A book discussion of the novel "The Wettest County in the World" will be at noon Wednesday, May 11. Extra copies of the book are avail-

able to check out.

Alcohol will be the subject of two programs, starting with the wine tasting put on by local vineyard Tipple Hill Winery at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12. At 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, **Andy Rieger** will present "J. Rieger & Co.: Death and Resurrection of a Kansas City Distillery." Andy is the great-great-grandson of **Jacob Rieger**, who founded the distillery in 1887.

**Sarah Elder**, curator of collections at St. Joseph Museums, will present the last two events. At 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 19, she will discuss the history of St. Joe's own Goetz Brewery. "Wide Open: St. Joseph During Prohibition" will be the topic of her talk at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

The exhibit is open 1-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and by appointment through May 25.



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## The Cake Lady

When **Barb Dalrymple** makes this cake, she lets it cool for 15 minutes before inverting it onto a plate. She sprinkles powdered sugar on top before serving. Enjoy.

### Lemon 7 Up Cake

1 package lemon cake mix  
1 (3.4 oz.) package instant lemon pudding mix  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup oil  
4 eggs  
1 cup 7 Up (or any brand of lemon-lime soda)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt pan.

In a large bowl combine cake mix and pudding mix, then stir in oil. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the 7 Up.

Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

# Chillicothe artist has painted 53 murals in past 16 years

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Mears thought outdoor murals would be a great addition to the building after seeing Poling's murals on the Livingston County Library in Chillicothe. In the past 16 years, he has painted 53 indoor and outdoor murals in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska.

Poling uses latex paints that resist fading and that expand and contract with the weather. He guarantees his work for five years.

"I did my first mural here in Chillicothe in 2000 and touched it up, oh, about six months ago. And that was just where the black had faded," he said.

Poling says it will take about 10 days to paint the murals working from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day if the weather is between 50 and 95 degrees. He doesn't like to paint when it's too cold, and the paint dries too quickly and doesn't mix well when it's too hot.

Most of the west side of the building



This is Poling's rendering of his murals for the east side of the Savannah Branch.

will be covered with a mural, and two panels on the east side of the building will be painted.

Poling looks forward to talking to passersby as he works. "It makes me feel like they're interested in it, and it helps get my creative juices flowing, knowing people are excited about it," he said.

Mears wants the titles of the books in the murals to have local and historical significance to Savannah and asks patrons send her suggestions at [mmears@rhcl.org](mailto:mmears@rhcl.org). She already knows that one book will bear Perry's name in tribute to her support for the Savannah Branch.

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