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New Items

PICTURE BOOKS

- *Spot, the Cat*
by Henry Cole
- *Cockatoo, Too*
by Bethanie Deeney Murguia
- *Thunder Boy Jr.*
by Sherman Alexie
- *A Friend for Mole*
by Nancy Armo
- *Mighty Truck*
by Chris Barton
- *Virgil and Owen Stick Together*
by Paulette Bogan
- *On Bird Hill*
by Jane Yolen
- *Blanche Hates the Night*
by Sibylie Delacroix
- *Drum Dream Girl*
by Margarita Engle
- *The Wonderful Habits of Rabbits*
by Douglas Florian
- *Superhero Dad*
by Timothy Knapman
- *Bears in a Band*
by Shirley Parenteau
- *A Beginner's Guide to Bear Spotting*
by Michelle Robinson
- *Maisy Goes to London*
by Lucy Cousins



On Your Mark ...

Summer program aims to get you reading, moving

Combining sports with reading to promote an active lifestyle, this year's Summer Reading Program should be a walk in the park – literally – for participants to complete.

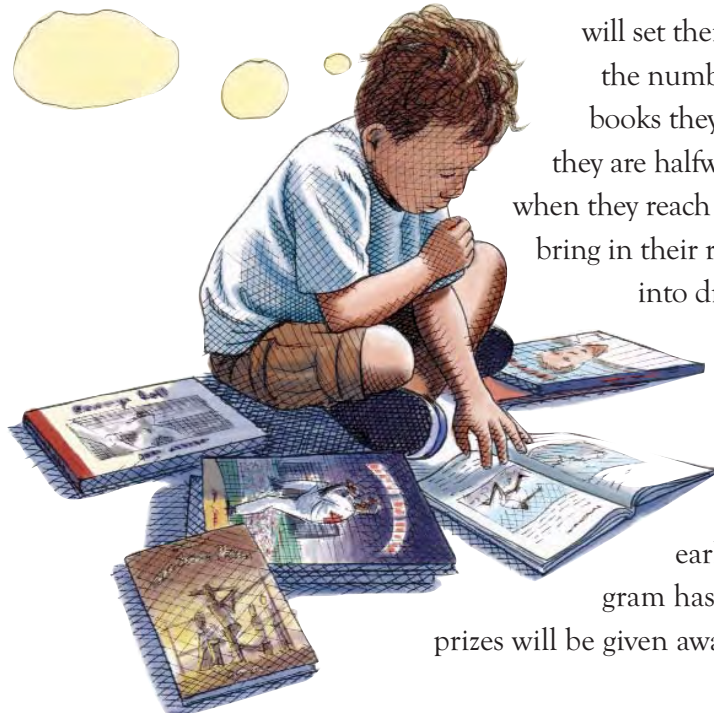
The program, which has a theme of “On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read,” has the usual lineup of dancing puppets, magic tricks, slithering snakes and Story-times. But there also are several events in June and July that will send children and adults outside to exercise and enjoy nature.

But first, the reading.

Youths of all ages (babies through teens) and adults can sign up at the Belt Branch, Savannah Branch and the Bookmobile. They will set their own reading goals by the number of pages, minutes or books they plan to read. When they are halfway to their goals and when they reach their goals, they will bring in their reading logs to be entered into drawings for 14 gift baskets and three grand prizes of \$100 Walmart gift certificates.

The prize drawings will be done in early August after the program has concluded. Smaller prizes will be given away throughout the sum-

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000457240**, 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 June 30. 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

1912 N. Belt, St. Joseph, Mo.
816-236-2106

Bookmobile & Outreach

1912 N. Belt, St. Joseph, Mo.
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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 fundraising efforts. Board meetings are held monthly, and an annual meeting is held for all members.

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.

It's summer, but ...

While you enjoy special events, we're busy thinking ahead

Warm evenings, summer breezes, the smell of neighborhood barbecues, and sitting under a shade tree reading a book. Does life get much better?

We are geared up and ready to rock and roll this summer with our all-ages Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" and it is all about sports, fitness, and healthy living. Sign up is easier than ever, and everyone sets their own goals so no one has to feel pressured to read too much or stop reading after just a few titles.

We have prizes at sign-up, at your halfway "water break," and will have drawings for bigger prizes at the end. There are also smaller prizes like St. Joe Mustangs baseball tickets, restaurant coupons, and library branded pencils and erasers. Participants who meet their goals will get a free book at the end, as we have done for many years.

This summer we are doing something extra special and sponsoring a night out with the Mustangs at Phil Welch Stadium on Friday, June 24. Come to the game and help us cheer on the home team. General admission tickets are \$7,

but you can also win tickets with our prize wheels at our three branches.

Summer is also the end and beginning of our library budget year, so while our usage goes up and people are enjoying the warmer weather, we are planning for the next 12 months of programs and services. I know there are people who think we sit around and read all day (don't I wish!), but there are many things going on behind the scenes to make our libraries run smoothly.

We have to think about building maintenance, security, accounting, human resources, and purchasing just like any business. We work hard to make our dollars stretch as far as they will go, so our taxpayers will feel we are good stewards of these funds.

In order to have great programs, we have to spend time planning, preparing, and contacting presenters. Sometimes we are looking months or even years in advance for what we hope are interesting and well-attended programs. It may be hot outside, but we are often thinking about the Christmas holidays and snow.

Any time of year is a great time to visit the library. Whether you are looking for a great beach read or something to curl up with on a cold night, or just want to browse, swing by the library and see what we have for you.



Michelle Mears

*Rolling Hills
Library Director*

Books Revisited Shop the Friends of the Library bookstore for great bargains on used books. Located upstairs from the Belt Branch. Hours: 9-6 Monday-Thursday, 9-3 Friday, 1-4 Saturday & Sunday. 205-7125.

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Library events

Sarah Elder of St. Joseph Museums spoke to 30 people on May 19 about the history of the Goetz Brewing Co. in St. Joseph as part of the “Spirited: Prohibition in America” exhibit.



BELOW: After Elder’s talk, patrons look over some Goetz memorabilia on display with the exhibit in the Belt Branch Upper Story.



FAR LEFT: **Roxyanne Schreiber** of Tipple Hill Winery east of St. Joseph hands out a wine sample after her program May 12. LEFT: **Andy Rieger** of J. Rieger & Co. distillery of Kansas City poses with part of the Spirited exhibit after his talk May 14.

Dr. Chuck Mullican of Mosaic Life Care discusses successful aging in a Classy Seniors program May 19 at the Belt Branch.



Cherry Bye (left to right), **Britani Howard**, **Brandi Howard** and **Cindy Budine** show off their paintings made in a craft class May 17 at the Savannah Branch.

For more pictures of library events, visit www.facebook.com/RollingHillsLibrary.

Take a library audiobook for a ride

By Gena Fisher

Belt Branch reference assistant

Imagine after a long day at work you jump into your car and find a mellow-voiced friend sitting in the passenger seat intent on telling you the most fascinating story.

As you wind your way through the streets or sit at red lights, the story unfolds around you, magically transporting your mind to a rustic encampment along the Nile River or a Canadian village where murder is the town's favorite hobby.

That is the wonder of audiobooks – they can whisk you anywhere you want to go even if you are fighting the traffic light at Belt and Beck or are merging onto Highway 36.

Rolling Hills Library has a vast collection of audiobooks. We offer mysteries, romances, science fiction, biographies, children's, inspirational, informational and countless more of interest to patrons.

Many people think listening to an audiobook is "cheating" or

"not really reading," but they're wrong. Books are unabridged, meaning every word written by the author is read. When you listen to an audiobook the mental images your brain generates while reading are engaged, giving the same experience without the risk of pesky paper cuts.

But audiobooks provide added advantages. Listening to them improves vocabulary skills, comprehension, recognition and pronunciation, and the luxury of being able to do more than one thing at a time. They also open up new genres that readers might not venture into.

We have numerous patrons who listen exclusively to mysteries but who

In the height of summer the guests descended on the isolated lodge by the lake ...



never crack open a whodunit and who devour audio non-fiction but who wouldn't think of browsing that section of books.

You might also think audiobooks are only for people on the go and that it might be dangerous to let your mind wander while driving. But there is something about them that keeps you engaged, your reflexes still honed in on the car, while a story unfolds around you.

And the journey doesn't have to take place in your car. You can go on an adventure sitting at home, doing the laundry or cleaning the garage.

There are so many possibilities with audiobooks and today's technology. Before the digital age, you needed a tape player or CD player, but times have changed and now you can download books to your computer, cellphone, electronic reader or tablet.

Audiobooks truly are on the go.

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesdays, June 1 & 8

Amazonia Elementary School – 7:30-8:30 a.m.; Skaith Elementary School – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

John Glenn Elementary School – 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 6

Avenue City School – 10:30 a.m.-noon; Savannah – 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cedar Tree Apartments; Cosby – 4-5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, June 7 & 21

Helena Elementary School – 8-11:30

a.m.; Union Star School – Noon-2 p.m.

Mondays, June 13 & 27

Avenue City School – 10:30 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, June 15

Helena Elementary School – 8-11:30 a.m.; Faucett – Noon-1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

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

Monday, June 20

Avenue City School – 10:30 a.m.-noon; Savannah – 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cedar

Tree Apartments

Wednesdays, June 22 & 29

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

Friday, June 24

Gower City Park – 2:30-5 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Helena Festival – 3-7:30 p.m.

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

Summer fun includes snakes, magic

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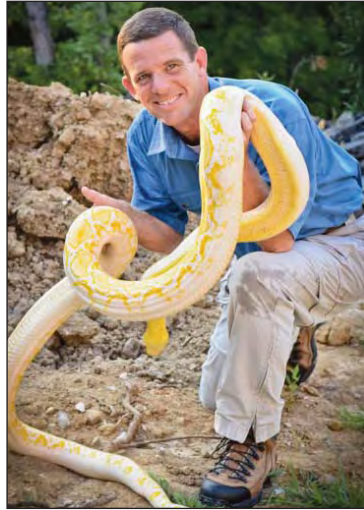
mer, including food coupons, erasers, pencils and free tickets for St. Joseph Mustangs games.

Now for the fun stuff.

The summer's featured performers are scheduled for Mondays at 11 a.m. at the Belt Branch and 4 p.m. at the Savannah Branch. First up is the **Clement McCrae Puppets**

on June 6. Magician **Korso the Curious** brings his brand of magic to the libraries on June 13, while **Serengeti Steve** wheels in his collection of incredible reptiles and bugs on June 27.

Storyteller **Priscilla Howe** will delight children of all ages with tales from around the world on July 11, and **Miss Andrea's Musical Menagerie** will introduce kids to drums and other musical instru-



This summer's lineup of entertainers include **Serengeti Steve** (clockwise from top left), magician **Korso the Curious**, **Clement McCrae Puppets**, musician **Andrea Stanton** and storyteller **Priscilla Howe**.

ments on July 25.

Weekly Storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers are planned as well as weekly craft classes and family movies on Fridays at both branches. Special programs such as Lego marathons, an obstacle course, Olympic Games and a Pippi Longstocking party also are planned.

But not every program will be inside. At 4 p.m. Wednesday, June

15, youths will go fishing with an expert from the Missouri Department of Conservation at Duncan Park in Savannah. They'll meet back at the park at 4 p.m. Monday, June 20, to hear nature stories and hike around the pond.

The library will have its own night at a Mustangs game on Friday, June 24. Youths who win general admission tickets in the reading program can use the tickets at any game but are encouraged to come out this night.

Adults will have their own outdoor activities with two group walks at **Mark Youngdahl Conservation Area** in St. Joseph at 10 a.m. Satur-

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★ ★ ★ Register to Vote ★ ★ ★



Library staff can help you sign up to vote in elections. Ask us for details!

July 6 is the last day to register for local primaries (if needed) on Aug. 2.

DINING DISCOUNTS



Use your Rolling Hills Library card to receive 10 percent discounts at **Le Peep Restaurant** and **Lino's Original Pizza** in St. Joseph. Tell 'em thanks from us.

The Cake Lady

This dessert would be great for Father's Day or at a picnic, **Barb Dalrymple** says. She also suggests using cooking spray on your measuring cup so it's easier to get out the peanut butter.

Easy Peanut Butter Bars

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups flour
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups packed brown sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup peanut butter
1 stick butter, softened
3 tablespoons milk
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon baking soda
1 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray bottom and sides of a 9x13-inch baking pan. For easier cutting, line your pan with foil leaving a 2-inch hang-over before spraying pan.

Mix together flour, sugar, peanut butter, butter, milk, egg, vanilla, salt and baking soda in a bowl with an electric mixer at medium speed until combined.

Stir in chocolate chips. Spread dough evenly in prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 20-25 minutes. Let cool 20 minutes before cutting into bars.

Crafts, movies, games await teens this summer

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days, June 11, and July 2. Walkers should meet in the 36th Street parking lot and can bring their children or dogs to walk with them.

Adults also can enjoy time off to relax and express their creativity in coloring breaks from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays in June at the Belt Branch. The library will supply color pencils and markers and adult coloring pages to use.

Teens have their own programs on Tuesdays at the Belt Branch and on Thursdays at the Savannah Branch. Events begin with a teen dance party at 3 p.m. June 7 at the Belt Branch and video games at 2 p.m. June 9 at the Savannah Branch. Other teen events include craft classes, movies, a martial arts demonstration, Lego parties and a program on June 23 at the Savannah Branch for teens to show off their

talents, skills and collections.

In the final week of the summer program, Belt teens will have a mini-Olympics party on Tuesday, July 26, and Savannah teens will host an Olympics event for younger children on Thursday, July 28.

Calendars listing all of the summer programs and colorful, eight-page booklets featuring information about the featured performers are available at all library branches. The library website, www.rhcl.org, also has calendars with program information.

The 2016 Summer Reading Program is supported by the Friends of the Library and with a major grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of Secretary of State.

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