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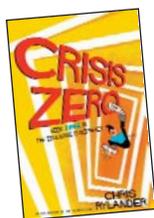
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New Items

JUVENILE FICTION & NON-FICTION

- *The Extra Yard* by Mike Lupica
- *Sweet Home Alaska* by Carole Estby Dagg



- *Crisis Zero* by Chris Rylander
- *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart

- *The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle* by Janet S. Fox
- *Skating With the Statue of Liberty* by Susan Meyer
- *The Last Bogler* by Catherine Jinks
- *Show Your Spirit: Cheerleading Basics You Need to Know* by Rebecca Rissman
- *Paper Airplanes* by Jenny VanVoorst
- *Who Was Maya Angelou* by Ellen Labrecque



- *Cool Outdoor Arts and Crafts* by Alex Kuskowski
- *Soccer Record Breakers* by Clive Gifford

Summer Magic

Annual reading effort fills library with readers of all ages

The goal of the Summer Reading Program is to keep kids reading so their reading skills don't slip during their time away from school. But sometimes it can be difficult to stay enthused about reaching what seems to be a faraway goal.

What's needed is a role model. Luckily, with a reading theme of "On Your Mark, Get Set ... READ!" there is plenty of magic and inspiration to be found in the sports pages and on the sports channels.

■ After being down 3-1 to the Golden State Warriors in the NBA Finals, **Lebron James** and the Cleveland Cavaliers came from behind to win the championship.

■ Chile stood up to Argentina and the mighty **Lionel Messi** (the best soccer player in the world) to win Copa America, the championship tournament for South America.



With help from magician **Korso the Curious**, Amazonia Elementary School student **Kayla Black** is strong enough to hold together two ropes that teachers **Ashley Dice** (in green) and **Shari Greiner** are trying to pull apart during Korso's performance June 14 at the school.

The motto for those winning teams – and should be for readers here at the halfway point of the Summer Reading Program – was "Don't give up! You can do it!"

"Keep reading," said **Sarah Sieg**, youth services librarian at the Belt Branch. "If you're drawing a blank on what to read, come in and ask staff. We're more than

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000489060**, 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 July 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

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9-6 Fri-Sat/1-5 Sun

Savannah Branch

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HOURS: 9-6 Mon, Wed, Fri
9-8 Tue, Thu/9-5 Sat/1-5 Sun

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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. Friends board meetings are held monthly.

Rolling Hills Library Foundation

The Foundation strives to provide financial support for large endeavors and future growth of the library by seeking substantial gifts from patrons and supportive foundations.

Sharing is caring

2 libraries will work together to offer more for patrons

When I came here two years ago to be the library director, it took me a while to understand the history of Rolling Hills Library and how library service has evolved in Andrew and Buchanan counties.

First, we are a relatively young library, established in 1961 by a vote that passed in our two counties but failed in Clinton and DeKalb counties. While other public libraries across the country kicked off the 21st century with 100-year anniversaries, we were just barely pushing 40. With this year marking 55 years of service, it feels like we are established and respected within the communities we serve.

Without rehashing the details of the split, I also had to figure out the library's history during the "River Bluffs" years (when Rolling Hills and St. Joseph Public Library worked together as River Bluffs Regional Library from 1989 to 2001). I can understand how people came to different conclusions about what was best for the users of the library, although it was a shame that the system could not continue under one umbrella. All any of us who work in public libraries can do is try our best to bring people and resources together to effect the greatest benefit for our communities.

It is in this spirit that Rolling Hills

and St. Joseph Public are ushering in a new era of sharing and cooperation.

We are forming a new Joint Staff Committee to explore ways to do more programming together and to share in the costs of staff training. If we want to bring in a big name author, for example, it may be smarter to pool our resources. I'd also like to see the libraries work together on a "community reads" program like what Rolling Hills has done in the past.

We also are working on forming a consortium for purchasing and offering more e-books to our users.

While we both have great physical book collections at our branches, the demand for digital items continues to grow. Some bestselling authors are now releasing companion short stories or novellas to their major series in e-book versions only. And while we can buy a printed book for around \$20, popular titles in e-book form sell for \$80 or \$100 and there is no discount for libraries.

In order to provide the greatest access, we need multiple avenues to provide materials for our users. Be looking for future announcements of the addition of the Grand River Digital Library to our online offerings.

Sharing really is caring, showing that we want the best for our communities and putting our minds, hearts, and funds together for the greater good. We can maintain our individuality while also working as a team.



Michelle Mears

*Rolling Hills
Library Director*

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Library events



When reptile handler **Serengeti Steve** comes to the library, everyone gets a chance to touch his alligator, snakes, lizards and tarantulas as these kids found out June 27 at the Belt Branch Upper Story.



Belt Branch circulation manager **Mary Beth O'Daniell** shows off a hand-made scrapbook library staff gave her during her retirement luncheon June 28. She had worked at the library for almost 27 years.



Puppeteers **Mary Susan** and **John McCrae** entertained children with their show June 6 in the Belt Upper Story.



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

Baby's birth has a colorful start

When **Brandi Howard** of Savannah headed off to a painting class at the Savannah Branch the evening of May 17, she told boyfriend **Mark Brouhard** she'd be gone for a couple of hours. Then they might be going to the hospital to have a baby.

Brandi had had a few contractions during the day, enough for her to think the baby might be on her way. Then during class the contractions became more regular and stronger, causing Brandi to take a few breaks from painting.

"I left about 10 minutes early," she said. "I hurried up and got my painting done and my brushes cleaned, and I said 'I don't think I should wait around any more. I think it's time to go'."

After settling their other children with grandma, Brandi and Mark left for Mosaic Life Care. Twenty-six minutes after arriving at the hospital – and 55 minutes after leaving the library – Brandi gave birth to a healthy baby girl, **Jovie**.

"I didn't think it was going to



Brandi Howard gave birth to **Jovie** shortly after a painting class May 17 at the Savannah Branch.

happen that fast. If I had thought it was going to be that fast, I might not have gone to painting class that night at all," she said.

In class, participants painted sunflowers using supplies and instruction provided by the library.

Brandi's painting now hangs by Jovie's crib.

"Sometimes when I do paintings, I don't end up hanging them up, I just kind of set them aside," Brandi said. "But that one I thought was pretty special."

A month later, Brandi was back at the library for another painting class.

"It's fun and relaxing," she said. "I really like it at the library because you can visit with people you don't normally see, and it gets me out of the house for a little while."

That night, Jovie stayed home with dad.

Bookmobile Schedule

Avenue City School

11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, July 5,
and Mondays, July 11, 18 and 25

Cedar Tree Apartments, Savannah

1:30-3 p.m. Mondays, July 11 and 25

Cosby

4-5:30 p.m. Monday, July 25

Faucett Lions Club Building

Noon-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 20

Gower City Park

2:30-5 p.m. Fridays, July 1 and 22

North Andrew County

Rosendale – 9-10:30 a.m.; Bolckow – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;
Fillmore – 2-3 p.m. Saturday, July 16

Union Star

Noon-2 p.m. Tuesdays, July 12 and 26

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

Books Revisited

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July features storyteller, musical event

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happy to help.”

Through June 26, 1,951 readers of various ages have joined the program, outpacing last year’s mark for the same time. The Belt Branch has 1,071 participants (compared to 1,049 a year ago), while the Savannah Branch has 496 (402 last June) and the Bookmobile has 384 (258 last June).

“We have had a whole lot of sign ups already, and families are continuing to sign up,” said **Saundra Keiffer**, Savannah Branch manager and youth services librarian. “Reading is a great way for children, teens and adults to go to a new place, especially if you can’t afford to actually travel.”

When participants reach their halfway mark, they bring in their reading logs to receive their halfway prize and be entered in the prize drawing. When they complete their goal, they are entered in the drawing again.

“If you haven’t come in for your halfway prize yet, come in and get it – they’re awesome,” Sieg said.

The summer fun continues in July with a full slate of programs, Storytimes, craft classes and teen programs.

Storyteller **Priscilla Howe** will be at both branches Monday, July 11, to tell almost-true stories and folk tales from around the world. **Miss Andrea’s Musical Menagerie**, a musical petting zoo, will be the last big event



Belt Branch youth services librarian **Sarah Sieg** helps make a dance ring using gauzy material during a craft class June 8 in the Belt Branch Upper Story.

of the summer on Monday, July 25, at both branches.

Other programs of note include a Pippi Longstocking party with Swedish crafts at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at the Savannah Branch; an obstacle course for youths at 11 a.m. Monday, July 18, in the Belt Branch Upper Story; Lego marathons for kids at 2 p.m. Thursdays, July 14 and 28, at the Belt Branch, and at 2 p.m.

Monday, July 18, and Wednesday, July 27, at the Savannah Branch; and Olympic games for kids at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the Savannah Branch.

Teens events include a martial arts demonstration at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the Belt Branch and a Lego marathon at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Savannah Branch. Belt Branch teens will have a mini Olympics party at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, while Savannah teens are hosts for the youth Olympic games on July 28.

Calendars listing all of the programs are available at all branches and on the library’s website, www.rhcl.org.

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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The Cake Lady

Here's a good recipe for hot weather or a Fourth of July picnic from dessert expert Barb Dalrymple.

No-Bake Strawberry Cheesecake

12 graham crackers, finely crushed (about 2 cups of crumbs)
6 tablespoons margarine, melted
1 cup plus 2 teaspoons sugar, divided
4 (8-oz.) packages cream cheese (or 1/3-less-fat cream cheese), softened
1/2 cup strawberry preserves
2 cups fresh strawberries, chopped
1 8-oz. tub whipped topping

Mix graham cracker crumbs, margarine and 1/4 cup of sugar, press into bottom of 9x13-inch pan. Refrigerate while preparing filling.

Beat cream cheese and 3/4 cup of sugar in large bowl with electric mixer until well blended. Add preserves; mix well. Place strawberries and remaining 2 teaspoons sugar in small bowl, mash with fork. Stir strawberry mixture and whipped topping into cream cheese mixture. Spoon over crust, cover.

Refrigerate four hours or until firm. Store in refrigerator. Makes about 16 servings.

Details bring to life story of China's female emperor

One day a traveling monk forecasts the future of a small girl, declaring she has a mission from Heaven. Mei is that girl and when tragedy forces her family to flee their home, she clings to the prophecy.

In author Weina Dai Randel's historical novel "The Moon in the Palace," Mei learns all women in seventh century China, and especially those foretold to achieve great things, will face events they can either master or fall prey to. Mei is chosen to become a concubine in the emperor's court and there she learns hard lessons about loyalty and love.

This novel is full of details that bring to life its characters and events. Randel writes with authority, showing her dedication to research but also her ability to turn flat, historic records into vivid nar-

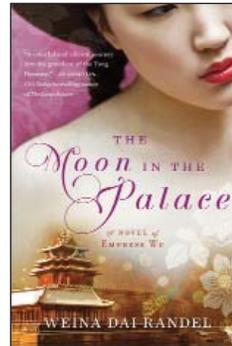
rative. The opulence of the palace is fully realized by her descriptions of sights, sounds and foods.

But don't be fooled that this is merely a journey into the customs and manners of an ancient civilization – there is bloodshed and lots of it. Randel has not sugar-coated the events that conspire around Emperor Taizong's court nor the reactions by a ruler who is addressed as The One Above All.

I thought this was a very good start to the two-book "Empress of Bright Moon" series, moving along at a brisk pace. Mei is based on Empress Wu, China's only female ruler, creating a backstory that explains how a simple governor's daughter becomes the most powerful woman in a dangerous land.

– Gena Fisher

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