



Rolling Hills Library News

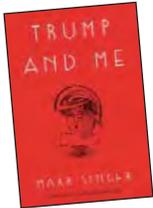
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New Items

E-BOOKS

- *Billy Budd, Bartleby and Other Stories* by Herman Melville
- *The Shadow Patrol* by Alex Berenson
- *Trump and Me* by Mark Singer
- *Bourbon Empire* by Reid Mitenbuler
- *Crazy Horse and Custer* by Stephen E. Ambrose
- *The September Society* by Charles Finch
- *Devil in a Blue Dress* by Walter Mosley
- *Night School* by Lee Child
- *Two by Two* by Nicholas Sparks
- *The Lincoln Deception* by David O. Stewart



- *Radio Girls* by Sarah-Jane Stratford
- *Chaos Monkeys* by Antonio Garcia

Martinez

- *But What if We're Wrong* by Chuck Klosterman
- *The Magnolia Story* by Chip and Joanna Gaines

A Must-Have

Schoolkids – and adults – need to have library cards

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when libraries across the nation remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

But it's not just students who should have library cards. Adults also need them to benefit from the wealth of free materials and services provided to the public. That's why Rolling Hills Library is taking steps to make sure everyone who comes in this month has a library card, including:

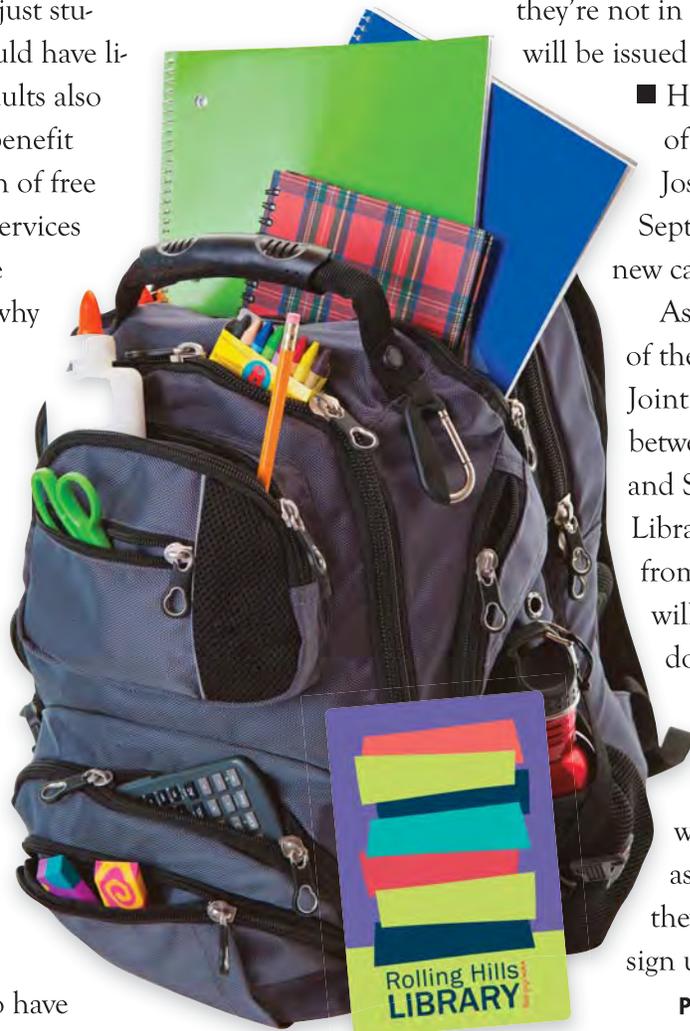
- Suspending the \$2 fee to replace lost library cards for all of September.

Patrons who have

had cards in the past but have lost or misplaced them can ask to sign up again. If their names are still in the library records, they will be issued new updated cards. If they're not in the records, they will be issued first-time cards.

- Hitting the streets of downtown St. Joseph on Saturday, Sept. 3, to sign up new card holders.

As the first project of the newly formed Joint Staff Committee between Rolling Hills and St. Joseph Public Library, staff members from both libraries will be present at downtown's First Saturday shopping promotion. They will work the crowds asking people if they would like to sign up for cards, then



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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000042596**, 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 September 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

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The board generally meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Check the library calendar at www.rhcl.org for specific dates.

Friends of the Library

The Friends support the library through volunteer and fundraising 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.

What's in your wallet?

A library card gives you privileges; just don't abuse it

National Library Card Sign-Up Month is always planned for September so as many people as possible, especially the kiddos going back to school, have access to our great resources. The first thing you need to use a library is a library card – it's your secret-agent decoder ring to a world of adventure and learning.

To get a card at Rolling Hills Library, you need to show identification and proof of address. Some people ask why we need to see ID. It's really for one reason; we need to know if you already have an account and if you owe us money. As for addresses, we need to know where to send the overdue notices, plain and simple.

Some people don't want to get a library card because they think "someone" is watching and making notes of what they're doing. While I can't be 100 percent sure the CIA has not hacked into our system, I can say that under state law a person's library records can only be released with a warrant or subpoena. And we take our responsibility to keep user records private very seriously.

There are some people who worry about theft, thinking people come into libraries to steal the good stuff. We actu-

ally have a bigger problem with people who check out items and never return them. Although keeping library materials is a crime by state law, it's very hard to prosecute.

Most of the time we lose touch with someone who is moving, and they have packed up library materials never to be seen again. Four or five years later they come back and want to get a library card again and wonder why we won't give them one. Just for the record, library debt never expires and is never removed from our system. We are happy to reduce amounts, offer payment plans and allow limited checkout while you pay off debt, but no one gets out of paying completely.

For the most part, library users check out and return items correctly. We can laugh about stories of people who get arrested for overdue books or who finally return a book after 40 years, but the rules are there for a reason, which is to make sure everyone has equal access to materials.

I can't imagine not having a library card. In addition to the resources we have at our physical locations, now there are online materials like audiobooks, comic books, e-books and videos to download and use. If you follow the rules and return items when they are due, it's all free!

No matter where you are, your library card is the most valuable piece of plastic in your wallet. Don't leave home without it – unless, that is, you stay home and download with it.



Michelle Mears

*Rolling Hills
Library Director*

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Winners of the grand prize drawings for \$100 Walmart gift cards were **Brooks Flores** (below) with Belt Branch youth services librarian **Sarah Sieg**; **Addisyn McCush** (center) with



Bookmobile staffers **Susan Sexton** and **Deb Ezzell**; and **Jade Dierenfeldt** at the Savannah Branch.



2016 Summer Reading Program

When we closed the books on the Summer Reading Program at the end of July, 2,023 youths, teens and adults had signed up to participate -- a whopping 32 percent increase over the 2015 summer program. Of those participating, 891 reached their goals of reading by either books or pages or minutes read. They reported reading 16,614 books, 65,349 pages and 229,434 minutes.



Winning gift baskets this summer were **Sydney Knorr** (above); **Rilyn** and **Tad Koeteman** (center) while their mother, **Megan**, won a

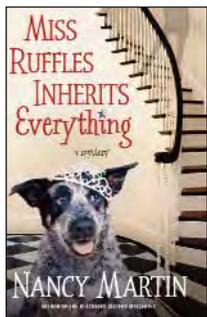


back sack with prizes inside; and **Cameron Robertson** (right).

More pictures of library events can be found at www.facebook.com/RollingHillsLibrary.

Riches go to the dog in fun mystery

What's a pretty Ohio girl, transplanted into the heart of Texas, to do when her new boss up and dies leaving her \$1 million – if she can keep an ornery, boot chewing dog alive for a year? That's the problem facing Sunny McKillip in "Miss Ruffles Inherits Everything."



Book review

Sunny's boss, Honeybelle Hensley, loved two things in life: her roses and her dog, Miss Ruffles, to which Honeybelle leaves her many millions. But now someone wants to send Miss Ruffles to that big dog run in the sky so the money goes to those who rightly deserve it. It's up to Sunny to keep the dognappers at bay, find out

what happened to Honeybelle and maybe cozy up to a handsome cowboy while she's at it.

Author **Nancy Martin** sets her mystery in the small town of Mule Stop and uses the rugged landscape to

Savannah Branch starting book club

"The Language of Flowers," a novel by **Vanessa Diffenbaugh**, is the first book to be read by the new adult book club Book Break that starts this month at the Savannah Branch.

The group will meet at noon Thursday, Sept. 29, to discuss the book and establish when it will meet again and what books to read.

"The Language of Flowers" is a story about a young woman who is distrustful of people but has a special way with flowers that allows her to help others and herself find a better life. Extra copies of the book are available to be checked out.

highlight the struggles Sunny encounters as she tries to solve the mystery that has enveloped her little part of the state. It's a lighthearted romp as Sunny pieces together the clues, determined to save the day.

Populated with cowboys and cowgirls, shady mobsters, crusty critters and one unstoppable heroine, "Miss Ruffles" is a fun read. There's romance and danger around every corner when Sunny begins asking questions. Could it be that Honeybelle's own daughter-in-law has done her in? Or maybe the greedy university president decided the only way to get what he wanted was to knock her off? Then again it could have been a member of the garden club, envious of the rare roses Honeybelle grew like weeds.

I enjoyed this book a lot. Sunny is a plucky heroine who's a bit of a fish out of water, mystified by the Texans around her. She's smart and resourceful and meets her match in enigmatic Tenn Tennyson, the local rodeo champ turned almost-lawyer.

It's a fun book for anyone needing a quick, light mystery.

– Gena Fisher

Belt Branch reference assistant

Bookmobile Schedule

Avenue City School

9-11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2

Cedar Tree Apartments, Savannah

1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13 & 27

Cosby

4-5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26

Faucett Lions Club Building

Noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21

Gower City Park

2:30-5 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 1 & 29

North Andrew County

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

Fillmore – 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3

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

Books Revisited

The Friends of the Library's 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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205-7125

Sign-up effort has grown since '87

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point them to a booth in SJPL's parking lot at Ninth and Felix streets where they can be issued cards to both libraries on the spot.

The effort is a way "to promote cooperation between the two libraries and to make it easier for people of St. Joe to get either library card and to use a library," said **Gena Fisher**, a Belt Branch staff member who serves on the committee.

Library Card Sign-up Month was launched in 1987 to meet the challenge of then Secretary of Education **William Bennett** who said "Let's have a national campaign ... every child should obtain a library card - and use it." Since then, thousands of public and school libraries join each fall in a national effort to ensure every child does just that.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show children who are read to at home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to use the library as a

source of lifetime learning.

Librarians are literacy experts who offer a variety of programs to stimulate an interest in reading and learning.



Preschool story hours expose young children to the joy of reading, while book clubs and other programs encourage reading among middle and high schoolers. Summer Reading Programs have been shown to be the most important factor in avoiding the decrease in students'

reading skills that educators refer to as "summer learning loss."

As society shifts to a more active role in the creation of culture and information, libraries are finding new and innovative ways to extend their collections and services, providing access to a wide variety of tools, both high-tech and low-tech, to help patrons.

In addition to books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and computers, libraries increasingly offer access to e-books and e-book readers. According to the American Library Association, 90 percent of libraries offer e-books, an increase of 14 percent from 2012. Mobile devices, including e-book readers, are available at 39 percent of libraries.

Millions of people rely on libraries as their first or only choice for Internet access and digital content. Many libraries offer free classes and one-on-one instruction on technology, Internet and resource use. Libraries also help people connect with government and their communities, complete online forms and use online government services.

★ ★ ★ Register to Vote ★ ★ ★



Library staff can help you sign up to vote in elections.

Ask us for details!

Oct. 12 is the last day to register for the general election on Nov. 8.

Tumble Books

e-books for e-kids
at www.rhcl.org



New cash registers let patrons pay with cards

Cash registers have been added to the Belt and Savannah branches to accommodate patrons wanting to pay library fees by credit or debit cards.

The new registers are located at the Circulation Desks and will accept cards as well as cash and checks. All major brands of credit cards can be used at the new registers.

The registers are the same type of register that is in use in Books Revisited, the Friends of the Library bookstore upstairs from the Belt Branch.

While the library doesn't charge

fees on overdue materials, fees are assessed to replace damaged or lost materials and lost library cards. Copying fees of \$1 or more, as well as any monetary donations to the library, can be paid at the cash register, too.

Belt Branch to benefit from technology grant

Rolling Hills Library has received a \$7,270 technology mini-grant from the Missouri State Library to improve the sound and digital systems in two Belt Branch meeting rooms.

A new sound system with ceiling speakers and a digital projector will be installed in the Storyhouse

in the children's area, while the Upper Story gets a smart controller wall unit and podium to improve the room's digital projector and sound system. The equipment will be installed beginning in October.

The estimated cost of the project is \$9,693, of which the library must cover \$2,423 (25 percent) to receive the state grant.

The technology mini-grant is funded by 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 the Secretary of State.

This is a good recipe to use when you've been blessed with a lot of zucchini, **Barb Dalrymple** says. If you need zucchini, check the Savannah Branch. Gardeners often bring in extra produce there.

Zucchini Carrot Cake

2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder

The Cake Lady

2 teaspoons baking soda
¾ cup oil
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups shredded zucchini
1 cup shredded carrots

Combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Add oil, eggs and vanilla; mix

well. Fold in zucchini and carrots. Pour into greased 9x13-inch pan and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. When cool, frost with cream cheese frosting (recipe below).

Cream cheese frosting

½ cup butter, softened
1 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
3½ cups powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans (optional)

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