



Rolling Hills Library News

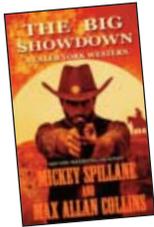
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New Items

WESTERNS

- *Payback at Big Silver* by Ralph W. Cotton
- *El Paso* by Winston Groom
- *The Big Showdown* by Mickey Spillane

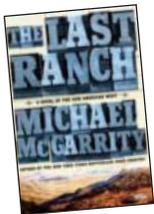


- *Frontier: Powder River* by S.K. Salzer

- *Bill Doolan: American*

Outlaw by Bill Brooks

- *The Edge of Violence* by William Johnstone
- *The Bones of Paradise* by Jonis Agee
- *Killing Blood* by Robert McKee
- *Home to Texas* by Thom Nicholson
- *The Outfit: To Hell & Back* by Matthew P. Mayo



- *The Last Ranch* by Michael McGarrity

- *Thunder Wagon*

by James Reasoner

- *Once a Marshal* by Peter Brandvold
- *Outrage at Blanco* by Bill Crider
- *Killing Blood* by Robert McKee
- *The Kid* by Ron Hansen

View of a Room

Designer giving brighter look to Savannah Branch

Amy Redman envisions a library with a coffee shop vibe with bright colors on the walls and furniture. A place with abundant seating and sunlight streaming in through windows.

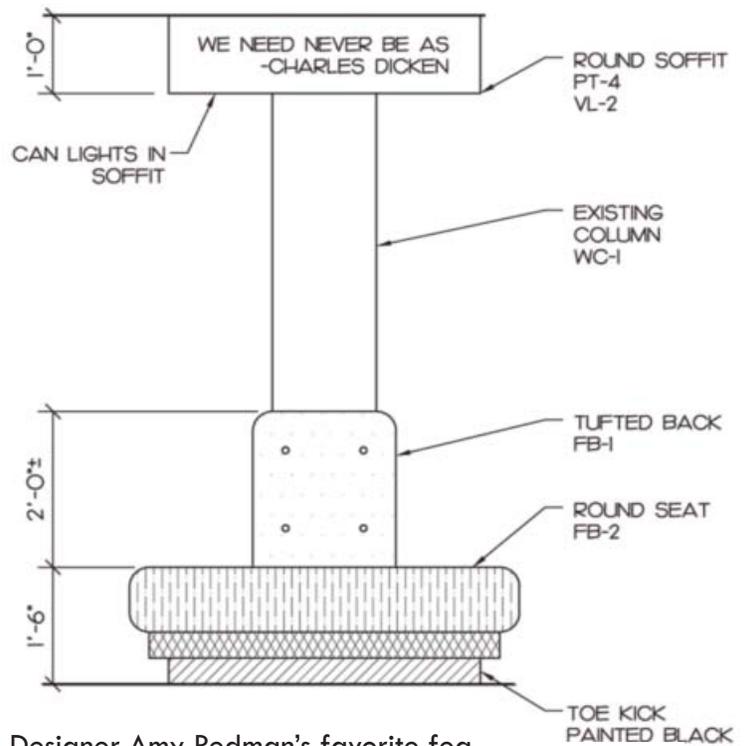
“Someplace someone would want to sit and stay a while,” the interior designer said.

Savannah patrons must wait until Feb. 11 when the Savannah Branch reopens after a monthlong remodeling project to see if Redman obtains that feeling with her design. The branch will close at the end of the day Friday, Jan. 6, and will reopen with a celebration on Saturday, Feb. 11.

“I’m really excited to see them start working and to see it done,” she said. “I think it will be something everyone will enjoy.”

The library’s new layout will move the youth area to the north side of the building and create separate areas for children and teens. The shorter children’s bookshelves will bring light from the north and east windows further into the library, Redman said.

Teens will have their own area marked by a new wall, comfortable chairs and bar-height tables and chairs. A stage between the two areas can be used by both teens and



Designer Amy Redman’s favorite feature in her plans for the remodeled Savannah Branch are these bench seats around some of the building’s columns. The seats will be purple.

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000490688**, 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 Jan. 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

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

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.

Worthy investment

Libraries are a great value taxpayers shouldn't ignore

Public libraries are kind of like grocery stores. If you don't have one nearby you really miss it, but how much is it a part of your daily life?

Some people come to the library nearly every day. Others only come once a year when they need specific information. For me, a library is many things to many people, and in this we are one of the greatest examples of a taxpayer-supported, government entity that gives much more value than we receive in revenue.



Michelle Mears

*Rolling Hills
Library Director*

First, we are a purchasing cooperative. We have a tax levy set by voters, and we use these funds to provide facilities and materials. What we provide with our funding is more than any one person could buy on their own.

For a residential property assessed at \$100,000, a taxpayer contributes a little more than \$58 per year to Rolling Hills Library, about the price of two hardcover books or maybe four DVDs. So with everyone's contribution we all get access to thousands of items every day, both in person and online. And we are doubly blessed because for that same \$58 our taxpayers can get a library card

also at St. Joseph Public Library, because we don't charge each other's residents for access.

Next, we are an educational institution. We are often a child's first experience with books and reading. We help answer health questions for all ages. We provide materials with guidance on economic and legal issues. We even teach people how to do things, like operate their computers or create a painting. And if we don't have the answer, we will dig like a paleontologist to get to the bones of the matter.

And finally, we are tireless and passionate about our freedoms, including the freedom of speech and the freedom from unreasonable search and seizure. The freedoms represented by a public library are unique across the globe. Talk to recent immigrants about what kind of libraries they had in their countries and you will find they are quite different than ours. One of the first moves to overthrow a government or control a population is to limit access to information, so we take our responsibilities in this area very seriously.

A public library is so much more than four walls and a bunch of books. For every \$1 in taxes we return about \$5 in value to the community. Who could want a better bargain than that?

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.

www.rhcl.org



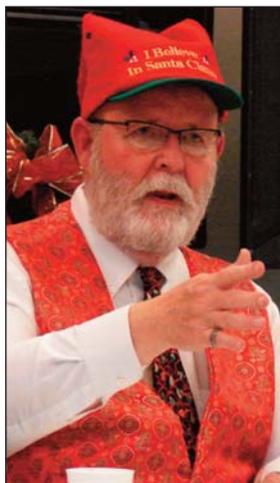
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Library Scenes

The melting mint chocolate chip ice cream cone ornament created by staff member **Lydia White** was voted the best ornament in the Belt Branch Christmas ornament contest by library patrons. More than 300 votes were cast at the library and via Facebook. Second place went to **Angie Holmes'** Clifford the Big Red Dog ornament.



Children and families enjoyed doughnuts, fruit and drinks while having Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 10 in the Belt Branch Upper Story.



Michael Shaw (left) presented a tribute to St. Nick on Dec. 6 for a crowd of young and old at the Savannah Branch. **Santa** (right) had his hands full Nov. 30 when he visited a special Storytime at the Savannah Branch.

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

Learn how to build websites in new class

Besides the usual slate of beginning computer classes we have each month at the library, I'm planning on adding an advanced class each month. I'll start with "Creating WordPress Websites" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Belt Branch.

WordPress is open-source (meaning free for anyone to use) software for building websites and is available at wordpress.com. It can be used to create a blog or webpage with your own content.

With three gigabytes of storage and unlimited bandwidth, Wordpress is one of the top web hosting services. It offers templates and a page builder to use – and you never have to learn a line of computer code!

Sign up for this free class at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>. Some computers will be available to use, but participants can bring their own laptops, too.

In February, I will teach "Pixlr Editor 101," a class about the free online photo editing program that's similar to Photoshop.

– *Bridgid Reeves,*
technology services
librarian

New library will have abundant seating

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children for activities like poetry readings or playing with puppets.

Two new study rooms can be used by teens or anyone needing a quiet space to work. Sliding barn-like doors will close off the rooms.

The new adult area on the south side of the room will have coffee table seating near the glass doors in the new permanent wall that encloses the Community Room. Parents will be able to sit there and read while their kids are attending youth programs, Redman said.

Two challenges in the redesign, she said, were the branch's oversized Circulation Desk and support columns that were obstacles in the floor plan. The new Circulation Desk will take up a smaller area against the west wall but be enhanced with a colorful countertop, built-in display area for new books, new lighting and an accent wall.

Movie book club making its debut

One book club is being introduced this month at the Belt Branch while another makes its return after undergoing a reset.

Reel Books is a book and movie discussion group that will feature novels made into movies. The group will watch a film one month then read the book so it can be discussed the next month – before watching another movie.

"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" will be the first movie shown at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2. Extra copies of the book are available for check out. In February, the group will view the movie "Stardust."

Third through fifth graders will discuss books monthly in the Wild Readers Book Club, which began in 2016. They will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, to review "Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters." Extra copies of the book are available. Interested students can sign up at the library or call 232-5479.

While we're closed ...

The Bookmobile will be at the Savannah Branch 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and 3-5 p.m. Thursdays to serve patrons.

Also, Savannah Branch man-

ager **Sandra Keiffer** will be presenting Storytimes at 10 a.m. Tuesdays during the Toddler Play Days at Savannah First Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend.

Redman's favorite feature is the round benches she placed around the columns. The benches will have padded backs and spot lighting for reading.

An interior designer with Creal Clark and Seifert Architects & Engineers of St. Joseph, Redman is a library user herself. She also trades books with friends and goes to author talks at Kansas City libraries.

"I'm from Maysville and we didn't have a library except at school, so I loved our school library and our school librarian," she said. "I definitely love to read."

Bookmobile Schedule

Amazonia Elementary School

10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4 & 18

Avenue City School

9-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6

Savannah

Savannah Branch – 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, and 3-5 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26;
Cedar Tree Apartments – 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 17 & 31

Cosby

3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9

Faucett

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18

Gower City Park

2:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27

Helena Elementary School

8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13

North Andrew County

Rosendale – 9-10:30 a.m.;
Bolckow – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21

Rushville

2:30-4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25

Union Star Elementary School

11:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13

School visits are open to the public. Visits may be canceled because of inclement weather or mechanical problems. Call 205-7100 to verify visits.

Veteran bookseller joins library

To say **Hans Bremer** knows something about used books is a bit of an understatement.

In the late 1990s, he was co-owner of the used bookstore Paper Moone Books in St. Joseph. He then managed Spivey's Rare Books and Fine Arts in Kansas City for 12 years until it closed in 2012.

Bremer also knows something about libraries. He became the library manager at Benton High School in 2012, overseeing the daily operations and working with students and volunteers.

When the chance came to serve as the volunteer coordinator for Rolling Hills Library and manage the Friends used bookstore, Books Revisited, he was ready to switch jobs.

"After several years of being away from selling books, I was ready to get back into a bookstore," he said. "I missed it way more than I realized I would. Just the day-to-day atmosphere of the bookstore, I missed greatly."

Bremer joined the library Dec. 26, filling the spot left vacant when former volunteer coordinator and store manager **Robbie Morton** left to take a position in the Buchanan County Assessor's Office.

Besides Tiger's Den, a combo bar



Hans Bremer brings his experience of operating two bookstores to his new position with Books Revisited.

and bookstore in downtown, Books Revisited is the only true bookstore remaining in St. Joseph. Bremer plans on growing the store's presence in that market.

The Internet changed bookselling, he said, with people selling items online themselves. He wants to build a greater online presence for the Friends store, something he's capable of doing from his past experience.

Bremer also wants to spread the word locally about the store, saying many people in St. Joseph and the

area aren't familiar with the store.

"There's just a need for a bookstore in St. Joe, and Books Revisited is going to hold that," he said.

Bremer believes having Books Revisited staffed by Friends members is a great benefit. "When someone wants to volunteer their time, you can guarantee that they want good things for the library and the bookstore," he said.

Bremer fondly looks back on his years at Spivey's, where he dealt

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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.

Volunteer Opportunities



Are you interested in light duty tasks such as straightening shelves, cleaning books or working in the Friends bookstore? Call us at 205-7125 or visit www.rhcl.org/about/volunteer.

If you don't want to make home-made lemon curd, **Barb Dalrymple** says to buy it in a jar in the jelly aisle at the grocery store.

Lemon Curd Cheesecake

Crust recipe

1/2 stick unsalted butter, melted
1 3/4 cup vanilla wafer crumbs or graham cracker crumbs

Filling recipe

3 8-oz. packages cream cheese, softened

1 cup sugar
1 cup sour cream
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 large eggs

Lemon Curd recipe

1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
6 tablespoons lemon juice
1 large egg + 1 large yolk
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into bits

For crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat a 9-inch spring-form pan with cooking spray. In a bowl, drizzle butter into crumbs; and toss with fork until evenly moistened. Press crumb mixture onto bottom and 1 1/2 inches up side of pan. Bake 8 to 10 minutes until edges are golden brown. Let

The Cake Lady

cool on rack. Then wrap outside of pan with heavy duty foil and reduce oven to 325 degrees.

For filling: Using an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat cream cheese 2 to 3 minutes or until fluffy. Gradually beat in sugar, scraping sides of bowl with rubber spatula until smooth. With mixer on medium speed, add sour cream, lemon zest and lemon juice. Add eggs one at a time until incorporated. Pour filling into crust pan.

Set filled pan in center of large roasting pan and carefully pour enough boiling water to reach halfway up the side of the spring-form pan. Bake 70 to 75 minutes, until center is almost set but still slightly jiggly (do not over bake!); cake will firm as it cools. Let cool in water for 15 minutes. Transfer spring-form pan to rack; let cool completely and then remove foil. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 8 hours or overnight.

For lemon curd: In top of double boiler, combine all ingredients except butter. Over gently simmering water, whisk until frothy, about 5 minutes. Gradually add in butter.

Continue whisking for seven minutes or until mixture thickens and coats the back of a spoon. Remove from heat and let cool 30 minutes.

For cheesecake: Run knife around the edges of pan before removing sides. Transfer cheesecake to serving plate. Spread lemon curd over top. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes then garnish with raspberries and lemon zest if desired.

Bremer has handled rare books, letters

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with rare books, art, old maps and autographs. "We handled a lot of amazing things," he said.

When Margaret Truman Daniel, the noted author and only child of President Harry Truman, passed away, the store was called in to appraise her personal collection of papers. Bremer spent a week in the basement of the Truman Library looking through her books and correspondence with her parents and world dignitaries.

"It was a wonderful place, and it was sad when we closed," he said.

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