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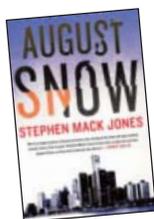
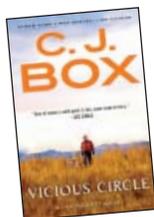
Serving Andrew & Buchanan counties since 1961

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New Items

MYSTERIES

- *French Twist*
by James Patterson
- *Racing the Devil*
by Charles Todd
- *Vicious Circle*
by C.J. Box
- *The Shivering Turn*
by Sally Spencer
- *Death of a Ghost*
by M.C. Beaton
- *Most Dangerous Place*
by James Grippando
- *The Trapped Girl*
by Robert Dugoni
- *The Lioness is the Hunter*
by Loren Estleman
- *Man Overboard*
by J.A. Jance
- *Banana Cream Pie Murder*
by Joanne Fluke
- *August Snow*
by Stephen Mack Jones
- *The Dangerous Ladies Affair*
by Marcia Muller
- *A Death at the Yoga Cafe*
by Michelle Kelly
- *The Whole Art of Direction: Lost Mysteries of Sherlock Holmes*
by Lyndsay Faye



The library's new Bookmobile will be similar to this vehicle and have the ability to lower its body to just 10 inches above the ground to make for easier entry.

A New Ride

Mechanical issues drive library to buy new Bookmobile

By the time the kids are dressed in their Halloween costumes later this year, the library should be driving the roads of Andrew and Buchanan counties with a new Bookmobile.

After a year (2016) that saw the current Bookmobile sidelined off-and-on for several months by mechanical issues, library Director **Michelle Mears** and staff realized a new vehicle was needed to continue serving schools and rural communities in the two counties.

The new vehicle, with an estimated

price tag of \$205,000, will be custom made for the library by LDV of Burlington, Wisc., a major manufacturer of bookmobiles and other specialty vehicles.

"Our current Bookmobile is 16 years old, and the generator has had multiple, significant failures over the past 12 months," Mears said. "It's nearly impossible to provide bookmobile service without a generator" creating electricity for lights, heating and cooling and computers.

Rust problems also are developing on

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000115301**, 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 April 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

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

Savannah Branch

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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 generally 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.

Calling all advocates

Under political pressure, libraries need your support

What does it mean to be an advocate?

An advocate is a person who publicly supports or recommends a specific cause or policy; a champion, supporter, backer, promoter, proponent, spokesperson, campaigner, fighter, or crusader. Doesn't that sound exciting? Like a knight in shining armor.

In the real world, being an advocate is more simple and more complicated than that. It can be as easy as saying out loud to some-

one that you believe in a cause or as involved as making travel plans and flying to the capital to march with thousands of like-minded people.

You don't have to be a library user to be a library advocate. In fact, many of our most vocal advocates are those who buy almost all the books or videos they need. But they believe in the mission and purpose of the library and want everyone to have access to a well-funded and well-run public library.

Right now in state and national politics, libraries are being targeted for reductions in funding.

In Missouri, Gov. Greitens' budget makes cuts to the state aid and technology assistance for libraries. In Washington, D.C., President Trump's budget document eliminates the Institute for

Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of grants and other aid to public libraries and museums, in addition to many other arts and humanities agencies.

Government, whether local or national, is a large and complex operation because we are a large and diverse society. No matter what your political beliefs are, there is usually some agreement about what constitutes the "public good" and what should be funded through our pooled funds that come from taxes.

We ask you now to be an advocate for public libraries and to contact your state and national elected officials to let them know your views on funding for libraries. Although it may be a minor part of our local library budget, these funds contribute to a strong and cooperative library community that allows for things like interlibrary loan, ongoing staff development, diverse collections, and digitization of our nation's treasures.

Even if you have been part of the silent majority who love and support libraries, we now need you to be more vocal and active on our behalf. Thank you for your advocacy!



Michelle Mears

*Rolling Hills
Library Director*

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New features include awning, ramp

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the current Bookmobile.

“It was decided (by the library’s Board of Trustees) our funds would be better spent on buying a new bookmobile with a warranty rather than continuing to use our existing one,” Mears said. “I believe our patrons deserve the best service we can offer them, and I believe that means a new bookmobile.”

Like other specialty vehicles, bookmobiles are custom made to match the buyers’ needs. The new Bookmobile will be 28 feet long with a driver’s cab that can be entered through standard doors but is also open to the van’s interior.

There will be enough shelf space to carry 1,500 to 3,000 books and materials, similar to the number of materials the current Bookmobile can carry.

Special features include a 16-foot-wide awning to roll out when the vehicle is parked, the ability to lower the van body to make entry easier, a ramp to provide handicap accessibility instead of a chair lift and LED lighting to provide a brighter interior. The engine will burn gasoline where the current Bookmobile has a diesel engine.



The interior of the new Bookmobile will have shelves on both sides of the van, two doors and an open driver’s cab.

The new vehicle also will have an exterior vinyl wrap that will be custom designed for the library.

Rolling Hills operated a bookmobile from 1961 to 1979 and re-established the service in 2013 with a used bookmobile. Buying the used vehicle allowed the service to start up without an extended fundraising campaign.

Since 2013, the Bookmobile has experienced significant growth in its use by patrons. Buying a new vehicle with capital funds the library has saved promises continued service to patrons for the

foreseeable future.

“We will be able to provide efficient, timely and dependable service with a new bookmobile,” said Deb Ezzell, manager of library Outreach Services and Bookmobile.

The new vehicle will be safer and easier for staff to use because of its driver’s cab and ramp access, she said. Staff now will be able to wheel book carts into the vehicle using the ramp instead of having to carry tubs of books onboard.

“It’s going to be more welcoming and accommodating for our users,” Ezzell said.

An advertisement for Comics Plus Library Edition. It features a collage of comic book covers including Archie, G.I. Joe, Batman, Star Trek, and Popeye. Below the covers is the text "COMICS PLUS LIBRARY EDITION" and "Thousands of comic books to borrow for your e-devices!". A red circular logo contains the URL "rhcl.org/ebooks-audios/".

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Escape plan leads to new romance

When Elizabeth, Countess of Rothford, decides her financially-arranged marriage partner is too dull to wed, she impulsively changes places with one of her maids and joins a group of girls headed for a new life across the sea in wild Adoria.

So begins Elizabeth's life in the Glittering Court, which is also the name of Richelle Mead's first book in a trilogy aimed at teen audiences and older.

The girls of the court are destined to become brides for the new nobility in the rough and rowdy settlements of Adoria. They will be schooled in etiquette, drilled in decorum and given glitz and glamour enough to charm a prospective husband.

Elizabeth, now calling herself Adelaide, naturally excels at her lessons but realizes she must make herself inconspicuous to manage an escape to Adoria. With the friendship of two of the other jewels the Court has acquired, Adelaide is

soon aboard a ship and heading for her new life.

If only Cedric, one of the proprietors of the Glittering Court, wasn't so irresistible, charming, kind and not exactly as he seems, would Adelaide's future be set. But as they cross the ocean, Adelaide and Cedric discover they have a bond not easily put behind them. What will become of them when they face the fact Adelaide must choose a husband who can afford her bride-price and Cedric must forge a living in the wilderness?

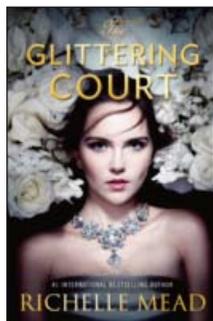
Mead has crafted an intriguing premise in this new novel. An alternative historical fiction set in a world based on our nation's past, "The Glittering Court" takes the familiar and turns it upside-down. The charac-

ters are well drawn and the action, though slow, moves the plot along.

I found some of the actions of our hero and heroine questionable yet believable because of the time and place of the story. With two more books to come in this series, each featuring one of the other girls of the Court, I think readers will be pulled into the world Mead has created.

– Gena Fisher

Belt Branch public services assistant



Book review

Books Revisited

The Friends of the Library's bookstore located upstairs from the Belt Branch! Offering gently used newer materials to antique books!

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

Friend us on Facebook!

205-7125

Bookmobile Schedule

Amazonia Elementary School

10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 5 & 19

Avenue City School

9-11 a.m. Monday, April 3

Cosby

3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, April 17

Ellis Elementary School, Plattsburg

Noon-3 p.m. Thursday, April 13

Faucett

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19

Gower City Park

2:30-5 p.m. Friday, April 28

Helena Elementary School

8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, April 21

North Andrew County

Rosendale – 9-10 a.m.; Bolckow – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, April 15

North Andrew School

1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4

Rushville

2:30-4 p.m. Thursdays, April 6 & 20

Union Star Elementary School

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, April 21

School visits are open to the public. Visits may be canceled because of inclement weather or mechanical problems.

Call 205-7100 to verify visits.

App puts library at your fingertips

On a recent trip to Universal Studios Florida, Belt Branch Manager **Kelly Morris** downloaded the theme park's mobile app to her smartphone. It gave her easy access to a map of the park, show time listings and wait times for popular rides.

"I could have gone to their website, but the app was just so much handier," she said. No hunting through a browser to find a website – just click on the app's icon and the park was at her fingertips.

That's the kind of ease the library wants to provide patrons with its new mobile app that is now ready for the public to use.

By downloading the app to their phones, computer tablets and other devices, patrons will be able to see their personal accounts, search the library catalog and place holds on items, download e-books and e-magazines and browse the library's calendar of events.

Research shows people prefer using apps for searching the internet rather than using a browser, such as Safari, Chrome or Firefox, library Director **Michelle Mears** said. People

who have mobile devices spend 2½ hours a day using apps and only 30 minutes using a browser.

"All of us have lots of apps on our devices, so we want patrons to have access to all of their favorite library features in one place, too," she said.

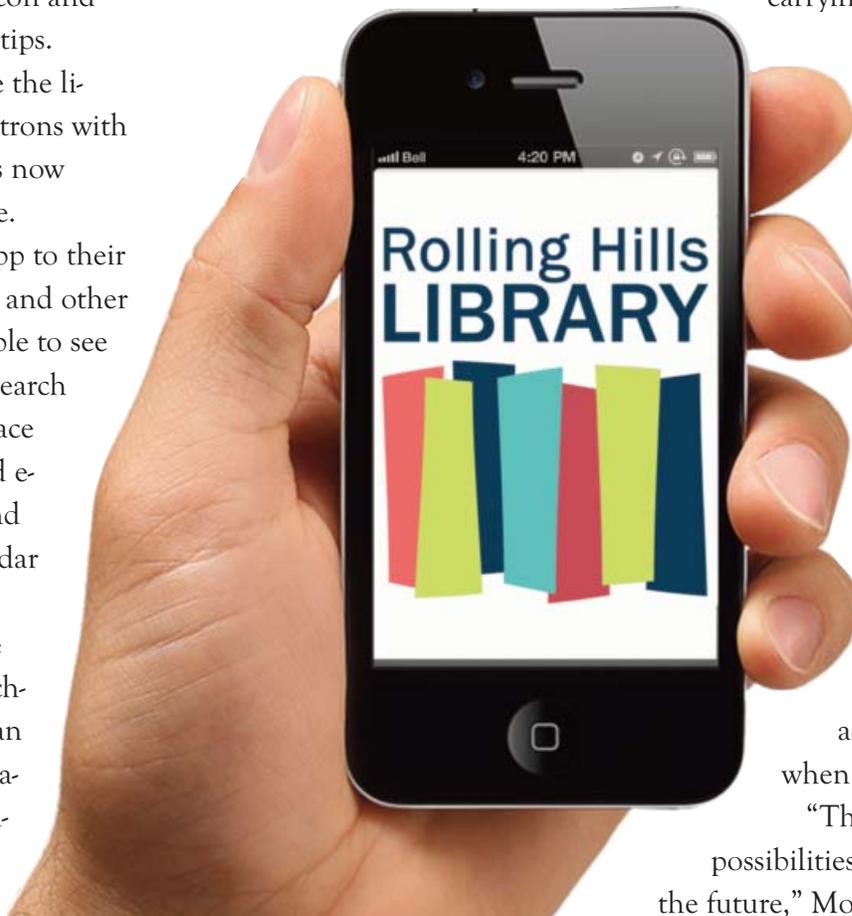
The new app also provides links to the library's electronic databases, recommended reading lists, directions to library branches, a library

survey, the library's website and a method for making monetary donations to the library.

The library will soon have in place new bar code readers that can use the app's Barcode Wallet. The wallet creates digital library cards for patrons and can hold several library cards. That way parents can carry cards for their entire family on their devices instead of worrying about carrying the actual cards.

One neat feature that major libraries have on their apps is a map of the library that can locate materials for patrons and give them directions to the items, Morris said. While Rolling Hills Library is too small to need such a map, new features can be added to the app when they are developed.

"There are all sorts of possibilities that can be done in the future," Morris said.



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, covering books or working in the Friends bookstore? Call us at 205-7125 or visit www.rhcl.org/about/volunteer.

The Cake Lady

When she makes this delicious cake that's perfect for Easter, **Barb Dalrymple** uses a 13x9-inch pan to make one cake instead of the two 9-inch pans the recipe calls for. Happy spring!

Coconut Cream Cake

1 package coconut cake mix
1 (3.4-oz.) package coconut cream instant pudding
4 large eggs
1 cup water
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup flaked coconut
Vanilla frosting
Toasted coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9-inch cake pans.

Combine cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, water and oil in a large bowl and beat at low speed with electric mixer until moistened. Then beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Stir in coconut and divide into two pans.

Bake for 32 to 37 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cakes cool before adding frosting and topping with toasted coconut. Refrigerate cake until you're ready to serve. Enjoy!

Celebrate Truman's birthday during Friends fundraising trip to Independence

The Friends of the Library are planning a motor coach tour to Independence, Mo., on Monday, May 8, to visit the **Harry S. Truman** Presidential Library and other historical sites.

Truman was born May 8 in Lamar, Mo., and moved to Independence with his family when he was 6 years old. He would call Independence his hometown for the rest of his life.

The daylong trip will leave from the Belt Branch at 8:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Other stops on the trip include the 1859 Old Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum, the National Frontier Trails Museum and lunch at the Italian restaurant

Café Verona. The day will end with a glass of wine at the Top Hat Winery.

The trip, which is a fundraising project for the Friends, costs \$125 per person and covers museum fees, lunch, wine tasting, luxury motor coach transportation and driver gratuity.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Belt and Savannah branches as well as at Books Revisited. The deadline to sign up and submit full payment is Friday, April 28. Participants can pay in person at Books Revisited or mail in their payments to Friends of the Library, 1912 N. Belt, St. Joseph, MO 64506.

Butterfly program to be repeated at Savannah

Gardeners getting ready to work in their yards can learn how to lure in butterflies and also swap plants in a program at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Savannah Branch.

Barbara Bramblett of the Northwest Missouri Master Gardeners will present her program "How to Attract Butterflies and Other Pollinators to Your Garden."

She presented the program last month at the Belt Branch.

Bramblett will discuss selecting plants and where to place them in a garden as well as upcoming Master Gardener classes.

Patrons also can bring their extra starter plants and seeds to exchange with others at the program. Please bring seeds that are less than 2 years old.

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