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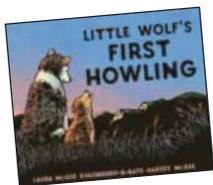
- *Baby Animals Take a Bath* by Marsha Diane Arnold



- *Hooray for Fish!* by Lucy Cousins
- *Night-Night,*

Missouri by Katherine Sully

- *Life on Mars* by Jon Agee
- *Give Bees a Chance* by Bethany Barton
- *The Further Adventures of the Owl and the Pussy-Cat* by Julia Donaldson
- *Little Fox in the Forest* by Stephanie Graegin
- *Charlotte and the Rock* by Stephen W. Martin
- *The Green Umbrella* by Jackie Azua Kramer
- *Mighty, Mighty Construction Site* by Sherri Duskey Rinker
- *Little Wolf's First*



Howling by Laura McGeek Kvasnosky

- *So Many Feet* by Nichole Mara
- *We're All Wonders* by R.J. Palacio

Everyone Read!

A book in the hand could be worth prizes this summer

Take a look at this picture. It's a perfect illustration for the 2017 Summer Reading Program for several reasons:

- It shows an adult reading to children in a comfortable and cozy setting. Reading together not only teaches kids that reading is an enjoyable experience, but it strengthens bonds between parents and children.

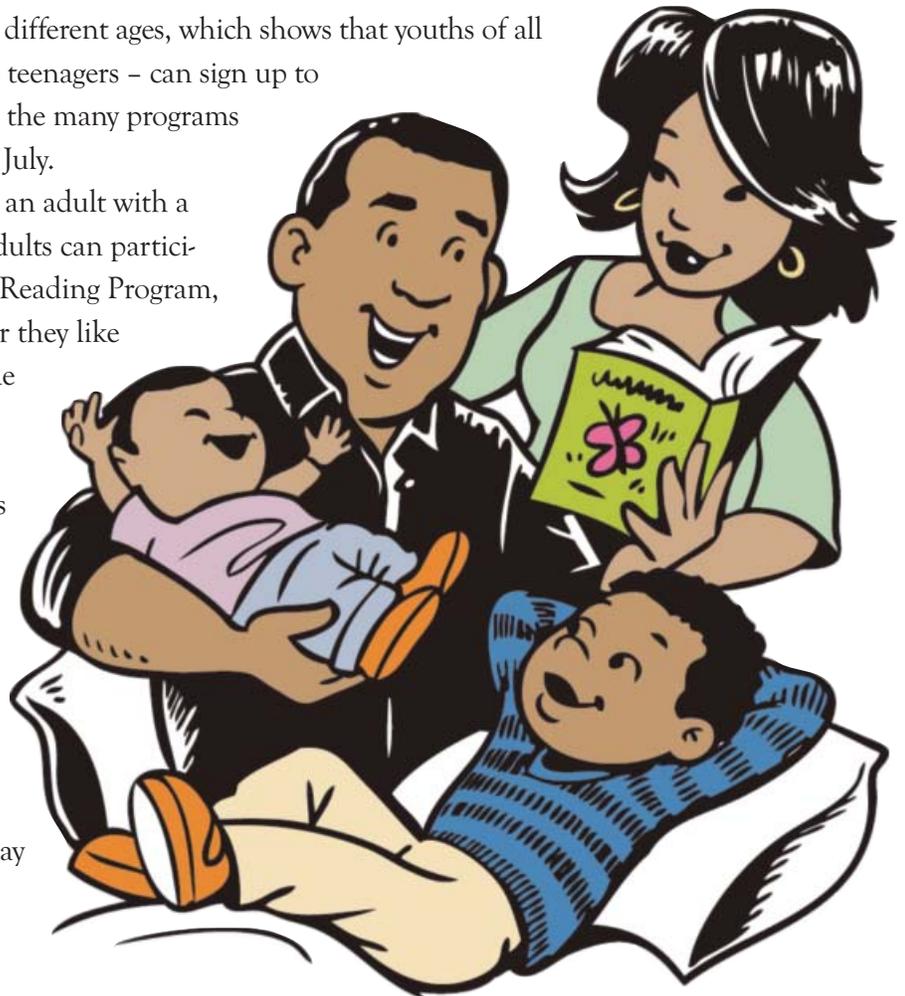
- The kids are of different ages, which shows that youths of all ages – from babies to teenagers – can sign up to read and take part in the many programs planned in June and July.

- And it features an adult with a book in his hand. Adults can participate in the Summer Reading Program, too, reading whatever they like and becoming eligible to win prizes.

The goal is to get everyone reading this summer.

“Build a Better World” is the theme for this year’s reading extravaganza, which opens June 5 and concludes July 28. Sign-up began May 15, but participants can sign up through-

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000458198**, 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-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. 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

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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.

Summer & Libraries

Keep cool – and also make a statement – by reading

Those of us who read a lot have fond summer memories of the public library.

Unlike the school year where you might go to the library once a month or so, during the summer you could go every day if you wanted. And if you were lucky enough to have a bicycle or could walk there, you didn't have to wait for someone to drive you there.

I remember when I was in a phase of listening to records (yes, the old 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ LP vinyl records). My family didn't have much

money, so I borrowed records from the library and listened to them over and over. Then I took them back and checked them out again.

But my library was too far to walk to, so I rode my bike. Balancing a shoulder bag big enough for four or five records plus books and whatever else I was carrying was quite a trick.

Reading was something to do to stay cool in the middle of the day. We kept the house shut tight and opened the curtains just enough to provide light for whatever spot we had picked to sit. I don't know how we survived without air conditioning, but we did.

Summer reading is not just for kids. Grown-ups need some down time, too, and there is nothing better than sitting outside in the shade of a tree, sipping a

sweet tea, and reading with the breeze blowing and the birds chirping (unless your yard has oak mites, and then you might have to stay inside).

The local summer school programs are focusing on STEAM this year, which

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stands for science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. This sounds like what the regular curriculum should be to me, but making it fun and new is what

will keep kids interested in learning.

Many public libraries are calling their summer schedules a Summer Learning Program, I assume to emphasize that more than reading is going on. I still like calling it a Summer Reading Program. Reading is the most basic skill that enables all other learning to take place. First you learn to read, and then you read to learn.

We all should be good examples when it comes to reading. We should read in public for others to see. We should bring books in the car for kids to read instead of playing on tablets or smartphones – unless they use those devices to connect to our library's online resources for books to read or listen to. Or we could read a book together as a family.

Let's make this a memorable summer by reading.



Michelle Mears

*Rolling Hills
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Library scenes



The Robidoux Resident Theatre's 2nd Act program for older people interested in acting and other theater work presented a Classy Seniors program on May 18 at the Belt Branch. Entertaining the audience were **Mark Mallon, Kelly Bachman** and **Frank Crowder** (in top picture); **Marcia Pearl** (left); and **Shirley Evans** (below).

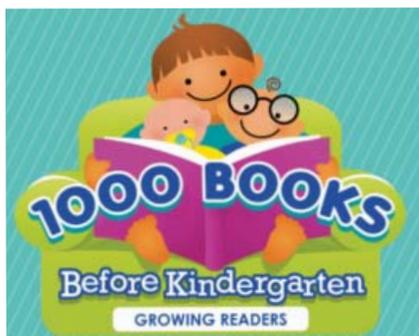


Becky Sellers (in front) brought her children – **Calie, Megan, Paige** and **Scott** – into the Savannah Branch on May 15 to register for the Summer Reading Program.



Merrilee Whitson spoke May 2 at the Savannah Branch about her 21-day cruise through Southeast Asia that featured stops in Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia and other countries.

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



The more children are read to before they start school, the more success they will have. Start this fun program any time before school starts. It's easier than you think!

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.

Inspector can't escape mystery in Italy

Commissario Guido Brunetti deals with crime, corruption and collusion on a daily basis as a police inspector in modern Venice, Italy.

He must navigate the delicate balance of bringing justice to those who need it while working within a system of favoritism and bribery.

Author **Donna**

Leon has created a fascinating world for her commissario to inhabit and in the 26th novel in the series Brunetti again runs afoul of the establishment.

During an interrogation, Brunetti's foolish attempt to keep a coworker out of trouble results in a tangled mess of good intentions, bad decisions and rash actions. When the uproar has cleared, all Brunetti can do is take a small leave of absence.

His wife sends him to a wealthy relative's estate on the island of Sant' Erasmo, where Brunetti fills his days rowing in the laguna and

reading books he has long wanted to open.

Brunetti connects with Davide Casati, the grizzled loner who acts as caretaker to the estate. He and Casati spend the days rowing from small island to smaller island to check on the old man's bee hives. It's during these endless days that Brunetti finally begins to feel a sense of peace.

That all changes when a violent storm erupts over the island and Casati is missing when the skies clear.

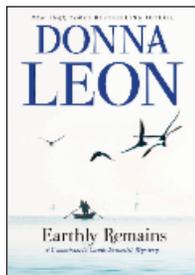
Brunetti is soon digging into the man's past and uncovering the twisted tale of how Casati came to live on the island and what is happening now on the small islands where the bees are kept.

This is another

intriguing entry into the Brunetti books. In previous books, Leon has Brunetti working amongst Venice's hordes of tourists and battling forces of corruption. Now he must uncover secrets never meant to be shared and discover how a man faces his past and changes for the better. It's a nice change of pace.

– Gena Fisher,

Belt Branch public services assistant



Book review

Bookmobile Schedule

Amazonia Elementary School

9-11 a.m. Wednesdays, June 7 & 28

Avenue City School

11 a.m.-noon Mondays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26

Cosby

3:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays, June 5 & 26

Gower City Park

3-5 p.m. Friday, June 23

Helena Elementary School

9-11 a.m. Fridays, June 2, 9 & 16

Lake Contrary Elementary School

10:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, June 20 & 27

North Andrew County

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

Helena Festival – 3-6 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

Rushville Elementary School

1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursdays, June 1, 15 & 29

St. Paul Lutheran School

9-11 a.m. Wednesdays, June 14 & 28

Skaith Elementary School

9-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 6 & 13

Union Star Elementary School

Noon-2 p.m. Thursdays, June 8 & 22

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

Call 205-7100 to verify visits.

Books Revisited

Come shop the Friends of the Library's bookstore at 1908 N. Belt, upstairs from the Belt Branch! Offering gently used newer materials to antique books!

Hours: 9-6 Monday-Friday,
9-5 Saturday & 1-4 Sunday

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Mondays will be fun days at library

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out the summer. They will set their own reading goals, either by the number of books or pages read or the amount of time spent reading and will keep track of their progress on their own reading logs.

Participants will be entered in prize drawings when they sign up, reach the halfway point of their goal and when they achieve their goal. Among this year's prizes are three \$100 Walmart gift cards, one for each branch. They will receive a Summer Reading cup containing various prize coupons at the halfway point and be given a free book when they reach their goals.

The very first program of the summer will be a Babytime (Storytime for babies to walkers) at the Belt Branch at 10 a.m. Monday, June 5. But the first big event that's sure to draw a crowd happens an hour later in the Belt Branch Upper Story, when **Operation Wildlife** presents a program about birds of prey featuring live birds. The program will be repeated at 2 p.m. that day at the Savannah Branch.

Operation Wildlife is a wild animal rescue and rehabilitation organization in Linwood, Kan., that takes in animals from northeast Kansas and northwest Missouri. It has been open for 20 years and deals with thousands of animals



Clockwise from top left: Juggler **Brian Wendling** and reptile handler **Serengeti Steve** will have kids and adults laughing this summer; **Mad Science of Kansas City** will make learning fun; Touch-a-Truck and Tooltime are hands-on experiences; and **Rockin' Rob** will combine music with laughs.

and birds annually, with a release rate of 69 percent.

The first teen program will be "Building Our Future" at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Savannah Branch. Master Lego builder Aaron Skaith, who formerly

worked at Legoland Discovery Center in Kansas City, will demonstrate how movable Lego models are created.

Library staff will be going to the St. Joseph Mustangs game on Friday,

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The Cake Lady

Snickerdoodles have to be one of the best cookies ever (or so the Editor thinks). Here's **Barb Dalrymple's** riff on the delicious treat.

SNICKERDOODLE BARS

2½ cups flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
2 sticks butter, softened
1½ cups sugar
½ cup brown sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1½ tablespoons cinnamon & 2 tablespoons sugar combined

Glaze ingredients

1¼ cups powdered sugar
1 tablespoon milk
½ teaspoon vanilla

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter until fluffy. Mix in the sugars and continue creaming. Scrape the bowl and add the eggs and vanilla. Beat 1-2 minutes. On low speed slowly mix in flour and baking powder.

Spread half of the batter in the bottom of a greased 9x13 pan then sprinkle cinnamon and sugar mixture over the batter. Take a small spoon and drop the remaining batter evenly over the cinnamon sugar.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes then cool completely. Whisk together powdered sugar, milk and vanilla for the glaze and drizzle over the bars.

Summer programs for adults include games

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June 9, for Books and Baseball Night. The library will have a table set up before the game to issue library cards and let any library card holder play Plinko for prizes. Youths and families who win Mustangs tickets when they sign up for the summer program are encouraged to attend this game but can use their tickets for any game.

The summer's big events will be on Mondays, with programs at 11 a.m. in the Upper Story and at 2 p.m. at Savannah. The events include Touch-a-Truck on June 12, juggler **Brian Wendling** on June 19, **Mad Science of Kansas City** on June 26, the **Rockin' Rob Show** on July 10, Tooltime on July 17 and reptile handler **Serengeti Steve** on July 24.

Family movies will be

shown at 2 p.m. Fridays in the Upper Story and at 11 a.m. Saturdays at Savannah. Wednesdays are the days for preschool Storytimes, with sessions at 10 a.m. at the Savannah Branch and at 10:30 a.m. at the Belt Branch.

Adult programs include the Gluten-Free Group meetings on Tuesdays, June 6 and 20 and July 18, at the Savannah Branch; Game Nights for Grown-Ups on Wednesdays, June 21 and July 19, at the Belt Branch; and Monthly Mahjongg Mania on Wednesdays, June 28 and July 26, at the Belt Branch. An adult computer class about WordPress, an online website-building program, will be offered Saturday, June 24, at the Belt Branch.

Details about all Summer Reading Program events can be found at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>.

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