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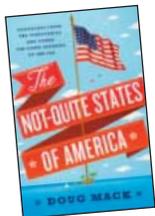
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New Items

TRAVEL BOOKS

- *Top 10 Chicago* by DK Eyewitness Travel
- *The Not-Quite States of America: Dispatches From the Territories and Other Far-Flung Outposts*



of the USA
by Doug Mack

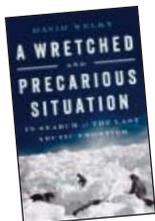
- *50 States, 5000 Ideas: Where to Go, When to Go, What to See, What to Do* by Joseph R. Yogerst

- *Walking to Listen: 4,000 Miles Across America, One Story at a Time* by Andrew Forsthoefel

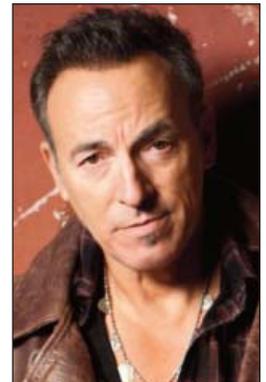
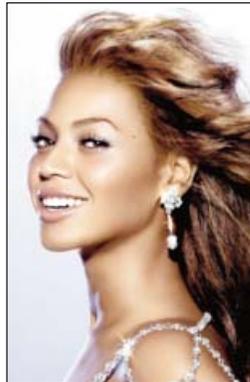
- *Bears in the Streets: Three Journeys Across a Changing Russia* by Lisa Dickey

- *The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story* by Douglas Preston

- *A Wretched and Precarious Situation: In Search of the Last Arctic Frontier* by David Welky



- *Essential Hawaii* by Fodor's Travel



Music stars such as **Beyoncé** (left to right), **Kenny Chesney**, **Alicia Keys** and **Bruce Springsteen** can be found on Qello, the library's new digital music service.

Concert Series

Shows by music stars now available on library website

Music has been available on the shelves of Rolling Hills Library through the years in a variety of forms, be they vinyl records, cassette tapes or compact discs.



With the addition of a new on-demand, digital streaming system, patrons now have music for their eyes as well as their ears.

Qello Concerts is the world's largest collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries that provides viewers with a look at artists they've known for years or are just discovering. The artists cover a wide variety of genres, including rock, jazz, hip hop, country, classical, reggae, alternative, disco, folk, Latin and metal.

The concerts can be watched through the library website on computers, smart-phones and televisions with Apple TV, Roku, Chromecast, Amazon

Fire TV and other services. Patrons can create their own setlists of preferred artists and genres or scroll through the lists of artists to discover someone new.

The collection of 1,700 concerts and documentaries includes such artists as **Queen**, **Pink Floyd**, **Lady Gaga**, **Metallica**, **Nirvana**, **Tiësto**, **Tupac**, **Slipknot**, **Paul McCartney**, **Dr. Dre**, **Johnny Cash**, **Kenny Chesney**, **Jason Isbell**, **Dierks Bent-**

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000132207**, 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 May 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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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

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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.

Time to Retool

A rest stop is needed on our road to improvement

Improvements don't happen overnight. Working toward positive change is a process, one that may move forward in jagged lines rather than the straight path we might wish.

We're always looking for ways to improve the library. Sometimes small changes make the biggest differences, while other times big changes require big efforts.

Our remodeling project at the Savannah Branch is nearly complete with just a few items left to finish.

One thing is purchasing a new book drop that should be installed in a few months. Even though it has been only two months from the reopening, we are constantly looking for ways to make Savannah better, even if it is something such as using storage space more efficiently.

A lot of stuff happens in a public library the public never sees. For example, most library users don't think about all that goes into preparing a book to enter the collection and be ready for checkout.

Patrons also may not know how much time and effort goes into planning and preparing for programs. Right now, our programs are mostly successful with adequate attendance and good reviews by attendees. What the public doesn't see, however, is the behind-the-scenes rush of last-minute preparations and promo-

tional stress.

Many times, staff are busy putting on programs without their co-workers knowing about the content or purpose of the event. We're all on the highway heading in the same direction, but each of us are driving our own car.

We're going to take a 'programming recess' to gather data, have conversations and make plans to improve our programs.

After Summer Reading Program this year, we plan to take a "programming recess," which will be a short break from the endless cycle of planning and running pro-

grams. I know this will upset some patrons because we won't be offering their favorite programs, such as storytime or book discussions.

We'll use this time to gather data, have conversations, and make plans to improve programs. We are updating the library's strategic plan and want programs to be aligned with the plan. We also want to explore new and innovative programs and find ways to do library programs in places other than the library.

If you can be patient with us for a short while, like we asked for with the Savannah Branch project, we think you will be happy with the results.

The mechanic can't work on our car while we are still driving it, so give us the time to stop and retool. Then we can all ride together toward the future.



Michelle Mears

*Rolling Hills
Library Director*

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Library Scenes



The Bookmobile was a big attraction April 25 at the Children's Fair in the Civic Arena. Kids could make bookmarks then come on board to see the library on wheels. **Rally** (below), the St. Joseph Mustangs mascot, even poked his head in to look at a book.



Volunteer coordinator **Hans Bremer** (right) presents **LeRoy Bush** with the Volunteer of the Year Award at the library's Volunteer Luncheon on April 26 at the Belt Branch.



Master Gardener **Barbara Bramblett** spoke about luring butterflies to gardens on April 6 at the Savannah Branch.



Sara Miller (left) earned first place by patron voting and **Scott Noble** won the library staff favorite prize for their designs in the recent Book Cover Redesign Contest. The contest was a joint effort by Rolling Hills Library and St. Joseph Public Library and featured classic books that have crossed into the public realm and are printed now with generic covers. Sara designed a cover for "Alice in Wonderland," and Noble redesigned "Dracula."

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

The hermit who came in from the cold

When **Chris Knight** ditched his car in 1986 in the north woods of Maine and set off walking with the goal of getting lost, he carried a backpack with a few clothes, some supplies and a tent.

The 20-year-old wanted to escape society and be free of dealing with people. He was ashamed to eventually admit that in order to survive he would have to steal from people.

But steal he would. Garden produce at first, then canned goods, packaged food, candy, books, magazines, clothes, mattresses, bedding, trash cans, cooking pots, tools, a propane stove and fuel, radios, electronic games and batteries.

Knight stole to support himself in the woods for 27 years – yes, 27 years – and it was stealing that finally forced him back into society and uncovered his remarkable tale. By his own estimate, he committed more than 1,000 burglaries.

But “The Stanger in the Woods:

The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit” by **Michael Finkel** is not a crime story. It’s the true tale of how Knight isolated himself – to a degree – from other people and survived undetected for almost three decades through bitter cold winters.

Knight made his camp in a clearing hidden by thick underbrush and car-sized boulders. Nearby was a lake ringed by houses and a children’s camp from which he took what he needed. The thefts frightened residents and baffled authorities.

The book opens with Knight’s last raid on the camp kitchen, his capture by a game warden and the revelation of his lifestyle. Finkel fills out the story with the role of hermits in history and today (they have their own website) and the science of solitary people.

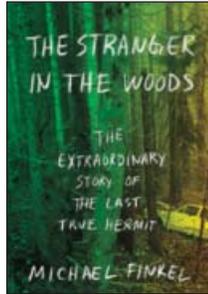
Finkel interviewed Knight several times

when he was in jail and reached out to him after he was released. Knight accepted the interaction in jail but rejected Finkel’s attention outside.

That rejection leaves Finkel with an empty ending to the relationship. But for “Stranger in the Woods,” the ending could be reflective of life itself – no happy ending but no sad ending, just an ending with Knight left seeking solitude among the multitudes.

What else would you expect from a hermit?

– Alan Stolfus
Library News editor



Book review

Bookmobile Schedule

Amazonia Elementary School

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 31

Cosby

3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, May 8

Faucett

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3

Gower City Park

2:30-5 p.m. Friday, May 26

North Andrew County

Rosendale – 9-10 a.m.; Bolckow – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, May 20

Rushville

1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18

Skaith Elementary School

9-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, May 23 & 30

St. Paul Lutheran School

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 24

Union Star Elementary School

Noon-2 p.m. Thursday, May 25

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 located upstairs from the Belt Branch! Offering gently used newer materials to antique books!

Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday

1-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday



Open 9-5 Saturdays starting May 6!

205-7125

Summer sign-up begins on May 15

A juggler, birds of prey, science experiments, fun music and one exuberant snake handler are just some of the highlights of a packed calendar of activities for the 2017 Summer Reading Program.

“Build a Better World” is the theme of the annual reading extravaganza for youths and adults from June 5 through July

28. Participants will win prizes for reading, with the grand prize being three \$100 Walmart gift cards.

Sign-up begins May 15 at the Belt Branch, Savannah Branch and Bookmobile. Participants will set their own reading goals for the number of pages, minutes or

books read and keep track of their progress on reading logs.

A four-page calendar brochure also will help them keep track of the many programs and events being offered. The events can be found online at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/> events.

The summer gets off to a flying start on Monday, June 5, when **Operation**

Wildlife, a wild animal rescue and rehabilitation

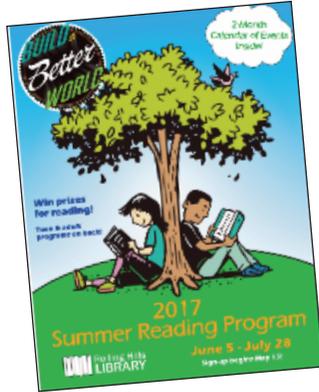
agency, presents a program about raptors and brings live birds to the library. The presentations are set for 11 a.m. in the Belt Branch Upper Story and 2 p.m. at the Savannah Branch.

Other major events include Touch-a-Truck events on June 12, juggler **Brian Wendling** on June 19,

Mad Science of Kansas City on June 26, singer **Rockin’ Rob** on July 10 and reptile handler **Serengeti Steve** on July 24.

Rolling Hills will be going to the ol’ ballpark on Friday, June 9, when we set up a table at the St. Joseph Mustangs game at Phil Welch Stadium to sign up fans for the Summer Reading Program and library cards. Fans who show their library cards will be able to play Plinko to win prizes.

Teens and adults have their own programs during the summer. Some of the events planned for teens include craft classes, a kite class, a cooking class and a book discussion for the novel “The Last Light.” Adult events include nights for playing mahjongg or chess and checkers, board game nights and a computer class for creating personal websites.



Qello regularly adds more concerts to its menu

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ley, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Stevie Wonder, Pavarotti, Celine Dion, Snoop Dog, David Bowie, Alicia Keys, Eric Clapton and Barbara Streisand.

New releases every week mean patrons should never run out of concerts to watch, and blog posts provide

introductions to concerts and artists deserving special recognition.

Qello is another way for the library to provide patrons with material for their digital devices, said Rolling Hills Library Director **Michelle Mears**.

“I think it would be great to use Qello if you’re having a party or some

friends over for the evening,” she said. “You could have a concert playing to provide background music and it also could be a conversation topic. People love music, and music gives them something else to relate to.”

Qello can be found on the library’s website, www.rhcl.org, under “Online Learning & Research.”

★ ★ ★ Register to Vote ★ ★ ★



Library staff can help you sign up to vote in elections. Ask us for details!

Tumble Books

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



The Cake Lady

Barb Dalrymple has come up with another sweet treat from her endless supply of dessert recipes.

SNICKERS CAKE

1 box German chocolate cake mix
1 15-oz. bag caramels (unwrapped)
12 ounces chocolate chips
2/3 cup evaporated milk
1 cup chopped pecans
3/4 cup margarine, softened

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt caramels in small pan with 1/3 cup evaporated milk until caramels are melted, stirring occasionally so it won't stick.

Blend cake mix, 1/3 cup evaporated milk and margarine. Press 2/3 of mixture into 9x13-inch baking pan. Bake for 6 minutes. Take out of the oven and spread with chocolate chips and pecans. Pour melted caramels over that. Drop the remaining cake batter in tablespoon sizes on top.

Bake for 15 to 18 minutes and let cool before serving.

In the end, all comes out well in this charming children's book

Our intrepid writer plunges into a children's book, hoping it goes down easy.

– The Editor

Young Danny has several favorite places around the house in author **Sam Apple's** new picture book, "The Saddest Toilet in the World." He loves sitting on the floor, on the couch and the bean bag his parents bought for him.

However, there is one place he absolutely refuses to sit – the toilet.

Why has Danny chosen to ignore this amazing and vital refuge away from the hurry and hustle of life? Only he knows for sure, but his callous actions have resulted in The Toilet's rash decision to abandon the family he has always known and set out on his own adventure.

For the first time, The Toilet is on the move, making new friends and enjoying new settings (sittings?). Only with The Toilet's absence does heart-

less Danny realize deep in the bowels of his being just what he is missing.

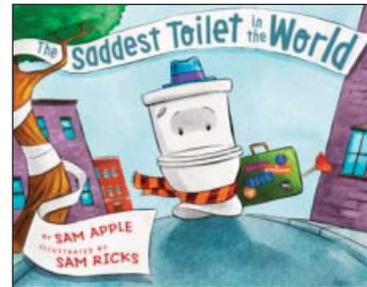
So begins the journey of understanding Danny must take to find The Toilet and bring him back into the folds of his loving family.

This is an inspiring children's book about hurt and redemption, one that will leave the reader hoping for a happy ending. I'd recom-

mend this book to anyone wanting a relaxing read. Bring your own paper.

– Gena Fisher

Belt Branch public services assistant



Book review

The Editor again: If your child needs encouragement with potty training, the library has plenty of books to help. We have picture books such as "Dinosaur vs. the Potty" and "No More Diapers for Ducky." For parents, we offer "The Playskool Guide to Potty Training" and "Oh Crap! Potty Training" among others.

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