



Rolling Hills Library News

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New Items

JUVENILE FICTION

- *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson
- *Midnight Without a Moon* by Linda Williams Jackson
- *Baseball Genius* by Tim Green and Derek Jeter
- *See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheney
- *Addie Bell's Short-Cut to Growing Up* by Jessica Brody
- *The Luckiest Scar on Earth* by Ana Maria Spagna
- *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold
- *Gorilla Dawn* by Gill Lewis
- *Stef Solo, Taco Queen* by Jennifer Torres
- *In Darkling Wood* by Emma Carroll
- *Love, Ish* by Karen Rivers
- *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson
- *Me and Marvin Gardens* by A.S. King
- *Fish Girl* by David Wiesner



“Catalyst Courtney” Renegar of Mad Science asks for a volunteer to help with an experiment June 26 in the Belt Branch Upper Story.

Summer Surge

Library surpasses last year’s number of summer readers

The numbers are eye-catching: As of June 25, 2,144 babies, youths, teens and adults had signed up for the library’s Summer Reading Program, topping last year’s total of 2,023 participants and being just a marshmallow’s throw away from the library’s 2017 goal of 2,200 participants.

Good thing there’s still July for the library to capture those missing 56 youths and adults for the annual reading extravaganza – and registering any other readers who want to participate. And it’s good that the month also gives participants time to reach their reading goals and earn prizes.



Renegar wonders if too much of an ingredient was added to her experiment.

Reading Program is to keep kids reading all summer long, so they need to keep going,” said Belt Branch manager **Kelly Morris**. “They should set aside a part of

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000469658**, 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 July 31. 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

Business Office

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816-236-2106

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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

Literary love

Matchmaker, matchmaker, find me a book I'll enjoy

It seems like zombies are getting a new lease on life, no pun intended.

With television shows, movies and comic conventions, you can't turn around without seeing a stumbling, gray-faced, skin-peeling person in shabby clothes shuffling ever closer to where you are standing. I'm sure any psychoanalyst worth her salt would say this genre epitomizes our obsession with death, that we are afraid of death and want to literally "kill" it. I just say, meh, it's not for me.

I liked author **Justin Cronin's** series with zombies, but they were more like hard-to-kill vampire monsters than the undead. There is some vampire-zombie crossover in many recent books, but not for the die-hard fans of zombies. (Literally, the puns just write themselves.)

So, what does this all have to do with the library?

One of our primary goals in the public library is to help you find something to read. Make that to help you find something you want to read and will enjoy reading. This is called "Readers Advisory" and we love doing it. It's like being a matchmaker for books and people. Nothing makes us happier than to put a book in your hands that we think you will enjoy.



Michelle Mears

*Rolling Hills
Library Director*

And the kicker is I don't have to read or even like the same kind of books you do to help you find something. Library staff work hard to keep their knowledge of different genres up-to-date. We also call on each other to help out and often have a local "expert" in different book categories. Someone is sure to have the same reading interests as you, so don't be shy about asking us for recommendations.

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In addition to human advisors, we have other tools to help you find good books. We make book displays that highlight books, and sometimes we create bookmarks or flyers with "read-a-likes" that say if you like this subject or author then you may like these subjects or authors.

We also have an online service called NoveList (yes, another pun) that lists books in series and links together many authors and titles. It also has a special section just for children and teens, as well as traditional genre listings like mystery, suspense, westerns and romance.

Whether your reading tastes run to Amish romance or zombies, we have something for you!

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Library Scenes



The Belt Branch parking lot was filled with work trucks of all shapes and sizes on June 12 for the Touch-a-Truck event. Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputy **Josh Rudisill** (right) tells a young visitor about his patrol vehicle.



Bill Whinery from the wild animal rehabilitation organization Operation Wildlife shows kids a barn owl at the Savannah Branch on June 5.



Rally, the mascot of the St. Joseph Mustangs, greets a young fan on June 6 during Toddler-time at the Belt Branch.



Becky Twombly, wearing an avocado facial mask, applies a pumpkin-papaya mask to daughter **Emma** at a teen program June 15 at the Savannah Branch.



Working with Doodle Pens to make plastic monsters took concentration during a teen program June 13 at the Belt Branch.

Summer effort helps retain reading skills

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their day so they can read. We're only half way through the summer, so they have four weeks left to reach their goals."

Some already have hit their goals (by keeping track of the number of books, minutes or pages they read) and are enjoying the fruits of their labor. They receive a library cup containing gifts at their half-way mark, are given a free book when they reach their goal and are entered into the summer prize drawing at both milestones. The grand prizes in the drawing are three \$100 Walmart gift cards.

"We want to keep them reading so they don't lose the skills they finished

with at the end of the school year," said Savannah Branch manager **Saundra Keiffer**. "We also hope they build on their skills so they are ready to take up where they left off when school begins again."

Upcoming Monday events include **Rockin' Rob's** fun family shows on July 10, Tooltime events on July 17 that introduce kids to tools used in cooking, gardening, cleaning, carpentry and craft making and **Serengeti Steve** on July 24 with his enthusiastic and educational program about creatures that slither and crawl. His snakes and spiders were a big hit last year.



Juggler **Brian Wendling** puts a spinning ball on a boy's finger on June 19 at the Savannah Branch.

Changes made on library board

The Rolling Hills Library Board of Trustees welcomed one new member and said goodbye to another at its meeting June 27.

Ken Rosenauer was appointed to the board by the Andrew County Commission to fill out the term of **Teresa Cobb**. Rosenauer, who lives in Country Club Village, will serve until June 30, 2020.

David Cripe resigned from the board after six years because he and his family have moved outside of the Rolling Hills district. Trustees are required by state law to live within the district they are serving. The Buchanan County Commission will appoint a new member to fill out Cripe's term, which ends June 30, 2019.

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!

Expanded Hours!

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

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205-7125

Bookmobile Schedule

Avenue City School

11 a.m.-noon Mondays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Cosby

3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, July 23

Faucett

Noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, July 19

Gower City Park

2:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays, July 7 & 21

Lake Contrary Elementary School

10:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, July 11 & 18

North Andrew County

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

Rushville Elementary School

1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 13 & 27

St. Paul Lutheran School

9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, July 12 & 26

Union Star Elementary School

Noon-2 p.m. Thursdays, July 6 & 20

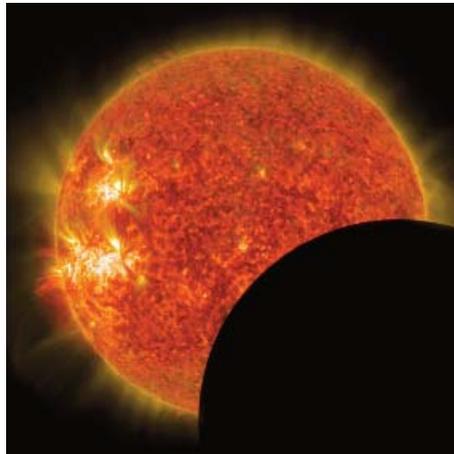
School visits are open to the public. Visits may be canceled because of inclement weather or mechanical problems. Call 205-7100 to verify visits.

Eclipse programs coming in August

Two days before the sun is to go dark in the skies above St. Joseph, the library will offer two free programs in the Belt Branch Upper Story to help explain and prepare for the Aug. 21 solar eclipse.

Mad Science of Kansas City will present a program about the planets, sun and stars at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. The interactive event will help youths understand the science behind the eclipse. Kids will be able to make pin-hole viewers to use to watch the eclipse safely.

At 2 p.m., retired Northwest Missouri State University physics professor **Dr. John Shaw** will present his



NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory captured this image of the moon crossing in front of the sun during an eclipse on Jan. 30, 2014.

program "The Nature of Solar

Eclipses," discussing how eclipses occur and offering tips for viewing the celestial event.

On Monday, Aug. 21, the Belt Branch will begin showing the 30-minute video "Eclipse Chasers" at 10 a.m. in the Community Room and repeat it throughout the day.

The main areas of the Belt Branch and the Savannah Branch will be closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. that day so staff and patrons can be outside to view the eclipse totality that begins at 1:06 p.m. Library lobbies will remain open to provide restrooms and cool places for patrons to relax.

Murder mystery has light-hearted spin

Author **Christopher Fowler** has created a humorous mystery series that centers on London's Peculiar Crimes Unit and octogenarian detectives Arthur Bryant and John May. One of the earlier books in the series is "The Victoria Vanishes," and it will leave you reaching for other books in the series.

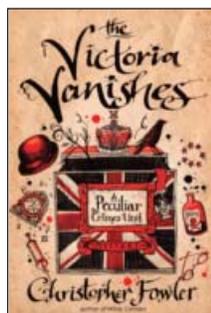
The PCU was created to investigate cases that would cause national scandal or public unrest but now also looks into cases that are too

complex, time-consuming or just plain weird.

Bryant and May are, as the English say to point out differences, "Chalk and Cheese." May is eloquent, well-mannered and good with people, while Bryant is irascible, rude and prone to long-

winded diatribes on arcane London history. Together, however, they are just what the PCU needs to solve its latest batch of puzzling crimes.

After a night of slightly inebriated celebrating, Bryant wanders down an unfamiliar alley where he sees a middle-aged woman stumbling home from the pub. Within hours, she is found dead on the pavement. Hers is the first in a series of deaths that seem to occur in



Book review

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The Mango Languages logo is a green vertical bar with the word "mango" in white lowercase letters and "languages" in smaller white lowercase letters below it. To the right is a graphic of a heart shape made of many small, colorful flags, with two stylized trees (one orange, one green) and a city skyline below it.

French
Spanish
Chinese
Hebrew
Thai
and 65 more
languages at
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A graphic for Comics Plus Library Edition featuring a row of comic book covers including Archie, G.I. Joe, Star Trek, and Charlie Brown. Below the covers is a yellow banner with the text "COMICSPLUS LIBRARY EDITION" and "Thousands of comic books to borrow for your e-devices!". A red circle on the right contains the text "rhcl.org/ebooks-audios/".

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A cold treat for an all-Americans day

We can see it now. Sometime on Fourth of July, you or the kids will be hot and ready for something cold to eat. Could be in the middle of the afternoon or after the fireworks have ended. That's when this dessert from **Barb Dalrymple** will hit the spot.

No-Bake Banana Split Dessert

1-2 sticks butter, melted
1 14-ounce box of graham cracker crumbs
8 ounces of cream cheese, softened
¼ cup butter, softened
3 cups powdered sugar
4 bananas, sliced
1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained – reserve juice
1 16-ounce container of whipped

The Cake Lady

topping, thawed
1 4-ounce jar maraschino cherries, stemmed
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
Hot fudge sauce, slightly warm
1 tablespoon rainbow sprinkles

In a medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and enough melted butter to moisten and hold together. Firmly press crust into the bottom of a 9x13-inch dish and let chill in the freezer for about 10 minutes to firm up.

In a medium bowl, cream together cream cheese, ¼ cup butter and powdered sugar until

creamy, about 5 minutes. (This will take a few minutes, so don't be tempted to add milk.) Now spread the cream cheese mixture over the cooled graham cracker crust.

Add a layer of sliced bananas that have been dipped in the reserved pineapple juice (so the bananas won't turn brown) over the cream cheese mixture. Spread crushed pineapple evenly over the bananas. Using a rubber spatula, spread the whipped topping over the pineapple-banana layer. Garnish with walnuts or pecans and cherries. Drizzle warm fudge sauce over the dessert and add sprinkles to the surface.

To allow the layers to set, chill for at least 4 hours before cutting.

Detectives must outflank brass to keep their jobs

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crowded pubs. More troubling is that one of the pubs doesn't exist anymore. An intriguing case of espionage takes shape as the links between victims are revealed and motives are slowly uncovered.

All of Fowler's characters are well drawn, with quirks and foibles that

will leave you laughing. The strange political climate facing the PCU (the Home Office would like to shutter the unit for good) makes for some amusing manipulations as PCU members attempt to do their jobs without running afoul of their higher-ups. Bryant and May are suitably up to the task of outwitting any-

one who would try to take their jobs.

This series is quaintly English, with tons of interesting details peppered throughout to add just the right feel. The novels are funny without being silly, as well as soft without being a cozy.

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