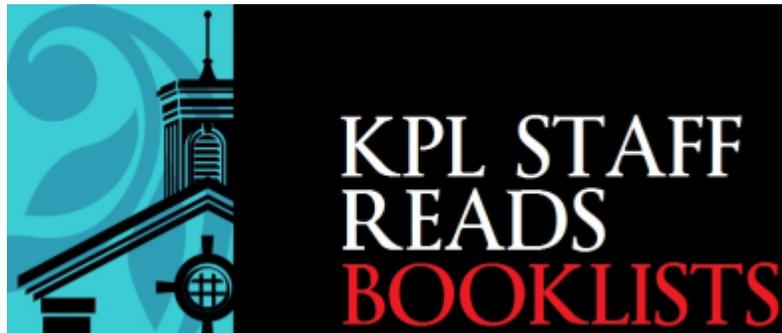


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Story Walk

Finding a safe, fun and educational activity that your whole family will enjoy may feel like a task. Leave it to the library, we've got the perfect idea!

Head over to Kirkwood Park to take a walk around Walker Lake where you can follow our Story Walk. A librarian has handpicked the book that you follow spread by spread around the lake until you've enjoyed a whole story and some exercise. Look for a new story in July - [Princess Puffybottom and Darryl](#) by Susin Nielsen.

Your Source for Entertainment!

Beach Reads for Summer 2021

Whether you will be enjoying the waves at a beach, lounging by a pool, snoozing in a hammock or enjoying the air conditioning at home here are some [great books](#) to take with you!

Dogust 1st

Dogust 1st, also known as August 1st, is the universal birthday for shelter dogs. Let us celebrate these good boys and good girls with some [good books and good movies!](#) Happy Birthday!

Summer in Space

Wanting to read some stellar sci-fi books? Escape for a little while and get lost in the stars? Check out this [list of sci-fi books](#) that range from the classics like *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, space operas like *Chilling Effect*, and Chinese sci-fi like *The Three-Body Problem*.



Have Your Signed Up for Summer Reading Yet?

There's still time for all ages to join the fun! The program ends on August 8th, so you still have plenty of time to catch up. You can even backlog the things you've read since May 15th! Head to our website to learn more and sign up. For your convenience, you're able to log your reading online or on the ReadSquared mobile app!

Along with reading, each program includes fun challenges and activities to keep you entertained, including scavenger hunts, reading challenges, special events, and more. Featured above is one of the Adult "Show Off Your Pet" challenge submissions, shared by Stephanie L!

There are fun prizes for all age ranges and a host of virtual programs for kids, teen and adults including Wacky Wednesdays, book clubs, author events, and more this Summer. Visit our [Summer Reading webpage](#) to sign up today!



Walter Johnson Presents: The Broken Heart of America



KPL Podcast

Have you listened to the KPL Podcast? We are kicking off the summer with an amazing July lineup of guests!

July 2nd: Author Kristin Harmel joins us in a discussion about her latest book *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*. Heralded as a heart-stopping tale of survival and heroism.

July 9th: Kathy Reichs, author and creator of FOX's television show *Bones*, visits with the 20th Temperance Brennan book *The Bone Code*.

July 16th: Author Walter Johnson joins to discuss his book *The Broken Heart of America: St. Louis and the Violent History of the United States* as well as his impending library event.

July 23rd: The KPL Podcast dips into a favorite subject, Historical Fiction. Author Mark Sullivan and his most recent book *The Last Green Valley* join us.

July 30th : Jigisha and Ryan chat about a sizzling new beach read *The Invisible Husband of Frick*

On **July 21st at 7pm**, join us for a special virtual author visit with Walter Johnson to talk about his book, *The Broken Heart of America*. From Lewis and Clark's 1804 expedition, to the notorious 1857 Dred Scott decision, to the 2014 uprising in Ferguson, American history has been made in St. Louis. As acclaimed historian Walter Johnson shows in *The Broken Heart of America*, the city exemplifies how imperialism, racism, and capitalism have persistently entwined to corrupt the nation's past.

If you're interested in discussing this book with a group, join our Community for Understanding and Hope book group for a series of discussions on July 15th and August 19th at 7pm. For more information, and to receive a meeting link, email Joy Weese Moll at cfuhbookgroup@gmail.com.

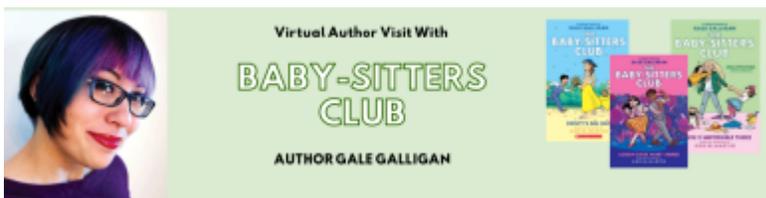
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News You Can Trust?

Information is everywhere these days, but... so is misinformation. So how do you know who to trust? Or you may be asking yourself, "what source is best for me?" Depending on the type of information you need, your sources may vary. The internet is scattered with biased, misleading, and altogether incorrect information and that is why it is important to determine reliable sources.

Our librarian will give you a crash course on how to pick good sources, check for accuracy, and read critically to separate fact from opinion. Impress your friends with your news savvy! **Wednesday, July 28th at 7pm** on Zoom. [Registration required](#).



Babysitters Club Author, Gale Galligan

Island with author Colleen Oakley

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Is your kiddo an avid Baby-Sitters Club reader? You won't want to miss this virtual event on **Saturday, July 17 at 1 PM!** Join Gale Galligan, the cartoonist and comics advocate best known for their bestselling Baby-Sitters Club graphic novel adaptations as they share how they make comics, a brief drawing demo, followed by a Q&A from questions from the audience. [Sign up required](#). You will be emailed a link to view this live event.



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