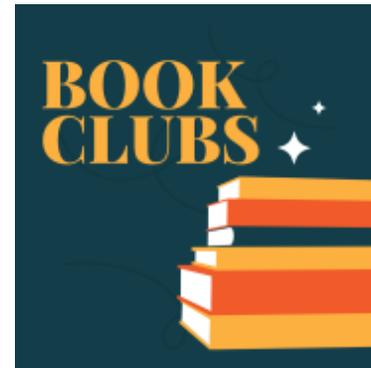
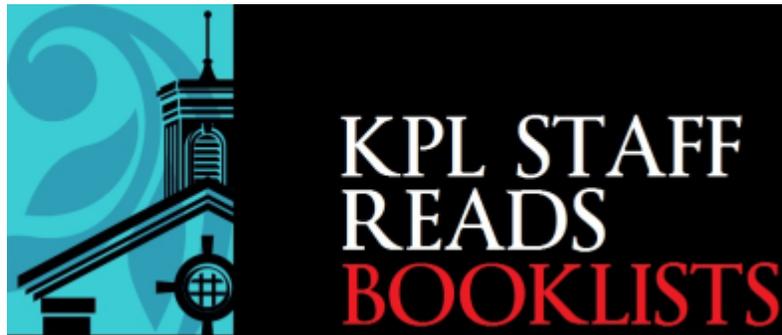


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Your Source For Entertainment!

Father's Day 2021

Explore [fatherhood](#) here at Kirkwood Public Library, through literature depicting fathers, biographies of famous dads, and some great picks for dads to read this summer while they are relaxing!

Hit the Road!

Whether you will be going on a vacation yourself or staycating at home be sure to check out Kirkwood Public Library's [travel section](#) – guides to help you navigate your own travels, memoirs of exciting trips abroad, photo essays of some of the most beautiful places on Earth.

LGBTQIA Pride

Here's a handful of [classic and new LGBTQIA titles](#) that will make you laugh, cry, think, and celebrate! Happy Pride month everyone!

We Have Book Club Kits

If your book club is starting back up again, don't forget that KPL has Book Club Kits!

Each book club kit contains multiple copies of a selected title in a variety of formats (where possible), a discussion guide tailored to your selected title, tips on how to read a book for discussion as well as tips on how to lead a book discussion. Additional information about the book and the author and



Virtual Wacky Wednesdays & Family Saturdays

This summer we are continuing our popular Wacky Wednesday series that brings in a different Children's performer including animal trainers, musicians, jugglers, comedians, magicians and more! All of the programs are a virtual live or recorded event at 10:30 AM on Wednesdays throughout June and July. Geared to ages 2-8. Checkout our exciting line up and head to the online calendar to reserve your spot!

- 6/9: Big Bang Boom Band
- 6/16: Juggling Jeff
- 6/23: Babaloo
- 6/30: Glen Foster, Magician
- 7/7: Jay & Leslie's Juggling and Other Nonsense
- 7/14: Happy Faces Entertainment
- 7/21: World Bird Sanctuary
- 7/28: Chef Bananas

Over the summer we also have 4 Family Saturday events where you can join us for a cool virtual program with book lists, crafts and activities the whole family can enjoy. Every program is at 10:30 AM

- 6/19: STL Zoo: Aquatic Adventures
- 7/10: World Bird Sanctuary
- 7/24: Gym Guyz Yoga Class



Social Justice Mixed Media Art: The Roots of Racism, Ageism, and Classism

suggestions for further reading and research are also included. We try to keep our collection fresh, so we are always adding new kits.

Book Club Kits circulate for six weeks to allow time for everyone to read the book in preparation for the discussion. As the patron who has checked out this kit, you will be responsible for collecting the materials and returning the full kit to the Library. Selected KPL Adult Book Club Kits also are available in large print.

We hope these resources will lead to a meaningful book discussion experience.

Please visit [Adult Book Club Kits](#) to search our catalog. Reference staff are on hand to help you select titles based on past books your group has read and enjoyed (or not enjoyed)! Give us a call at (314) 821-5770, option 3 or visit us at the Reference Desk for help planning future discussions.



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!

Are you interested in learning and honing mixed media art skills with a focus on social justice? Join us via Zoom on **June 12 from 2-3 PM** for a mixed media arts class led by the Yeyo Arts Collective. The Kirkwood Library will provide the basic art supplies needed via pick-up. Sign-Up is required and space is limited.

Saturday, June 12 from 2-3 PM (as well as June 26 and July 10) Ages 12-18

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This is a live virtual event.

[Sign Up Required](#) for picking up supplies and Zoom link.



Get Ready for a Road Trip with KPL

School's out and summer is nearly upon us! Aren't we all ready for a fun vacation? Time to hit the open road, but before you're on your way, how can you make the ride as smooth as possible? We have suggestions that will keep everyone preoccupied, no matter what the age range of your kiddos. Get your vacation off to the most peaceful start with any of these suggestions

Family Audiobooks: Pop in an audiobook CD, or download an e-version from Hoopla or Overdrive to pass the time away with an engrossing story the whole family will love.

- *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang **Overdrive, Audiobook CD**
- *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein **Overdrive and Audiobook CD**
- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl **Overdrive, Audiobook CD**
- *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell **Overdrive, Audiobook CD**

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 June - [Hair Love](#) by Matthew Cherry.



New Self-Checks

Kirkwood Public Library has new self-check machines. Use them to check out and renew books, pay fines, view holds, reserve a computer and release print files.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

- *A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket **Overdrive, Audiobook CD**
- *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* by Betty MacDonald **Overdrive, Audiobook CD**
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds **Overdrive, Audiobook CD**
- *The Incurable Children of Ashton Place: The Mysterious Howling* by Mary Woodrose **Overdrive, Audiobook CD**
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown **Overdrive, Audiobook CD**
- *Save Me A Seat* by Sarah Weeks **Overdrive and Audiobook CD**

Playaway Views- This gives your kiddo a one-on-one visual storytelling experience that they can listen to individually with headphones or play with the sound up for multiple siblings to follow along. With over 70 titles to choose from, here are just a few favorites. Search [Playaway View](#) in the catalog to see them all

- [Sid the Science Kid. Simple Machines](#)
- [Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus: and other stories](#)
- [The Amazing World of Dinosaurs](#)

Wonderbooks- These look like a regular book, but tucked neatly inside the front cover you'll find a built in audiobook player that can be used with head phones, or played aloud for multiple kiddos. These come in picture books, chapter books and beginner readers. Search [Wonderbook](#) in the catalog to find them all 78 titles.

- [Malala My Story of Standing Up for Girls Rights](#) by Malala Yousafzai
- [Llama Llama Red Pajama](#) by Anna Dewdney
- [Thank You, Omu!](#) by Oge Mora

For more suggestions like these, stop by any service desk at the library, and a librarian will be there to help.



Library Closed

Your Kirkwood Public Library will be closed on Sunday, June 20th in honor of Father's Day.

Eligible items will be automatically renewed 24/7 on our [online catalog](#). eBooks, audiobooks, music and movies are always available for checkout through [OverDrive](#), [Hoopla](#) and [Kanopy](#).

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KPL Podcast

Have you listened to the KPL Podcast?

Our May special guest line up was phenomenal and each episode filled with insightful and engaging conversations!

May 14th: Professor Amanda Tyler visits for a discussion about the legacy of her mentor and friend the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

May 21st: KMOX Host Charlie Brennan chats about strange, wild, and always interesting facts of St. Louis!

May 27th: Author and television host George Zaidan converses about the entertaining and educational world of science.

This month is going to be simply amazing. Tune in each week for bestselling guests like Amy E. Reichert, Professor Warren Binford, Mark Sullivan, Chloe O. Davis, and much more!

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