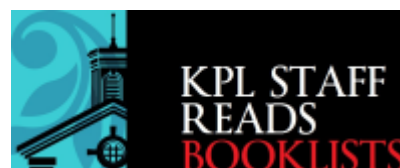


The Kirkwood Public Library inspires a lifelong commitment to learning and creativity, for a more informed and connected community. ~ *Our Mission Statement*



## Your Source for Entertainment!

### Big Books of Fall

Fall into a good book this autumn! Cozy mysteries, big bestselling authors, political commentators can all be found here. Favorite authors with fall releases include John Grisham, Danielle Steel, Paula Hawkins, Stephen King and Colson Whitehead. [Find your fall escape now!](#)

### National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th through October 15th is National Hispanic Heritage Month. [Celebrate with these fantastic reads!](#)

## 2021 Library Card Design Contest!

This year the Kirkwood Public Library is celebrating its 95th Birthday! Can you believe it? In honor of this occasion, we are asking you to create and submit art for a special limited edition library card! This contest is open to all ages. A winning design will be chosen from one of each of the age categories, children, teen and adult for a total of three winning designs that will be announced at our Winter Reading Kick-Off Day and 95th Birthday on December 11, 2021.

The contest will open for submission through October 20. Entries can be submitted through a paper log available at any of the public desks in the library, printable from our website, or through the online form on our website. All

entries must work to fit within a 2 x 2-library card and feature some aspect of the library. Check out our [contest webpage](#), or come into the library for all the details. With such a great library community around us, we can't wait to see your designs! We have a lot to celebrate.

## Kirkwood Public Library's Love of Art

In anticipation of the 95th anniversary of the establishment of Kirkwood Public Library as the first tax-based public library in St. Louis County we will be spending the next few months celebrating the Library's history, particularly its long appreciation for art.

Did you know that back in the 50's, 60's and 70's Kirkwood Public Library had a collection of artwork available to be checked out? Patrons frequently would "rent" a piece of art in anticipation of a special event, a party at their home, or just to freshen up a room for the season. Below are photos of the artwork that was available in 1969. The spring reminder of such artwork was from 1975, shown in the Library's "Garden Room."



## Podcast Guest List

Have you listened to the KPL Podcast? Check out our stupendous September lineup of guests!

**3rd:** Historical fiction author Amy Belding Brown joins us in a discussion about her latest release [Emily's House](#).

**10th:** Special guest Bill Iseminger visits to discuss [Cahokia Mounds: America's First City](#).

**17th:** New York Times Bestseller Superstar and Super guest Mary Roach visits! We will be discussing her latest hilarity and science filled page-turner, [Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law](#).

**24th:** Poet, composer, teacher, and author Ryka Aoki visits with her latest delightful and heartbreaking fantasy, [Light From Uncommon Stars](#).

You can enjoy the KPL Podcast on [Buzzsprout](#) or wherever you download your podcast!



Photo by Francis Scheidegger

The Library has always been a supporter of local talent, as evidenced by the photo below of a display of the art of students, circa 1945. This is a tradition that carries on today, as the Library partners with the Human Rights Commission each year to display the art of local students in the Library's Art Gallery/Computer Lab.



Down in the Children's Room be sure to look up! When the room was renovated in 2016 young patrons were invited to take home a ceiling tile to decorate, and the result is a colorful homage to favorite books. When the building was renovated in 2009 the children's circulation desk was made of tiles showcasing the artwork of area youth. During the 2016 remodel the desk was taken down but the tiles were kept and framed and are on display outside the office in the children's room. One special feature in the lower level hallway, outside the Meeting Room, is a framed picture of the mural that was created by children's librarian Julie Hammond and was featured in the children's room before the 2009 renovation. Preserving and appreciating the history of not only the Library but of the Kirkwood community will always be of great importance to staff, and as we look forward to the next 95 years it is important to remember the contributions of so many to make the Library a true gem in the heart of Kirkwood.



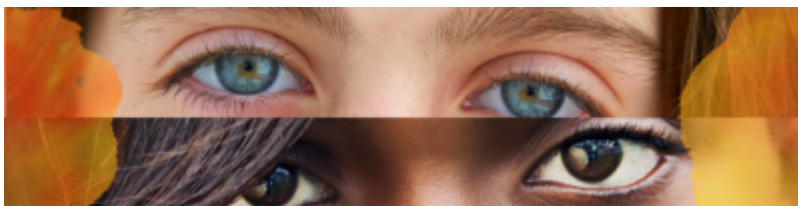
## Library Card Sign-Up Month

Did you know that September is Library Card Sign-up Month? September marks the beginning of the school year, and it is important for kids, teens, and young adults to have access to the free resources their library provides. Libraries provide safe spaces to study, access to wifi, printing and copying, and a lot of librarians who want to help in any way they can. Librarians can help you find materials for a research paper and navigate [databases](#) like EBSCOhost, Statista, and much more!

Libraries have more than just books and DVDs. At KPL, we have [hot technology](#) you can check out like telescopes, portable projectors, iPads, hotspots, and fishing poles! All you need is a library card to access all this cool stuff!

Signing up for a library card is free. To learn more about signing up for a library card, visit our [FAQ](#) or call us at (314) 821-5770. KPL is devoted to providing free resources to our community, connecting us to





## “Look Beneath the Surface” Art Show

Calling All 6th-10th Graders! The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission and the Kirkwood Public Library are hosting the [4th Annual Art Show](#) for students in grades 6-10 in public, private and home schools, located within the City limits of Kirkwood R7 School District. Work submitted should express the artist's interpretation of the theme, “LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE.”

Artwork may be dropped off at Kirkwood Public Library, or the school libraries at Kirkwood High, North Kirkwood Middle, or Nipher between October 25th - November 5th during normal library hours. The exhibit will be displayed Sunday November 7th, 2021 through Saturday, January 8th, 2022 in the main level.

There will be art supplies available in the Teen Room as well as Art Kits available for check-out.

All are invited to the opening reception on Sunday, November 7th from 1 – 3 pm. The formal presentation will begin at 1:30 pm.

Every student artist submitting a piece of artwork will be entered in a drawing for a participation prize. Prize drawing will take place during the opening reception; students need not be present to win.



## Savings with Your Library Card!

Are you looking for ways to live a more sustainable lifestyle? The library may not initially come to mind, but with your library card you have access to material like books, movies and music, along with unique things like fishing poles, telescopes, a record player and more all for free!

information, and most importantly, connecting us to each other. Encourage your friends and family to sign up for a library card this month!



## 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 mid-September - [One Fox](#) by Kate Read.

*Thank You*

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With your library card you are not only saving money by checking out an item from the library, rather than having to purchase it, but the practice of borrowing instead of buying leads to less consumption. Think of us as an OG recycler!

Throughout Library Card Sign- up Month, all September long, when you check out and print a receipt\* you'll be able to see how much money you saved during your library visit and during this year. The results may surprise you! If you don't have a library card yet, come by and a friendly librarian will be happy to help. Library cards are open to Kirkwood, St. Louis County, St. Louis City and St. Charles City-County residents for free. Find more details about obtaining a card on our website [FAQ](#) or contact the library at (314) 821-5770.

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