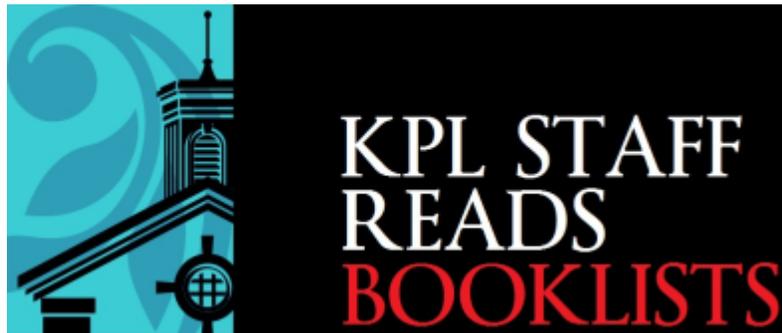


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Your Source for Entertainment!

Teen Horror

Celebrate Halloween with these [YA Horror titles](#)! Make sure to snuggle under the covers and keep the light on...

Have a Scream With Halloween Hot DVDs

The spooky season has begun and the Halloween Hot DVDS are now available on the main floor located in the DVD section near the regular Hot DVDS. Check out this set of [13 recommendations](#) available in the Halloween collection featuring films from family frights to supernatural scares and nightmare inducing cinema.

Halloween Treats 2021

Check out the spook-tacular titles for all ages available at your Kirkwood Public Library! There is something for everyone, from classics like Agatha Christie to cozy mysteries to favorite horror writers. [Get your chills and thrills here!](#)

Books for Babies Storytime with Special Guest, Author Amy Sklansky!

Join us for a special Books for Babies this month with local author, Amy Sklansky! Amy is known for adorable books like *You Are My Little Pumpkin Pie*, and she has a new Halloween board book, *Knock Knock, Trick or Treat!*: A Spooky Halloween to share! [Sign up](#) to receive a baby Halloween kit that includes a copy of Amy's new book,



"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.



Cozy Up with Good Yarns!

Did you know that KPL has a group that meets monthly to work on stitching crafts together? As the weather cools down and the holidays draw closer, now is the perfect time to join the Good Yarns Stitching Club! Pick up your cozy projects and come to the library on the [3rd Tuesday of](#)

and a craft. We will contact you for pick-up of kit and email you with a storytime video link on 10/28.



KPL Podcast October Lineup

Have you listened to the KPL Podcast? Check out our frightfully fantastic October lineup of guests!

1st : Sailor and nonfiction author powerhouse Nathaniel Philbrick joins us in a discussion about his travels and latest release [Travels with George: in search of Washington and his legacy](#).

8th: Romance author Lecia Cornwall brings her debut Historical Fiction title, [The Woman at the Front](#), to our show and your ears!

15th : Speaking of debuts, Ryan Douglass is here along with his debut New York Times Bestseller [The Taking of Jake Livingston!](#)

22nd: It's our 100th episode and we celebrate with 2021's winner of the Newbery Medal, Tae Keller! We discuss her award winning title [When You Trap a Tiger!](#)

[every month at 7pm](#) to chat and work with fellow crafters. The next meeting is on October 19th.

All skill levels are welcome at these casual meetings, and group members love to share tips and tricks for a variety of different crafts. We welcome crafters of all types: knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch... even weaving and yarn spinning! If it's time to start a new project, our librarian brings plenty of books with patterns and inspiration as well. For reminders about upcoming meetings, you can join our mailing list. If you have any questions about the group, contact Amanda at aberberich@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org.

29th: Halloween is here and we are in for a scare! Horror writer extraordinaire Cassandra Khaw haunts us with her latest, [Nothing but Blackened Teeth!](#)

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



KPL Podcast 100th Episode

Salutations dear reader. This is Ryan Drinkard, one-half the host of the KPL Podcast! Each week fellow host Jigisha Patel and I bring our love of books and weekly bestselling guests direct to you. Back in January of 2019, when the library launched the show, neither of us thought we would make it this long but I am extremely proud to say October 22nd will see the release of our 100th episode! Can't wait for this milestone episode? Then this is a perfect time to revisit all of the amazing guests we've hosted over the years. Bestsellers like Brit Bennett, Alexander McCall Smith, Lisa See, Kevin Kwan, Erik Larson, and so many more. Thank you listeners for joining us each week in our celebration of reading!

Listen at <https://kplpodcast.buzzsprout.com/> or wherever you get your podcast. Also, don't forget to write to the show at podcast@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org.



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-October - [The Knight Who Said No](#) by Lucy Rowland.

BOOKS & BEYOND

Welcome Back!

Books and Beyond, the library's nonprofit gift shop, reopened August 9th with a flurry of activity. After a retraining of the almost 50 volunteers who staff the shop, the store opened its doors to masked patrons, one person or family at a time. The Shop is always looking for volunteers who like working with people and contribute to the library at the same time. If interested, please visit the [library's website](#) for more information.

The shop has a long history, first opening in 1997 with a mission of promoting the library by providing patrons with books and related merchandise, thereby earning additional income for the library. Proceeds from the gift shop have gone for such items as computers, staff training, and programs.

In Books and Beyond one can find unique gifts. One popular draw in our shop is the card section. The greeting cards are reasonably priced and carefully selected with KPL patrons in mind. Also popular in our shop are the gift items such as children's gifts, jewelry, scarves, games and puzzles. Crafts and donated books in pristine condition complete the shop's merchandise.

Please support your KPL by shopping at Books and Beyond, a special place to find that special gift.



The Library's Artwork

In honor of the Library's 95th anniversary we are taking a look at some of the fun features of the Library, including the beautiful artwork that can be found throughout. One small statute that lives in the mystery section on the main floor of the Library is a sculpture of a young boy and girl, entitled "Le Sentier Perdu: The Lost Path," a 1900 reproduction in spelter with bronze patina. The original work is a gold medal winner by Auguste Moreau.

"Le Sentier Perdu" was donated posthumously by Erna Frieda Ballweg, a German orphan who immigrated to St. Louis in 1909 at the age of seventeen. Erna eventually moved to Kirkwood, where she was known to her neighbors as a good cook who loved children. Prior to her death she made it clear that she wanted "Le

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.

Sentier Perdu” to be given to Kirkwood Public Library with a plaque that said “To the Children of Kirkwood.” Forty two years later it remains as “a reminder of how important it is to be kind to children.”

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