Things to Know...
About The Hayner Public Library District

MAILING LIST UPDATE
The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, or you would like to be added to or deleted from the mailing list.

HOLIDAYS
The library will be closed for the following holidays:
Veterans Day – Nov. 11
Thanksgiving – Nov. 22, 23
Christmas – Dec. 24, 25, 26
New Year’s – Dec. 31, Jan. 1

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Kids Summer Reading Program 2018
Young patrons of Hayner Library had a wonderful time at this year’s Summer Reading Program, “Reading Takes You Everywhere.” The KidsSpace staff kept children busy with craft times, performers, movies, puppet shows, and stories.

The program drew in more than 500 children over six weeks. Participants were rewarded each week with a prize and a raffle ticket for one of our three grand prizes. At the end of the program, participants were treated to a party held at the Alton High School Commons where they were entertained by Celia and Friends. Each participant also received a free book, snacks, and a certificate for all their hard work.

At the End-of-the-Summer-Reading Party, a ticket was drawn for each of the three grand prizes. The winner of the STEM robot was Liam N. The winner of the karaoke machine was Tayla B. The winner of the magnetic building blocks kit was Owyn T. Tickets were also drawn for artwork created by Jennifer Grassle of Cheerful Canvas. Winners for the artwork include Genesis S., Vivienne C., Clare C., Kaylie S., Isaac S., Penny L., Emily M., Juniper P., and Claire H.

We hope to see everyone again next year at our 2019 Summer Reading Program, “Reading Takes You Everywhere.” Congratulations to all of our winners.

2018 Teen Summer Reading Program: “Reading Takes You Everywhere”
The 2018 Teen Summer Reading Program, “Reading Takes You Everywhere,” was another great success! Teens were offered the opportunity to catch up on some much-needed reading. Participants won great weekly prizes for their diligent reading and attended a weekly fun day at the Riverbender.com Community Center. At the end of the five week program, each participant was given a free book, a certificate of participation, and a goody bag. The participants were also offered an airbrush tattoo by Circus Kaput.

We would like to congratulate this year’s grand prize winner for the most hours of reading, Trinity Vatole. Trinity was rewarded with a gift basket full of books, gift cards, and iRead memorabilia. Congratulations to Trinity and to all of our participants.

We hope to see everyone back for next year’s Teen Summer Reading Program, “It’s Showtime at Your Library.”

Trinity Vatole
Summer Reading Program 2018 Winner!
Check out these $!!
In our spring newsletter, we described our newest feature, the You Just Saved... message on the bottom of all due date slips. The You Just Saved... message helps to remind patrons of the value of library services by displaying how much it would cost to purchase the items that were just checked out. The You Just Saved... message also includes the total value of your year-to-date transactions and the “lifetime” value of all transactions since the feature was implemented.
We are happy to announce that Hayner Library patrons have saved over $9.4 million from April 2017 to August 2018—just by using the library! How much have you saved?

RBdigital App Provides Hayner Patrons with Access to e-Audiobooks and Digital Magazines
Have you checked out the RBdigital app yet? If not, you’re missing a great opportunity to access thousands of e-audiobooks and over one hundred popular full-color, digital magazines, all at the touch of a button!
The RBdigital app is a product of Recorded Books, the largest independent producer of audiobooks in the world.
The RBdigital app can be downloaded directly to your mobile device for free.
For more information about this service, please be sure to visit any Hayner Library location or visit the Help With Your eReader and Download Audio & eBooks section of our website.
Please note that the RBdigital app is being offered in addition to our Cloud Library e-book and e-audiobook collection. It is our hope that the two collections will complement one another and give you even more digital choices for reading and listening to your favorite authors and magazine titles.

Please Join Us for an Open House to Celebrate the Elijah P. Lovejoy Press Dedication
Sunday, November 4, 2-4 p.m.
Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton.

The Genealogy & Local History Library will host a dedication of the Elijah P. Lovejoy printing press. Please come help us celebrate! The Telegraph and Hearst Communications donated the press to Hayner earlier this year and it will be on permanent display in the library. Light refreshments will be served and local actor John Meehan will portray Elijah Lovejoy in a brief presentation. The press came out of the Mississippi River in 1915 and has been on display in several locations since. We are very honored to be the new home of the Elijah P. Lovejoy Printing Press!

Elijah P. Lovejoy Printing Press: A History
“Lovejoy’s tragic death for freedom in every sense marked his sad ending as the most important single event that ever happened in the new world.”—Abraham Lincoln

Reverend Elijah P. Lovejoy was assassinated on November 7, 1837 at the Godfrey & Gilman warehouse and his press was smashed and thrown into the river. Lovejoy was an abolitionist, fiercely opposed to slavery, and published anti-slavery views in his newspaper, the Alton Observer. He became the first martyr to the Freedom of the Press. His final printing press was lost to the Mississippi River for three-quarters of a century.

On July 13, 1915, Doug Sparks of Sparks Mill discovered a piece of iron embedded in soil deep in the Mississippi River. Sparks and others speculated that it was a piece of Elijah Lovejoy’s printing press. The next day, the cast iron frame, which weighed close to half a ton, was lifted from the excavation site at the corner of the Sparks Milling Company. Experts quickly confirmed that the bell-shaped object was a piece of an old hand press. Research by the firm of C.B. Gottrell & Sons determined that the object was a Smith hand printing press (also called an Acorn press), which meant that “unquestionably the frame is that of the Lovejoy printing press.”

Sparks Milling Company had a bronze tablet created to hang from the press frame and placed the frame on a granite base in front of their office building on William Street. In September of 1915, Lovejoy’s niece, named only as “Miss Lovejoy” in the paper, came from Jackrabbit, Arizona, to see the printing press frame. (also called an Acorn press), which meant that “unquestionably the frame is that of the Lovejoy printing press.”

In 1957, to celebrate Alton’s centennial (and to mark the Lovejoy centennial), the press was moved to the Alton Evening Telegraph office. Another item on display was a rock from Lovejoy’s home in Albion, Maine. This rock is now housed at Hayner Library as well. The Lovejoy Press stayed at The Telegraph building for eighty years, where it could be viewed in the newspaper’s foyer.

When The Telegraph newspaper moved to its new location earlier this year, Publisher Jim Shrader coordinated donating the Lovejoy Press to Hayner Library. It is truly an honor to have the press here and we are very grateful to The Telegraph and Hearst Communications. The Genealogy & Local History Library has a museum display on Lovejoy, many books about his life, and digitized copies of Lovejoy’s newspaper, the Alton Observer. We are also a National Park Service passport location for the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, so visitors interested in Lincoln’s legacy will get a chance to see the press as well. John E. Hayner, the donor of the Jennie D. Hayner Library Building, who funded and built the Library as a memorial to his late wife, would be so proud to have the press at his library. Hayner was an ardent anti-slavery man and was interested for many years in the project of building a monument in memory of Elijah P. Lovejoy. Hayner was Treasurer of the Lovejoy Monument Association. The monument was dedicated on November 7, 1897, the sixtieth anniversary of Lovejoy’s death. John Hayner died several years later and lies at rest in the shadow of that very monument.

Since its removal from the Mississippi River in 1915, the press has always resided in locations that are easily accessible. A piece of history this important deserves to be shared. The press will be placed on a granite slab in the foyer of the Genealogy & Local History Library and we invite everyone to come to the dedication on Sunday, November 4, 2018, from 2 to 4 p.m.
Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a grassroots movement begun in 1992 by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester. The organization’s mission, “Remember, Honor, Teach,” is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery and at veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. Through the wreath-laying ceremonies and other coordinated events, the organization spreads its message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

Thanks to local volunteers, this organization and its mission have been active in Alton since 2007. On Saturday, December 15, 2018, our community will participate in the national Wreaths Across America ceremony. The ceremony will start at 11 a.m. in the Alton National Cemetery at Pearl Street and Joesting Avenue. Third grade students from West Elementary School in Alton, with the assistance of area veterans, will participate and help lay the wreaths on the veterans’ graves.

In 2017, through community financial donations, 560 wreaths were placed on gravesites in our local national cemetery. Every dollar you can donate helps ensure a wreath at a veteran’s gravesite. Help continue the success of this program by sending a financial donation to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 181, Alton, IL 62002. Each $30 of contributions enables the local organization to purchase three 20-inch live balsam wreaths.

For the third year, the local WAA effort will continue to offer a limited number of wreaths for families or friends to honor their veteran loved one at other local cemeteries. Wreath reservations must be received by Friday, November 23, 2018, by calling Margaret Hopkins at 618-570-8804.

Support our community in carrying forward the mission “Remember, Honor, Teach.” Join the whole country in honoring our veterans, many of whom forfeited their own future Christmas celebrations for us. For more information, call Margaret Hopkins at 618-570-8804.

Additional information is also available on the website www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

Genealogy & Local History Library Holiday Open House Celebrates Illinois Statehood

Saturday, December 8, 2018 1-3 p.m.
401 State Street, Alton, Illinois 62002

Happy birthday, Illinois! This year’s Genealogy & Local History Library Holiday Open House will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Illinois statehood. Join us for a special airing of the first episode of the “Illinois Turns 200” podcast amidst holiday decorations, family activities and more. Some of the panelists from the podcast will be “live and in person” to answer your questions and elaborate on the stories of Illinois.

Illinois entered the Union as the twenty-first state on December 3, 1818, and takes its name from the Illinois Confederation—a group of Algonquian-speaking tribes native to the area. An Algonquian word, “Illinois” means “tribe of superior men.”

In August 2018, the Illinois Humanities Council kicked off a series of podcasts (pre-recorded radio shows) about Illinois history. The podcast, titled “Illinois Turns 200”, looks at the past, present, and potential futures of seven Illinois communities that arose along rivers, railroads, and significant roads and tells their stories through live interviews, dramatic readings, archival material, and musical performances. Some of the research for the episode on Alton was done in the Genealogy & Local History Library, so we’re very excited to hear which stories are included in the final recording.
With Deepest Sympathy

Harold L. Meisenheimer (1927-2018)

We call that person who has lost his father, an orphan; and a widower that man who has lost his wife. But that man who has known the immense unhappiness of losing a friend, by what name do we call him? Here every language is silent and holds its peace in impotence.

– Joseph Roux

There are no words to describe the sorrow of losing someone of whom we don’t want to let go. There isn’t a book or an author inside the walls of any library that can accurately tell us how we should react to, or recover from, the grief and sorrow of loss. It is a private journey.

I lost a remarkable friend on July 3, 2018. The sadness of his passing is as heavy as the weight of a wool coat in the summer heat. Throughout the course of my day, memories of our friendship tap me on the shoulder and I feel the sadness return. I watch the door for him to come inside, but he doesn’t. I missed him yesterday, I still miss him today, and I will miss him for the rest of my tomorrows. It is what it is.

My friend possessed a modest, jovial soul. He was strong-spirited yet kind and gentle. Humility was an easy feat for him. He had an amazing knack for remembering history in extreme detail and he enjoyed sharing his knowledge without boasting.

His friendship was a genuine gift with no conditions attached. Once you got to know him he was simply your friend. He was someone on whom you could count and trust.

He cared deeply about family, he respected his fellow man and his presence in this world undoubtedly made it a better place. His life was a testament to his personal beliefs and unique talents. He maintained a strong but humble character.

The Hayner Public Library District was fortunate to have my friend as a loyal patron for many years. He was an ardent reader who used the library regularly to check out the newest western fiction books. But, to our great fortune, books were not his only reason for visiting the library. He would also stop by just to say hello, share a funny story, or to our delight, hand-deliver special treats, oftentimes sweet and homemade or fresh from the garden. We will always be grateful for his friendship and his various abilities that helped to enhance our library and our lives.

Entering his name as an author into the card catalog, ninety-nine records appear. Ninety-nine unique projects of his own handiwork, donated to Hayner Library with the purpose of preserving the history of the Alton area and the people who live here. Saying he had a passion for preserving history is an extreme understatement.

This man was a walking history museum!

Hayner Library wasn’t the only recipient of his contributions. The local newspaper interviewed and highlighted his life and his charitable endeavors many times during the last two decades. The Madison County Historical Society in Edwardsville also maintains a large collection of his projects. It seems as though many people around our community knew my friend too.

Over the past 15 years, I had the opportunity to spend countless hours working on special local history projects with my friend. There was never a dull moment. He made my job fun. Never one to avoid hard work or responsibility, he was honest, industrious and always willing to do whatever needed to be done. He was invaluable.

My friend was Harold L. Meisenheimer and there are no words in any language that can accurately describe the sorrow of losing such a dear person.

Harold was born and raised in Alton and he was proud to be a lifelong resident of this community. As a local boy, he worked at being loyal to his hometown roots. He attended Alton public schools, he was a faithful member of the Church of Christ and he retired from Owens-Illinois Glass Works after many years working in the maintenance department. But things changed for Harold in 1946 when he decided to leave the comforts of his beloved city, say goodbye to his family and friends and head into the great unknown to serve his country as a soldier in the United States Air Force. He told me once that he enjoyed his military career but he didn’t much enjoy being away from home. According to Harold, it turned out okay because he said he came back with the prettiest gal in the whole state of Alabama on his arm. In 1949, Harold and his new bride, Alvie Sharp, settled into a home on the same street where he grew up and together they shared life for the next 69 years.

Harold had other interests besides history and reading. He also enjoyed wood working, collecting coins and gardening. During the winter holidays, he stayed busy making and sharing his homemade fudge recipes. He was also quite fond of Alvie’s cats, although he wasn’t open to admitting that very often!

On July 3, at approximately 10 p.m., Mr. Harold Meisenheimer passed away at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was 90 years old, but still an active library supporter.

At the time of his departure, Harold was in the middle of three history projects for the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library. I went to visit my dear friend on what (I didn’t know at the time) would be his last day in this world. His parting words to me regarding his current situation were ones I will never forget. When I asked the customary question, “How are you doing?”, my wonderful friend lifted his hands, looked me in the eyes and said, “Well, Pam, it is what it is.” He didn’t complain. He just accepted all things, including life and death, for “what it is.”

Harold left this world while the Alton fireworks were lighting up the sky above his hometown. I wondered if this was a grand goodbye or the proper fanfare for a man who lit up every room he entered. I think both.

It has been said that history repeats itself. I am not sure this is true, because as long as there is life, history will never give us another Harold Meisenheimer. He was one-of-a-kind.

The Hayner Public Library District extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of Harold Meisenheimer. We will always be grateful for his friendship as well as the numerous contributions he so generously bestowed to our library. He will be missed.

– Pam Bierman
Library Assistant IV
Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library
ALTON SQUARE ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 1, 2018
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, October 4, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, October 8, 2018
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, October 11, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, October 15, 2018
Movers and Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, October 25, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, November 5, 2018
Spanish Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, November 29, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, December 3, 2018
Movers and Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, December 10, 2018
Movers and Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, December 13, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Thursday, December 13, 2018
Legos @ Your Library – 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 6-11

Monday, December 17, 2018
Movers and Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, December 20, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Saturday, October 13, 2018
Star Wars Reads Day – 2-4 p.m.
Ages 6-12

Saturday, December 1, 2018
Stories with Santa – 10 a.m.

DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 1, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, October 8, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, October 15, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, October 22, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, October 29, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, October 30, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, November 5, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, November 12, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, November 26, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, December 3, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, December 10, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, December 17, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, December 18, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, December 24, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, December 31, 2018
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5
Computer Classes
All classes will be taught in the Multipurpose Room of the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall. Although the courses are free, registration is required. Please note the skills taught in each session. You may register for one or more sessions at a time. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163 and leave your name, phone number, and the name of the section(s) for which you are registering.

Do not bring your own computers and laptops to class to use. Laptops will be provided. All classes are taught using Windows 7.

Flash Drives and Saving Files
(Class limit: 12)
Tuesday, November 13, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
Flash drives, USB drives, thumb drives, they’re all the same thing. In this class, you will learn how to use your flash drive properly, regardless of what you call it. Save, copy, and move files from your flash drive to your computer and back again. You do need to have basic computer knowledge for this class. You may bring your own flash drive to practice with after class. Flash drives will NOT be provided.

Microsoft Excel
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, November 14, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Do spreadsheets scare you? Join us for a class on how to use Microsoft Excel. Christian Forrester has volunteered to guide students through the perils of Excel. The class will be presentation-based, as well as question-oriented and student-led, with the availability of laptops for student use. If you have any questions or problem areas with Excel, bring them to the class and Christian will try his best to get you the answers you seek.

PC Basics: Introduction to Computers*
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, November 21, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
This is an introduction to personal computers. Overcome your fears and gain skills to use personally and professionally. After this class, you will be able to identify basic computer terminology as well as the components and operating systems features; execute basic mouse techniques, use the keyboard features, and printer; open and exit software programs; utilize storage media such as CDs and flash drives; and identify and use the various toolbars.
If you already use a computer and a mouse, this class is not for you.

Internet Basics*
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, December 5, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
This is an introduction to web-surfing and e-mail. This class is designed for individuals with little to no experience in using the Internet. This class will teach you how to set up an e-mail account, use basic e-mail features, and use a search engine to locate information.
You will need your cell phone to complete the email set-up process.

Microsoft Word for Beginners
(Class limit: 12)
Part 1, Wednesday, November 28, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
Part 2, Wednesday, December 5, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
This class is for the beginning or novice user of Microsoft Word. It totals two progressive sessions which will teach you to create, save, copy, move, and retrieve electronic files. You will also be able to produce a document using a word processing program, edit it, use spell checker, and use editing features such as bold, italics, etc., to produce a finished product. You may register for both sections or register for each separately, according to your need. Topics that will be covered are listed below for each of the two sessions.

Part 1
• Getting Started • Saving Documents/Page Formatting • Spacing/Columns • Printing/Indenting/Tabs • Templates

Part 2
• Refresh of Part 1 • Using Shapes/Text Boxes • Clip Art/Formatting Pictures

Free Medicare Enrollment Event at Hayner Library

Tuesday, November 20, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Alton Square Library, Multipurpose Room

Medicare’s open enrollment period is October 15 through December 7. This is the time to sign-up for Medicare Part D and to make changes to your drug plan coverage. Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselors from Senior Services Plus will be available, by appointment only, at Hayner Library Alton Square Mall to assist you at no cost. Appointments are 30 minutes for individuals and 60 minutes for couples.

SHIP counselors can help you make the best choices for your needs from all of the available options. SHIP counselors are trained and certified by the Illinois Department on Aging. They are not affiliated with any insurance company and counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance.

Just bring your “red, white and blue” Medicare card and a list of your prescription medications, including the full name of the medication, the dosage and quantity. To schedule your appointment, call the Alton Square Mall library at 618-462-0677, option 2.
Alton Little Theater’s Vintage Voices 2018: “The Lasting Legacy”

Vintage Voices, now in its seventeenth year, will continue its tradition of guided gentle walking tours in the Alton Cemetery on October 6, 7, 13, and 14, from noon until 3 p.m. Tours will leave from the main gate of the cemetery (at Vine & 5th Streets) every 15 minutes. Each tour includes eight stops and eleven actor/docents who portray notable persons from Alton’s history.

The characters and themes of this year’s tours were carefully selected by Alton Little Theater Director Lee Cox. They represent the pride she feels in being a “hometown” girl who has come to appreciate her community, even more than before, through her work with Vintage Voices over the last six years. Knowing that this may be the last year her schedule allows her to coordinate the project, Lee wanted to leave a lasting impression of inspiration for the many loyal visitors who attend the fall fundraiser each year. Lee and others will bring to “life” some entertaining characters and will commemorate of some of Alton’s finest (and saddest) hours in the hopes of inspiring us all to pick up the mantle of responsibility for making our community a better place for all.

The Legacy of Strong Women (Sophie Demuth and Mother Jones) will be portrayed by Loretta Williams; the Legacy of Gentle Strength (and commemoration of Robert Wadlow) will be portrayed by Gail Drillinger. The Legacy of Tolerance and Inclusion will celebrate the YWCA’s 100th birthday, as seen through the eyes of Mary White Ovington, and The Legacy of Arts and Culture will feature an homage to Alton’s history through the eyes of Don Alonzo Spaulding, portrayed by Anderson as Edward Lovejoy and Lorian Warford as Anson B. Platt; The Legacy of Life Lessons, remembering Elijah P. Lovejoy, will feature Lief Trapp and Kerry Miller (as Charles Goulding); The Legacy of Gentle Strength and Literacy, celebrating the Haskell and Hayner families, will be portrayed by Nadja Kapetanovich and Diana Kay; The Legacy of Philanthropy will commemorate Dr. Gordon Moore, portrayed by Brant McCance; The Legacy of Hometown Pride will commemorate Illinois statehood and Alton’s history through the eyes of Don Alonzo Spaulding, portrayed by Michael Cox; The Legacy of Arts and Culture will feature an homage to Alton Little Theater founder Dorothy Colonius, portrayed by Pat Kulish; and The Legacy of Tolerance and Inclusion will celebrate the YWCA’s 100th birthday, as seen through the eyes of Mary White Ovington, portrayed by Gail Drillinger.

The cost of adult tours is $15; students under 18 may attend for $10. Tickets will be available at the Alton Visitor’s Center by September 1 and at the main gate of the Alton Cemetery at least 30 minutes before the tours begin.

A non-walking brunch, catered by My Just Desserts, will be held at the Alton Little Theater Showplace on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 10 a.m. Tickets for the brunch and presentation are $25 and may be purchased through the Alton Little Theater box office (62-3205) and through the Alton Little Theater website (www.altonlittletheater.org).

Have a Hayner Library Card? Check Out These Local Business Discounts!

The following businesses are offering discounts for showing your Hayner library card during the week of Saturday, November 24–Saturday, December 1, as part of our sixth annual library card drive.

Are you an Alton, Godfrey, or Foster Township resident without a library card? Make sure to come get one at the Downtown or Alton Square library before the end of November! You will need to fill out a short library card application and provide a photo ID—a valid driver’s license or state ID with your current address. If your photo ID does not have your current address, you will need to provide a piece of business mail dated within the last 30 days as proof of residency.

A huge thank-you to all of these businesses for supporting The Hayner Public Library District!

**Restaurants/Specialty Food Stores**
- Duke Bakery – 10% off
- Godfrey Meat Market – 10% off (excluding alcohol)
- Hansen Meat Company – 10% off
- Johnson’s Corner – 20% off
- Lovett’s Soul Food – 10% off
- LuciAnna’s Pastries – $.50 off any pastry
- Mister Donut – 10% off
- Morrison’s Irish Pub – 10% off food
- My Just Desserts – 10% off
- Old Bakery Beer Company – 10% off
- Olga’s Kitchen – 10% off
- Olive Oil Marketplace – 10% off (excluding other promotions)
- PopUtopia Gourmet Popcorn and Sweets – 10% off
- Sammi’s Sandwiches – 10% off
- Sherry’s Snacks – 10% off
- The Gift Box – Free 18K bookmark or journal with purchase at either Gift Box location
- The Grapevine of Alton Children’s Boutique – 10% off (excluding other promotions)
- Halpin Music – 10% off
- Jacoby Arts Center – 10% off in the Artist Shop
- Kinzels Flower Shop – 10% off
- Market Basket – 10% off
- Mississippi Mud Pottery – 10% off (excluding other promotions)
- Picture This & More – 15% off
- It’s Raining Zen – 10% off
- River Bend Yoga – 50% off regular and hot yoga classes
- Roberta’s Lovely Ladies Boutique – 10% off
- Rumours Salon, Stylist Mary Beth Siampos – 10% off all hair services with Mary Beth
- Second Reading Book Shop – 10% off all used books
- St. Peters Hardware & Rental, Inc. – 10% off regularly priced merchandise
Join us for our Fall 2018 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they’re all free of charge. All programs do require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.

NOTE: 225 Alton Square Mall is located on the east side of the mall, on the second floor between the escalators and JCPenney.

REMINDER
Often program registration fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program that you are signed up for, PLEASE call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know so we can fill your reservation from the waiting list.

**Bow-wow Pow-wow**

Note: This program is held the second Saturday of each month at the Hayner Alton Square Library, 132 Alton Square Mall, Alton, IL.

**Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.**

**Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.**

**Saturday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**

Join us for a Bow-wow Pow-wow. Certified therapy dogs will be in the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, and your child can read stories to them or just visit to receive furry hugs and wet kisses. It’s a great way to increase your child’s reading skills and absolute fun for everyone. Bring your camera!

**Dave Foraker**

**Uniquely Blues, Inspirationally Gospel**

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.

Dave’s inimitable style includes sparse phrasings on the piano, soulful vocals and the counterpoint of a bluesy harmonica. You can call it Bluesified Gospel or Gospel Blues – just don’t call it Southern Gospel! With great humor, Dave also recounts his musical journey playing with some of the biggest names in Memphis and Motown. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Branching Out**

Note: Branching Out classes are two-part. They are held the second Thursday of each month with a collaborative session offered on the following Thursday. All classes will take place at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street.

**Uncovering Family Details through Cemetery Research**

October 11 & 18, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

**Heroes in Our History: Military Records**

November 8 & 15, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

**Making a Home in a New Land: Immigration, Naturalization, & Asylum**

December 13 & 20, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

These classes include many aspects of genealogical research and are suitable for the beginner as well as the more experienced researcher. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Gardening Classes**

**Gourd Birdhouses**

Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Make your own birdhouse to hang outside in spring and enjoy the birds as they come to nest. Gourds will be provided and tools will be available for you to create your birdhouse. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Pine Cone Creations with Jenn**

Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Local artist Jennifer Grassle will be here to guide us in creating designs with a variety of natural pine cones and nuts. Join us for an enjoyable evening working with your hands to create something original from nature’s bounty. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Color Me Stress Free**

Thursday, October 18, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

Thursday, December 6, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

Note: This adult coloring event will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Come color with us and enjoy great company. Calming music will be played to help you forget your troubles. It will be a relaxing and fun way to spend an hour or two. Stay the whole time or a portion. We will provide coloring pages and colored pencils. Of course, you may bring your own supplies. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Switchback**

Let’s Get Ready for Halloween!

Sunday, October 28, 2:00 p.m.

Note: This program is jointly sponsored by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College. It will be held in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Ill. The evenings are brisk; mystery and intrigue are in the air. Look who will be in the area and
returning to Godfrey for a spooktacular afternoon! The privilege is ours to host this dynamic duo, Switchback, at a special performance in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel. If your spirit so moves, and you decide to come in costume, we would be over the harvest moon to welcome your festive garb whether it be Gaelic, ghostly, ghastly, or just goofy. Bring the kids to show off their Halloween garb. For security’s sake, we would request that you not don masks and leave all costume weaponry at home. No trick, just call to register for the wonderful treat of music with our friends Martin McCormack and Brian FitzGerald. It is certain to be an afternoon to remember full of fun for all ages and maybe a few frights! Call today to register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Limited Edition**

**Sounds of the Holidays**

**Sunday, November 25, 3:00 p.m.**

Note: This program will be held at Evangelical United Church of Christ, 1212 Homer Adams Parkway West, Godfrey, Ill. (the corner of Route 3 and Pierce Lane where Delmar intersects with Route 3). There is plenty of easy parking. This is a favorite event of the holiday season. Join Musical Director Susan Parton-Stanard and the incredibly talented choral group Limited Edition for a program of beautiful holiday sounds. This extraordinary ensemble always receives a standing ovation, and Susan has been known to throw in a surprise or two. Don’t miss this spectacular community event to kick off the holiday season. The program is free but does require registration. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

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**DAR “FRIEND-RAISER” Seventh Annual Open House**

**Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.–Noon**

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton.

The Ninian Edwards Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Genealogy & Local History Library invite you to our annual DAR Open House. We will have experienced researchers available to guide you through the DAR application process. Don’t think you have a soldier in your family? There’s also the more general category of “Patriotic Service,” which includes things like members of the Boston Tea Party, doctors and nurses rendering aid to the wounded, and even ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity. Admission is free and registration is not necessary.

**Dennis Stroughmatt and His Swingin’ Band**

**The Western Swing Sounds of Bob Wills, Ray Price and Wade Ray Folk Songs**

**Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.**

Western Swing is a music that continues to influence musicians across the planet and southwestern Illinois was home to one of the most influential of Western Swing musicians, the legendary Wade Ray. Wade was a contemporary of Bob Wills, mentored Willie Nelson, worked with Ray Price, and was well known in the St. Louis area for his KSD Radio road shows. Fiddler, vocalist, and historian Dennis Stroughmatt studied fiddling and singing styles with Wade in the 1990s and continues to perform many of the songs he learned while studying with Wade. His performance and presentation will include a mix of songs from the era of Bob Wills, Ray Price and Wade Ray. Like his mentor Wade Ray, Dennis will make you want to swing! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

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**Switchback**

**A Celtic Christmas in the Chapel**

**Sunday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.**

Note: This program is jointly sponsored by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College. It will be held in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Ill. They’re back! The amazing duo Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack, who perform as Switchback, are returning to bring us a wonderful holiday program. Don’t miss another chance to see these award-winning musicians playing selections from their latest holiday album, Celtic requests, and favorites from their original songbook—truly a show for the whole family. Switchback always provides a beautiful touch of holiday magic. This annual performance has become a great holiday tradition for our community. When they have performed for us previously, their program filled up immediately, so don’t wait to register for this event. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
New and Forthcoming Books

Fiction continued—
Rice, Anne. Blood Communion: A Tale of Prince Lestat
Roberts, Nora. Of Blood and Bone (Chronicles of The One)
Rosenfelt, David. Deck the Hounds
Sandford, John. Holy Ghost (Virgil Flowers)
Sparks, Nicholas. Every Breath
Steel, Danielle. Beauchamp Hall
Stoker, Dacre. Dracul
Trigiani, Adriana. Tony’s Wife: A Novel
Unger, Lisa. Under My Skin
Woods, Stuart. A Delicate Touch (Stone Barrington)
Woods, Stuart. Desperate Measures (Stone Barrington)
Zusak, Markus. Bridge of Clay

Just in Time for the Holidays
Looking for a new recipe for Thanksgiving? Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Look no further than Hayner Library! Hayner’s original cookbook, Read’ Em and Eat, is being sold for only $10! The cookbook can be purchased at any Hayner Library location.

StoryWalk® Program
Hayner Library’s newest program is bringing literacy to the great outdoors. The StoryWalk® program allows families the opportunity to read a story while visiting the inclusive playground at Gordon Moore Park and Hellrung Park, both in Alton.

StoryWalk® consists of taking laminated pages from a children’s book and attaching them to core boards which are then posted at different intervals around the parks. Families begin with the first board and then move around the parks, going board-to-board, to read the rest of the story.

The program is designed to allow families to move around, enjoy the wonderful parks that the city has to offer, and most importantly for the library, to help improve literacy skills and foster a love of reading. We hope this community program encourages families to visit the library and take home more books to read together.

The first story, Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin (author) and Betsy Lewin (illustrator), was posted in August. The second story, Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman (author) and Caroline Binch (illustrator), was posted in September. October’s book will be The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda D. Williams (author) and Megan Lloyd (illustrator).

If the program proves to be successful, the library will create more permanent StoryWalk® structures, spread out in greater distances, beginning in the spring.

Families are encouraged to send feedback to the library via email at outdoor.stories@haynerlibrary.org or by visiting any Hayner Library location. The StoryWalk® program was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Food for Fines
Yearly, we have held a fine amnesty program, Food for Fines, in October. We will waive current fines on Hayner material if you contribute a nonperishable food item for each fine during the amnesty period.

During the holiday season, many community organizations hold drives to support centers such as the Crisis Food Center, but we often forget about helping those in need at other times of the year. We are holding this amnesty program in October to help people without waiting for the support of “holiday generosity.”

It may also help make Thanksgiving a happier time for families in need.

From October 1 through October 31, 2017, anyone who has an overdue item can pay his or her fine with a canned food item. Library materials must be returned with food donations, at least one food item per fine, and only Hayner materials are eligible. All food items collected throughout the month will be given to the Crisis Food Center in Alton. Of course, even if you don’t have fines, feel free to donate items to help others in our community.

Perhaps you have some Hayner materials that got lost under the couch or behind the DVD player. Now is a great opportunity to return those items to the library and avoid the fines that have accrued. Fine amnesty is a great way to support critically important community organizations such as the Crisis Food Center—and it is also a great opportunity to return “lost” materials to the library so they can be reshelved for circulation. Thank you for your support.

Please Note!
Crisis Food Center is seeking volunteers to help sort food donations, pack bags, assist clients in selecting food, and load the items into their vehicles. They are also seeking volunteers to work in the clothing store. If you are looking for a great opportunity to volunteer in the community, this is it. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteer applications may be obtained by visiting Crisis Food Center, 21 E. 6th Street, Alton, Monday through Friday, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For questions, please contact Executive Director Nick Kessinger at 618-462-8201, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may also visit their website at www.crisisfoodcenter.org.

Crisis Food Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Winter!
Winter is just around the corner, bringing with it the potential for snow and ice. In order to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff, the library may close should road conditions become too hazardous. If bad wintery weather is forecast, please call us at 462-0677 before making a trip to visit one of our locations; an outgoing message will inform you of any changes to our regular hours of operation. Drive carefully!
Patron Profile: John Hentrich

John Hentrich is founder and Director of Riverbender.com and Riverbender.com Community Center. John has been a wonderful partner to The Hayner Public Library District since 2010, when he graciously allowed the library to begin using the Riverbender.com Community Center for our teen library programming. He even allowed the library to create a teen library room inside the center! John also allows library staff to hold our annual Staff Development Day training in the building as well.

John kindly agreed to answer some questions for the library’s quarterly newsletter. I was curious as to how and when he came up with his great idea for the Riverbender.com website. While living and working in Chicago, John originally created an internet website for buying and selling cars. In fact, I could fill an entire article solely about John’s love of cars! Six years after creating his automotive website, he sold it to AutoTrader.com and moved back to Alton. It was with this money, and his newfound freedom, that he was able to start the Riverbender.com website in 2005.

The goal of Riverbender.com is to build a website that helps the community prosper through affordable communication and advertising while shedding a positive spotlight on our region. The new site would allow people to advertise their business, be an avenue to sell products, become a place to congratulate others, and report success stories. “We want our community to shine. We want to attract new families to move here and existing families to stay. After all, Alton is a great community in which to raise a family and grow old together,” said John.

The local economy is always a factor for the Riverbender.com website and business. According to John, “Our type of website and business gets better as the community and its economics get stronger.”

In 2010, John launched the Riverbender.com Community Center, a nonprofit organization that invests in the area’s youth. At the time of the community center’s founding, Riverbender.com’s customer base had grown to approximately 200. It was to this group that John turned for help in funding the project. Nearly every customer he talked with shared his vision; they were happy to help out with donations to get the project off the ground. John is extremely grateful to all the small business owners and private individuals who helped make his dream a reality! “The generosity of small business owners and private individuals is why we have been able to provide this service to thousands of kids over the last eight years,” said John. The Riverbender.com Community Center receives no federal, state, or local money and no other organizations provide funding for its day-to-day operations.

Some of the original businesses and individuals who helped with the launch of the center still volunteer and serve on the Board of Directors. The community center has survived as a result of very committed volunteers who believe in the goal of “providing teens a safe and fun alternative to at-risk behaviors and negative peer pressure.” Volunteers chaperone and mentor the youth on Friday nights and at all other events such as dances and lock-ins. They also help with fundraisers, policies, and overall direction. I asked John what he found to be the most challenging responsibility for him and others at the Riverbender.com Community Center. He said there is always a need for new volunteers, community supporters, and youth. Long-term volunteers grow tired, businesses who donate to the center sometimes struggle to make ends meet, and his best customers, the teens, grow up and no longer come to fun nights at the Riverbender.com Community Center. He told me it takes a huge amount of effort to sustain the service to the community.

I asked John what he would most like to tell the community about the Riverbender.com Community Center. His answer was, “Get involved! Participation alone makes all the difference in how we succeed as a community. Everyone can do something!”

Thank you, John, for coming back to Alton to do something good for your community!

—Stephanie Munson