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
Veterans Day – Nov. 11
Thanksgiving – Nov. 28, 29
Christmas – Dec. 24, 25, 26
New Year’s – Dec. 31, Jan. 1

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Alton ABC is B-A-C-K

During the previous school year, a small group of Alton High School students and their teacher, Mrs. Lexa Browning-Needham, collaborated with our own Reneé B. Johnson of the Genealogy & Local History Library to publish Alton ABC. The rhyming alphabet picture book is designed to delight and inform, acknowledging the present and the history of our area. Two hundred copies were printed and bound (by the students themselves!) and donated to schools and day care centers all over the area. We quickly found there was a demand for more books, so we’re pleased to announce that there will be a second printing in time for the holidays! The hardbound books cost $20 each and the proceeds will be split between Hayner Library and the Alton School District. Alton ABC will be available at the Genealogy & Local History Library in December—make sure to check our website and Facebook page for more details.

Genealogy & Local History Library Holiday Open House
Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m.–12 p.m., 401 State Street, Alton, Illinois

Come to the Genealogy & Local History Library Holiday Open House on December 7, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. to enjoy the decorations and create family history crafts to take home. Staff members will help you think about ways to connect with your family history at holiday gatherings. The Alton ABC picture book will be available for purchase for $20. Stop by to enjoy the warmth of the fireplaces, the beauty of the building, and the music of our very own player piano!
**Vintage Voices 2019: “Keeping History Alive”**

Vintage Voices, now in its eighteenth year, will continue its tradition of guided walking tours in the Alton Cemetery on the first two weekends in October: 5, 6, 12, 13 from noon until 2:45 p.m. Tours will leave from the main gate of the cemetery (at Vine & 5th Streets) every 15 minutes. The characters and themes of this year’s tours were carefully selected by the Vintage Voices steering committee.

The Rev. Levi A. Abbott (1824-1919) was a professor at Shurtleff College and was very active in the Piasa Lodge of the Masonic order. He was their oldest living member at the age of 95 and was present when the new lodge at the foot of State Street was dedicated in 1919. He died just a few days later. Tom Harris will portray Rev. Abbott.

H. W. Chamberlain (1845-1929) was a local druggist who will tell the story of morphine and cocaine addiction in the early 1900s. Jeff Pruett will portray Chamberlain the first weekend and John Meehan will portray him the second weekend.

Debbie Schuneman and Margaret Hopkins will portray Bessie Garber and her sister Margaret Carter, two flappers who were arrested at an Upper Alton dance hall for “scant clothes and dancing styles.” They will tell their story at the gravesite of their attorney, William P. Boynton (1878-1951).

Sean Williams will portray Isaac H. Kelly (1825-1920), a former slave who was freed in 1840 and arrived in Alton to become an influential member of the community. He was as one of three founding members of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, served 40 years as deacon of the Union Baptist Church, was a conductor of the underground railroad, and longtime trustee of the Lovejoy Memorial.

Lief Anderson will take on the role of Lt. John Robinson (1831-1865), who was killed in the Civil War. He will tell the story of the National Cemeteries.

Mary Lind Threde (1860-1908), a woman who set her son’s fiancé on fire, will be portrayed by Kathy Reimer the first weekend and Missy Chapman the second weekend. The crime was so surprising and horrendous that it made papers all over the United States.

Hattie Pitchford Watson (1869-1899), a woman who came to Alton only to be murdered, along with her paramour, by her jealous boss in 1899, will be portrayed by Ann Westbrook the first weekend and Claudia Herndon the second weekend.

Jean Heil will portray Anna Wilkinson (1883-1967), a suffragette who ran for mayor in 1929. She will tell the story of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted American women the right to vote.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students ages 6-18. Tickets can be purchased online at vintagevoices.brownpapertickets.com or vintagevoicesnonwalking.brownpapertickets.com, at the Alton Visitors Center, or at the main gate of the Alton Cemetery at least 30 minutes before the tours begin.

A non-walking tour presentation will be held at the Jacoby Arts Center on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

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**Investigation Discovery Television Show Filmed at Hayner Library**

In March of this year, television producers from the Investigation Discovery network contacted Genealogy & Local History Manager Lacy McDonald regarding research for their television show *Twisted Sisters*, which was filming in Alton. The show featured the Beck twins, Mary and Dorothea. The sisters were born in 1939 and lived together in a house on Highland Avenue until Dorothea murdered Mary in 1995, when they were 68 years old.

The Genealogy & Local History staff helped find yearbook photos, church directory photos, newspaper articles, and other research materials for the production team. Lacy even discovered Mary and Dorothea’s recipes in a church cookbook—she knew they attended Evangelical Church of Christ in Godfrey and went through every page of the church’s cookbook to see if they’d submitted recipes. She got lucky and found Mary’s “Layered Spinach Salad” recipe and Dorothea’s “Rocky Road Candy” recipe. The recipe pages were shown on the show.

Several interviews were conducted at the Genealogy & Local History Library and the producers and director raved about the beauty of the building. Their camerawork and editing really highlighted the interior and exterior of the library. And we were in good company—former State Senator Bill Haine, Chief of Police Jake Simmons, and other respected and recognizable locals made appearances as well.

The episode, entitled “Dead Ringers,” aired Monday, August 19, 2019. Streaming of the program is “locked” on the Investigation Discovery website; however, if you have cable, you can use your cable company’s online account feature for viewing. The show should also be available via your cable service’s On Demand feature.

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**Bookish Fears**

We all know someone who is afraid of snakes, heights, or spiders. But have you ever met someone who shrieked at the sight of a book? Here are a few reading- and book-related phobias:

We bet you’ll never run into a bibliophobe roaming the stacks at Hayner Library. Bibliophobes are individuals who are afraid of books.

The fear of running out of things to read is called abibliophobia. One sure way to alleviate this fear would be to sign-up for a Hayner Library card!

Alogotransiphobes would also do well to have a library card. Alogotransiphobia is the fear being stuck on public transportation without something to read.

The invention of e-books finally gave Papyrophobes the chance to read without having to face that which they fear: paper.

Isn’t it ironic that the fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia?

Logophobia is not the fear of logos, it’s the fear of words.
Summer Reading Program 2019
It’s Showtime at Your Library

Young patrons of Hayner Library had a wonderful time at this year’s Summer Reading Program, “It’s Showtime at Your Library.” The KidsSpace staff kept children busy with craft times, performers, movies, puppet shows, games, Legos, and story times.

More than 450 children registered for the six-week program. Each participant was rewarded with a weekly 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 Parents’ Choice Award-winning singer Leonardo. 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 remote-control dancing robot was Roman A. The winner of the Harry Potter Lego set was Sasha S. The winner of the dinner and movie gift cards was Bennett W. Tickets were also drawn for artwork created at our Stories and Art story times by artist Jennifer Grassee of Cheerful Canvas. The winners of the artwork include Lewis K., Charlotte K., Leah M., Willow M., Mason S., Kaylee S., Gemma K., Thatcher G., Declan G., Wren M., and Emily M. We hope to see everyone again next year at our 2020 Summer Reading Program, “Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!” Congratulations to all our winners!

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Alton High School, Dollar General, Riverbender.com Community Center, St. Louis Cardinals, Cheerful Canvas, and Gateway Grizzlies.

New in Our Illinois Room
A Special Picture Book Edition

Genealogy research is immigration research. Almost all of us in the United States are descended from relatively recent immigrants, with the notable exceptions of American Indians, whose ancestors had been here for thousands of years, and descendants of enslaved peoples, who were forcibly brought here rather than emigrated. In the quest to figure out who we are, and who are ancestors were, we search for their stories of coming to America. We are extremely excited to share with you a selection of picture books about immigration now available to read in the Genealogy & Local History Library. The books are currently displayed on the coffee table in front of the fireplace. The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library is a place for all people, from all places, and of all ages, and we hope you will enjoy these beautiful new books and that you’ll bring the children in your lives here to share the stories of our country.

All the Way to America by Dan Yaccarino (Italy)
Blue Sky White Stars by Sarvinder Naberhaus and Kadir Nelson (various countries)
Dreamers by Yuyi Morales (Mexico)
The Dress and the Girl by Camille Andros and Julie Morstad (Greece)
Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan (various African countries)
La Frontera: El Viaje Con Papa / My Journey with Papa by Deborah Mills, Alfredo Alva, and Claudia Navarro (Mexico)
Gittel’s Journey: An Ellis Island Story by Lesléa Newman and Amy June Bates (Jewish/Russia/Poland)
Good-bye, Havana! Hola, New York! by Edie Colón and Raúl Colón (Cuba)
I’m New Here by Anne Sibbey O’Brien (various countries)
Mama’s Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation by Edwidge Danticat and Leslie Staub (Haiti)
The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi (Korea)
Never Forgotten by Patricia McKissack (West Africa)
The People Shall Continue by Simon J Ortiz and Sharol Graves (Native/Indigenous peoples of North America)
This Is Me: A Story of Who We Are and Where We Came From by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell (various countries)
This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration by Linda Barrett Osborne (various countries)
We Came to America by Faith Ringgold (various countries)
When We Were Alone by David Alexander Robertson and Julie Flett (Native/Indigenous peoples of North America)

2019 Teen Summer Reading Program
It’s Showtime at Your Library

The 2019 Teen Summer Reading Program, “It’s Showtime at Your Library,” 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. We would like to congratulate this year’s grand prize winner (for the most hours spent reading), Juliana S., who was rewarded with a gift basket full of books, gift cards, and iRead memorabilia. Congratulations, Juliana—and to all our participants. We hope to see everyone back for next year’s Teen Summer Reading Program, “Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover.”

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Alton High School, Dollar General, Riverbender.com Community Center, St. Louis Cardinals, Cheerful Canvas, and Gateway Grizzlies.
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 30–Saturday, December 7, 2019, as part of our seventh annual library card drive.

Are you an Alton, Godfrey, or Foster Township resident without a library card? Make sure to sign-up for one at the Downtown or Alton Square libraries 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
- Brown Bag Bistro – 10% off
- Duke Bakery – 10% off
- Godfrey Meat Market – 10% off (excluding alcohol)
- 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

### Retail
- 1904 General Store – 10% off
- Black’s Sporting Goods – 10% off
- Cleta’s Nutrition – 15% off
- Crown Vision Center – Free eye exam w/ purchase of glasses
- The Cyclery and Fitness Center: Alton – 20% off regularly priced parts and accessories (excluding Garmin, GoPro, and Oakley)
- Dick’s Flowers – Free rose
- Dora’s Spinning Wheel – 10% off
- The Gift Box – Free gift with purchase
- 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
- Rushmore Boutique – 5% off
- Second Reading Book Shop – 10% off all used books
- St. Peters Hardware & Rental, Inc. – 10% off regularly priced merchandise

### Things to Consider When Donating Items to the Friends of Hayner Library:
- Donations will be given to the Friends for use in their quarterly book sales.
- Due to its distance from the mall entrance, we suggest only small quantities of donations be dropped off at the Alton Square library. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or equipment at this location to be able to assist patrons with large-quantity donations. Large-quantity donations should be taken to the Downtown library or directly to the Friends building.

- The Friends meet Monday mornings, generally between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Large-quantity donations are accepted at the Friends building during these hours. Patrons who wish to donate large quantities of materials at other times are encouraged to contact the Friends to arrange a drop-off time.
- The Friends accept all types of materials for the book sale: hardcover and paperback books, audiobooks, DVDs, vinyl albums, children’s books, magazines, encyclopedias, etc.
- All donated items should be clean, mold/mildew free and in good condition.

### Check Out the View

The Hayner Public Library District is happy to announce our participation in the St. Louis Astronomical Society’s Binocular Check Out Program.

The St. Louis Astronomical Society, the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri, the Eastern Missouri Dark Sky Observers club in Missouri, and the Riverbend Astronomy Club in Illinois have partnered with the St. Louis Audubon Society to create a binocular “kit” for use in stargazing and birdwatching. Each binocular kit contains:

- One pair of Vortex Crossfire 8x42 binoculars
- An instruction manual
- The Night Sky, a laminated folding pocket guide for identifying objects in the night sky
- Backyard Birds of Eastern/Central North America, a bird identification guide

The binocular kits are available for check out at the Alton Square and Downtown library locations. Happy viewing!
**Alton Square Activities**

**Movers and Shakers Story Time**
Come join us for this fun and interactive story time for 3–5-year-olds. Meeting dates are Mondays, October 7, October 14, October 21, and October 28; November 4 and November 18; December 2, December 9, and December 16, 2019, at 10 a.m. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

- **Note:** Riverbend Raptor – The October 14 (Columbus Day) Movers and Shakers story time will take place in the Performance Room at Alton Square. We will have a special performer—the Riverbend Raptor. This program is for all ages. Register at 618-433-2881.
- **Note:** Audubon Center – The October 28 Movers and Shakers story time will take place at The Audubon Center at Riverlands, 301 Riverlands Way, West Alton, MO 63386. Register at 618-433-2881.

**Mommy and Me Story Time**
This story time is exclusively for the little ones ages birth–2 years old accompanied by an adult. This 30-minute story time includes themed stories, songs, finger plays, and manipulative. Meeting dates are Thursdays, October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24, and October 31; November 7, November 14, November 21; December 5, December 12, and December 19, 2019, at 10 a.m. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

**Legos @ Your Library**
Bring your imagination and join us for an hour of building and creating Lego masterpieces. The library will supply the Legos, or feel free to bring your own. Legos stay at the library and will be displayed between sessions. Legos @ Your Library will meet in the KidsSpace the second Thursday of each month. This program is for kids 6-11 years of age. Meeting dates are Thursdays, October 10, November 7, and December 12, 2019, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

**Downtown Activities**

**Evening Story Time**
Kids can wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal to Hayner Library downtown KidsSpace for stories, puppets, and finger plays before bedtime. For ages 2–5 years. This story time meets at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, October 7, October 14, October 21, and October 28; November 4 and November 18; December 2, December 9, and December 16, 2019. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

**Mary Kay’s Story Times**
Come join Ms. Mary Kay for an hour of fun and play! This story time encourages children to participate in songs, stories, finger plays, and crafts. Ages 3–5 years. Meeting time is 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, October 1, October 8, October 15, October 22, and October 29; November 5, November 12, and November 19; December 3, December 10, and December 17, 2019. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Riverbend Raptor**
Bring the kids to Hayner Library at Alton Square to meet the Riverbend’s newest dinosaur, the Riverbend Raptor! The Riverbend Raptor was created from a simple idea of entertaining and educating people about dinosaurs. This once-in-a-lifetime dinosaur encounter includes facts, games, and activities that will entertain and delight kids and adults of all ages. The fun begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 14, 2019 (Columbus Day), in the library's Performance Room located on the upper level of Alton Square Mall. If you would like to attend, please call (618) 433-2881 to register. Registration is required!

**Stories with Santa**
Come join us for a fun-filled day including Santa, refreshments, and a performance by Jeanie Bryan and her puppet monster sidekicks. The fun begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2019, in the library's Performance Room located on the upper level of Alton Square Mall. This program will be followed by cookies and a visit from Santa in the KidsSpace multipurpose room. Parents, don’t forget your cameras! To register for this program, please call (618) 433-2881.

**Star Wars Reads Day**
Star Wars Reads Day is an international event that celebrates reading and Star Wars. It was launched in 2012 by Lucasfilm. The library invites patrons 6-12 years of age to drop by the KidsSpace at the Alton Square library from 2-4 p.m. for a Star Wars-themed craft and snack. The fun takes place on Saturday, October 12, 2019. We hope to see you then! To register for this program, please call (618) 433-2881.
Staff Profile: Shannon French

If you have visited any of our library buildings over the last twenty years, you have more than likely been greeted by the sweet and smiling face of Library Assistant Shannon French. Shannon has worked at Hayner Library since August 1999 and has worn many hats over the years. She has shelved library materials as a Page, was a Library Assistant in our former Alton Square library location, has worked as a Library Assistant at our Downtown library, and has worked in our children’s department at our current Alton Square library. Shannon was also instrumental in partnering with the Riverbender.com Community Center to provide library programming for area teens, a program she now supervises.

Shannon was raised in a household with both parents and her brother. She and her brother rode bikes and played outside until dark with the other neighborhood children. If there were any shenanigans going on, you could be sure that Shannon and her brother were involved! One of Shannon’s favorite childhood memories was the time her grandparents built her a dollhouse, a special gift she still treasures.

Shannon attended Alton public schools. One of her favorite teachers, Mrs. Stacy Phelps, encouraged Shannon to step up and shine. Shannon loved playing flute and was a member of the Alton High School band.

Shannon began working part time for the library while in high school. She had many interests but couldn’t decide if she wanted to be a nurse, a probation officer, or a massage therapist. Instead she decided to work full time for the library. We are so happy she stayed!

Seven years ago, Shannon married Richard French. Not only does Shannon work for Hayner Library, but most weekends you can also find her working alongside Richard, who owns a lawn service. Shannon says he is the best copilot she could ask for as they navigate this crazy ride called life.

I asked Shannon to name three people who have touched her life. She said that her mother taught her to be reliable and loyal. She also said that both of her grandmothers were wonderful cooks and bakers who passed along their joy of cooking. The third person was a dear friend who lost her young life to cancer.

We talked about life being too short and pieces of advice we could share. Shannon’s advice is to not look back because you’re not going that way—and that life happens when you are busy making other plans.

Thank you, Shannon, for being so reliable and loyal to Hayner Library—we appreciate all your hard work. –Stephanie Munson
FRIENDS OF HAYNER LIBRARY

FALL BOOK SALE

Friday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about the book sale, please call the Friends of Hayner Library at 618-462-4396.

327 STATE STREET
ALTON, IL 62002

Sesame Street Turns 50

Sesame Street, the beloved children’s educational television series, turns 50 this year. Here are a few fun facts about the show:

• According to the book Sesame Street Unpaved: Scripts, Stories, Secrets and Songs by David Borgenicht, Sesame Street character Count von Count was born on October 9, 1,830,653 B.C.

• Oscar the Grouch was originally orange! After the first season ended, Muppets creator and puppeteer Jim Henson decided to change Oscar’s fur from orange to green. The show did offer an explanation to viewers when the second season began—apparently, while on vacation, Oscar went to Swamp Mushy Muddy and came back green.

• Standing 8 feet 2 inches, Big Bird is the tallest of all the Muppets. While impressive, he’s still shorter than Alton native Robert Wadlow!

• An early version of Cookie Monster first appeared in a 1966 commercial for cheese crackers.

• Elmo, one of the most famous Sesame Street Muppets, was initially a “background puppet” during crowd scenes. Elmo didn’t become an actual character until 1984. Apparently, even puppets have to pay their dues before becoming a star!

For more interesting Sesame Street stories, facts, and history, be sure to check out the following titles from Hayner Library:

Sesame Street Unpaved: Scripts, Stories, Secrets and Songs by David Borgenicht
Street Gang: The Complete History of Sesame Street by Michael Davis
Sesame Street: A Celebration of 40 Years of Life on the Street by Louise A. Gikow

Remember to Set Your Clocks Back

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 3, 2019. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour and give yourself an extra hour to read!

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 in the 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!

Computer Class

This class will be taught in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall. Although this course is free, registration is required. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163 and leave your name, phone number, and the name of the course.

Microsoft Excel
(Class Limit: 12)
Thursday, October 17, 24, 31 & November 7, 14, 21, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Note: This class will meet on Thursdays only.
Do you have little or no experience with Microsoft Excel? Please join us for a new class designed with the beginner in mind. Sharon Schaefer, Reference Librarian, will guide you through the basics of Excel. The class will be presentational, as well as question-oriented and student led. You will learn how to navigate Excel, create a spreadsheet, make changes to it, and save it.
Special Events at Hayner

Join us for our Summer 2019 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, 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 for which you are registered, 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 12, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 9, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 14, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Join us for a Bow-wow Pow-wow. Certified therapy dogs will be at 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 is absolute fun for everyone. Bring your camera! No registration necessary.

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, Alton, IL.
November 14 & 21, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Making a Home in a New Land: Immigration, Naturalization, & Asylum
December 12 & 19, 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.

Curtis the Mentalist
Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.
Curtis presents a mind-blowing and hilarious show that you will remember long after the event is over. This humorous, fast-paced, and highly interactive one-man mind reading magic and mentalism show is sure to keep you engaged and thoroughly entertained.
Curtis tells random audience members the names of people they’re thinking about, plays games with the money in their wallets, draws pictures they create in their mind, and performs crazy stunts while completely blindfolded that always has audiences reeling in utter amazement, and laughing the entire time! No one is ever sure whether Curtis is a magician, a real mind reader, or a comedian! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

DAR “FRIEND-RAISER” Eighth Annual Open House
Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL.
Saturday, November 2, 2019, 10:00 a.m.–12p.m.
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, registration is not necessary.

Switchback
Note: This program will be held in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL
Sunday, November 3, 2:00 p.m.
It may not be Halloween proper, but we’re still in the mood for some thrills and chills when Switchback returns on November 3. Two of our favorite performers on the circuit! “A successful show for us is like an amusement ride—it’s a rush,” says Brian FitzGerald of the renowned musical duo Switchback. “Our Irish is a little more aggressive, and it’s coming at you a little harder because we are coming out of small, jaunty Irish bars. There’s a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of energy to our show.” As this program will be held just following the 2019 Day of the Dead celebration, FitzGerald and Martin McCormack will showcase spooky tunes along with their wonderful original compositions, sentimental ballads and blistering honky-tonk. This program is jointly presented by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
**John Meehan and Kerry Miller**

“A Conversation Between Benjamin Godfrey and James Semple: How Two Prairie Entrepreneurs Shaped the River Bend Region”

Note: This program to be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL.

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

Accomplished reenactors John Meehan (playing Captain Godfrey) and Kerry Miller (playing General Semple) will portray these prominent leaders of economic development in western Madison and eastern Jersey counties in a lively exchange that covers the major issues of their life in the 1840s: the abolition of slavery, women’s education, railroad and highway construction, and state banking. The Semple and Godfrey families lived barely three miles apart north of Alton. The oldest Semple daughter, Ada, attended nearby Monticello Female Seminary, a women’s college which Godfrey had founded a decade earlier. Seating is limited. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Dave Ehlert**

*A Diamond is Forever – A Neil Diamond Tribute Show*

**Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Nationally acclaimed singing impressionist, Dave Ehlert, performs live all your favorite Neil Diamond hits in this salute to the legendary career of the Solitary Man. Hear *I am…I Said, September Man, Cherry Cherry, Sweet Caroline, Love on the Rocks, Cracklin’ Rosie* and many more! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Limited Edition**

*Sounds of the Holidays*

**Sunday, December 1, 3:00 p.m.**

Note: This program will be held at Evangelical United Church of Christ, 1212 Homer Adams Parkway West, Godfrey, IL (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.

**Switchback**

*A Celtic Christmas in the Chapel*

**Sunday, December 8, 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, IL.

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.
**Nonfiction**

Albom, Mitch. *Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family*


America's Test Kitchen. *Mediterranean Instant Pot: Easy, Inspired Meals for Eating Well*

Andrews, Julie. *Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years*

Armstrong, Karen. *The Lost Art of Scripture: Rescuing the Sacred Texts*

Axe, Dr. Josh. *The Collagen Diet: A 28-Day Plan for Sustained Weight Loss, Glowing Skin, Great Gut Health, and a Younger You*

Baier, Bret. *Three Days at the Brink: FDR's Daring Gamble to Win World War II*


Brands, H. W. *Dreams of El Dorado: A History of the American West*

Brokaw, Tom. *The Fall of Richard Nixon: A Reporter Remembers Watergate*

Bryson, Bill. *The Body: A Guide for Occupants*

Cahalan, Susannah. *The Great Pretender: The Undercover Mission That Changed Our Understanding of Madness*

Carlin, Dan. *The End Is Always Near: Apocalyptic Moments, from the Bronze Age Collapse to Nuclear Near Misses*


Conroy, Cassandra King. *Tell Me a Story: My Life with Pat Conroy*

Daniels, Anthony. *I Am C-3PO: The Inside Story*

Davis, William C. *The Greatest Fury: The Battle of New Orleans and the Rebirth of America*


Egan, Timothy. *A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith*

Fingeroth, Danny. *A Marvelous Life: The Amazing Story of Stan Lee*

Fogg, B.J. *Tiny Habits: The Small Changes that Change Everything*

Gingrich, Newt. *Trump vs China: The Greatest Weapon in America’s Arsenal (Oregon Files)*

Greger, Michael, M.D. *How Not to Die: The Groundbreaking Science of Healthy, Permanent Weight Loss*

Gundr, Steven R., M.D. *The Plant Paradox Family Cookbook: 80 One-Pot Recipes to Nourish Your Family Using Your Instant Pot, Slow Cooker, or Sheet Pan*

Harry, Debbie. *Face It*

Hartwig, Melissa. *The Whole30 Friends & Family: 150 Recipes for Every Social Occasion*


Jonas, Joe. *Blood: A Memoir by the Jonas Brothers*

Keys, Alicia. *More Myself: A Journey*

Kilmeade, Brian. *Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers: The Texas Victory That Changed American History*

LeVeque, Kelly. *Body Love Every Day: Choose Your Life-Changing 21-Day Path to Food Freedom*

Maddow, Rachel. *Blowout: Corrupted Democracy, Rogue State Russia, and the Richest, Most Destructive Industry on Earth*

Mann, William J. *The Contender: The Story of Marlon Brando*

Martha Stewart Living. *Martha Stewart's Cookie Perfection: 100+ Recipes to Take Your Sweet Treats to the Next Level*

Morris, Edmund. *Edison*

Munroe, Randall. *How To: Absurd Scientific Advice for Common Real-World Problems*

Petrucci, Dr. Kellyann. *Dr. Kellyann’s Cleanse and Reset: Detoxify, Nourish, and Restore Your Body for Sustained Weight Loss...in Just 5 Days*

Rowe, Mike. *The Way I Heard It*

Scarrow, Joe. *This Ends Badly: How Donald Trump Conned America*

Simon, Carly. *Touched by the Sun: My Friendship with Jackie*

Smith, Patti. *Year of the Monkey*

Symon, Michael. *Fix It with Food: More Than 125 Recipes to Address Autoimmune Issues and Inflammation: A Cookbook*

Weller, Sheila. *Carrie Fisher: A Life on the Edge*

**Fiction**

Andrews, Donna. *Owl Be Home for Christmas*

Atkins, Ace. *Robert B. Parker's Angel Eyes (Spenser)*

Baldacci, David. *A Minute to Midnight*

Beaton, M. C. *Beating About the Bush (Agatha Raisin)*

Berg, Elizabeth. *The Confession Club*

Cameron, Marc. *Tom Clancy Code of Honor (Jack Ryan)*

Cameron, W. Bruce. *A Dog's Promise*

Chiaverini, Jennifer. *The Christmas Boutique*

Child, Lee. *Blue Moon: A Jack Reacher Novel*

Childs, Laura. *Mumbo Gumbo Murder (A Scrapbooking Mystery)*

Clark, Mary Higgins. *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry*

Connelly, Michael. *The Night Fire*


Cook, Robin. *Genesis*

Cornwell, Bernard. *Sword of Kings*

Cornwell, Patricia. *Quantum: A Thriller (Captain Chase)*

Coyle, Cleo. *Brewed Awakening*

Crichton, Michael. *The Andromeda Evolution*

Crowbie, Deborah. *Bitter Feast*

Cussler, Clive. *Final Option (Oregon Files)*

DeMille, Nelson. *The Deserter*

Ellison, J. T. *Good Girls Lie*

Evanovich, Janet. *Twisted Twenty-Six*

Evans, Richard Paul. *Noel Street*

Francis, Felix. *Guilty Not Guilty*

Gerritsen, Tess. *The Shape of Night*

Griffin, W.E.B. *The Attack (Badge Of Honor)*

Grimes, Martha. *The Old Success*

Grisham, John. *The Guardians*

Hilderbrand, Elin. *What Happens in Paradise*

Isaacs, Susan. *Takes One to Know One*

Jewell, Lisa. *The Family Upstairs*

Kinsella, Sophie. *Christmas Shopaholic: A Novel*

Le Carré, John. *Agent Running in the Field*

Lindsay, Jeff. *Just Watch Me*

Macomber, Debbie. *A Mrs. Miracle Christmas*

Mallery, Susan. *Meant to Be Yours (Happily Inc.)*

McCall Smith, Alexander. *The Peppermint Tea Chronicles*

McCall Smith, Alexander. *To the Land of Long Lost Friends (No. 1 Ladies’)*

McDermid, Val. *How The Dead Speak (Tony Hill)*

Meier, Leslie. *Invitation Only*

Morgenstern, Erin. *The Starless Sea*

Morris, Heather. *Gilka’s Journey*

Moyes, Jojo. *The Giver of Stars*

Myers, Tamar. *Puddin’ on the Blitzy Palmer, Diana. *Wyoming Heart*

Patterson, James. *The 19th Christmas*

Patterson, James. *Criss Cross (Alex Cross)*

Perry, Anne. *A Christmas Gathering*

Poyer, David. *Overthrow (Dan Lenson)*

Roberts, Nora. *The Rise of Magicks (Chronicles of The One)*

Rosenfelt, David. *Dachshund Through the Snow*

Sandford, John. *Dachshund Through the Snow*

Siegfried, Otto. *Bloodly Genius*

Singh, Nanali. *A Madness of Sunshine*

Steel, Danielle. *Child’s Play*

Steel, Danielle. *Spy Strout, Elizabeth*. *Olive, Again*

Thayer, Nancy. *Let It Snow: A Novel*

Todd, Charles. *A Cruel Deception*

Williams, Beatriz. *The Wicked Redhead*

Woods, Stuart. *Stealth (Stone Barrington)*
What’s Happening in Reference

The next time you are in the Alton Square library, we invite you to visit the Reference Department to see our recent changes and explore our materials. The collection has been condensed to simplify browsing and selection for our patrons. Additionally, the end of the collection has been shifted to the shelves on the wall behind the Reference Desk. You are welcome to browse these shelves, as well as the rest of the materials that remain out on the floor, any time you are in the library.

Whether you are exploring a new subject or starting a research project, you may be interested to know that we have many exceptional books encompassing a wide range of topics and sources, including world religions, mythology, art, atlases, legal forms, encyclopedias on multiple subjects, medicine, poetry, language dictionaries, Illinois statutes, and more. In fact, many of the library’s most fascinating, enlightening, and unique books can be found in the Reference Department. Reference books are often thoroughly detailed and fabulously illustrated as they are written for in-depth knowledge on a particular subject. They can also be trusted as some of the most well-reviewed and accurate sources. You might like to browse through a few of them on your next visit. We recommend:

**Crimes and Punishment: The Illustrated Crime Encyclopedia.** R 364.9 CRI. Read about the real-life accounts of master criminals and the crimes they committed. It’s all found in this twenty-eight volume set.

**Nicknames of Cities and States of the U.S.** by Joseph Nathan Kane. R 929.4 KAN. Did you know that Alton was dubbed both “The City That Came Back” and “Tusselburgh” in response to the 1837 riot (and its aftermath) in which abolitionist Elijah Lovejoy was murdered?

**Folklore and Symbolism of Flowers, Plants and Trees** by Ernst and Johanna Lehner. R 581.508 LEH. “The violet is one of the few flowers which entered the historical arena as a political symbol.” The French Bonapartists chose the violet, the flower of March, as their emblem during Napoleon’s exile. Look for the silhouettes of Napoleon, Empress Louise, and their three-year-old son found in the illustrated bouquet of violets on page 82. The Bonapartists used postcards of these violets as subterfuge against the French government.

While you are here, help yourself to any of the helpful handouts displayed at the Reference Desk. They cover topics such as fake news, community support services, e-book help, and more. What topic are you interested in exploring today? Let us help you find it.

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 14, 2019, 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. Students from the Evangelical School in Godfrey, with the assistance of area veterans, will participate and help lay the wreaths on the veterans’ graves.

In 2018, through community financial donations, 560 wreaths were placed on gravesites in our local national cemetery. Every dollar you 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 in contributions enables the local organization to purchase three 20-inch live balsam wreaths.

For the fourth 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. These wreath reservations must be received by Friday, November 22, 2019, 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.

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 agencies 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, 2019, anyone who has an overdue item can pay their 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. This program applies to overdue items currently checked out and does not apply to fines already charged to your card for materials previously returned. 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.