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
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The Library will be closed for the following holidays:
Independence Day, July 4
Staff Development Day, August 5
Labor Day, September 4 & 5

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Calling Local Authors! Hayner Library to Hold Local Author Book Fair

This fall, Hayner Library will host a Local Author Book Fair, where you can meet local authors, buy their books, and have them signed. The event will be held Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. If necessary, a rain date is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022.

The event will feature library card registration, a showcase of non-traditional library materials available for check out, a prize drawing, and other library highlights. There will also be activities and story times for the kids. WBGZ will broadcast live from the event, and refreshments will be available for purchase. The Riverbend Raptor will also be roving around the book fair for your amusement!

You can browse or make purchases—and be sure to leave some time to explore the beautiful Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library and Jennie D. Hayner Memorial Park. The Friends of Hayner Library, located at 327 State Street, will also hold a book sale on this date.

Authors, this will be an excellent opportunity to introduce your books to your friends and neighbors!

Patrons, find a new favorite author and stock up your book collection to keep you busy during the approaching cold winter. What is more inviting than a stack of books to ease your cabin fever? There are so many talented local authors in our community who deserve your support.

Free parking will be available in the municipal parking lot across from the Downtown Library on Belle Street between 4th and 5th Streets.

If you are an author with books to sell, reserve a table by calling Mary Cordes at (618) 433-2877 or email mary.cordes@haylerlibrary.org. The library will provide tables and tablecloths for authors. Authors can bring promotional materials and books to sell. Authors are responsible for bringing their own banking supplies. Authors should plan to arrive at 8:00 a.m. in order to set up their tables. There is a limit of available tables, first come, first served. The last date to register for a table is Friday, September 30, 2022.

We are hopeful that this will become an annual event. Please plan to join us—bring the family and support local talent.

Free Cookie to Celebrate the Golden Anniversary of The Hayner Public Library District!

Fifty years ago this July, after 120 years of existing as a subscription library and then a city library, The Hayner Public Library District began operating as a library district. Come into any library location to celebrate with a My Just Desserts chocolate chip cookie on Friday, August 12, or Saturday, August 13, 2022.
Join us for our Summer 2022 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 J.C. Penney.

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.

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**Steve Davis**

**Elvis! Live!**

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 p.m.

Elvis (yes, THE Elvis) returns to Hayner Library with his Las Vegas-style revue that will have you rockin’ in your blue suede shoes. Elvis sings and reminisces about his career in this great show that will take you back to Elvis’s Vegas performances of the 1970s. Don’t miss this chance to see The King live, onstage!

Register at 1-800-613-3163

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**Anna Blair**

**Patsy Cline Review**

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.

Anna Blair started singing Patsy Cline in 2009 when Steve Davis needed a new opening act for his Memories of Elvis show. She had been singing backup in his show since 2004. Join us for an evening of favorites performed as country music star Patsy Cline.

Register at 1-800-613-3163

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**The Scott Laytham and Karl Holmes Duo**

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.

Scott Laytham’s skills as a musician, arranger, and composer are well known in the St. Louis area. Besides his live performances, Scott has also produced music for both local and national radio and television ads. For live shows, Scott has his hands full. He plays keys, guitars, and sings and also runs the light show and sound system. Karl “Trickee” Holmes is one of the best vocal impressionists in the country. Some of his impressions include Louis Armstrong, Al Green, Ray Charles, Barry White, Michael Jackson, Prince, Marvin Gaye, Nat King Cole, Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Johnny Mathis, and the Temptations (he performs all five Temptations voices by himself). You must see it and hear it to believe it!

Register at 1-800-613-3163
Summer/Fall 2022 Activities

Activities July-September 2022

Family Story Time with Ms. Mary Kay — Join Ms. Mary Kay and Panda Bear in an interactive story time for children of all ages. Enjoy stories, songs, an occasional puppet show, and a snack. Meeting dates are Tuesdays, August 23 and 30; September 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 10:00 a.m., at the Downtown Library. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Stories with Sam — Join us for this fun and interactive story time for 2-5-year-olds. Children will hear stories, sing songs, and make crafts that reflect the weekly theme. Meeting dates are Thursdays, August 25; September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 10:00 a.m. at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

Science with Sam - Science with Sam is a fun monthly STEAM-themed program that happens on the first Friday of each month, beginning in September. Sam will prepare take-home interactive kits for children ages 7-10 demonstrating different STEAM concepts, such as surface tension, Earth science, anatomy, and robotics! Each kit will include an item list and the ingredients needed to perform the activity. We will also post an instructional video on our Hayner Library Facebook page and KidsSpace YouTube channel for families to watch! Adult assistance is required for some of the activities. Patrons may pick up their kit from Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace on Friday, September 2.

After-School Fun — Kids, join us for our After-School Fun Make-or-Take Craft at the Downtown Library KidsSpace! The craft is designed for children ages 6-10. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20. Please register at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Take-Home Crafts — Stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall every Thursday from July 21 through September 29, and pick up your Take-Home Craft kit while supplies last. No registration required.
Teen Take-Home Craft
Teens, stop by TeenSpace on Wednesdays, July 20, August 17, and September 14, 2022, and pick up a fun Take-Home Craft kit. Crafts will be distributed at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall (while supplies last).

July: DIY bouncy balls
August: Jar fairy lights
September: Popsicle bracelets

My Library Crate
Do you enjoy book subscriptions? If so, this one is for you! This three-month book subscription is exclusively for teens ages 12-18. Stop by TeenSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and complete a short survey. Each month a TeenSpace staff member will pick a new read and reserve it just for you. The crate contains your book and a few goodies! Book crates will be labeled with your name and placed on the hold shelf for five days after you are contacted. The crate will be checked out to you before you arrive. All you have to do is stop by and pick it up. For more information, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

July-September 2022

SIUE StarLab Planetarium Visit – You’re invited to join us and explore the StarLab Planetarium, part of the STEM center at SIUE. This program will take place on Wednesday, August 3, in the J.C. Penney courtyard, located directly outside the doors of Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. This fantastic STEM resource will project the night sky, show the movement of the stars and planets, and demonstrate moon phases. To attend this program, you must be at least five years of age and accompanied by an adult. The planetarium will be available for two shows: 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Limited space is available, so register now! To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

Grandparents’ Day Celebration – Hayner Library KidsSpace will hold our annual Grandparents’ Day Celebration for children ages 2-5. The fun kicks off on Wednesday, September 21, at 10:00 a.m., in our Hayner Library Performance Room, located on the upper level of Alton Square Mall. Please join us for a photo booth, cookies, punch, coffee, and the hilarious antics of Mr. Richard Landry and his fuzzy sidekick Snowball. We will have limited registration for this program. Register early! To register for this program, please call (618) 433-2881. The registration deadline is Friday, September 16.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month – Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace will hand out a surprise goody bag to children who sign-up for a library card in September (while supplies last). You must show your new library card to a KidsSpace staff member to get your goody bag.

Not-Just-for-Teens Escape Rooms
Visit Hayner Library’s Facebook page every Monday for a new escape room challenge. Figure them out by yourself or with your friends! Answer questions, find clues, and solve riddles to complete these fun virtual games. We will post a new escape room every Monday, beginning July 11, 2022.

Color Your Stress Away
Break out the colored pencils, turn on some relaxing music, and color your stress away. Visit Hayner Library’s Facebook page every Friday, beginning July 15, 2022, for a new printable coloring sheet.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all in-person teen programs will take place at the Riverbender.com Community Center, located at 200 West 3rd Street, Alton.
New in Our Illinois Room

175 Years of Art at the St. Louis Mercantile Library: A Revised Second Edition of the Handbook to the Collections by Julie Dunn-Morton. IR 708.177866 DUN

Amboy, Illinois: First 150 Years, 1854-2004. IR 977.336 AMB

A Brick and a Bible: Black Women's Radical Activism in the Midwest During the Great Depression by Melissa Ford. IR 305.420977 FOR

Color Me Alton: Seasons text by Renée B. Johnson and illustrations by Allison A. McCarty, Hallie C. Beiermann, Sabrina K. Northway, Madeline J. Besaw, D. J. Holiday, Winnie Zheng, Genevieve L. Ahlin, and Olivia Joiner. IR j977.386 JOH


Great Rivers, Great Routes, Great Memories. IR 977.386 GRE 2021/FALL-WINTER


Influenza Epidemic of 1918: Newspaper Articles from the Alton Evening Telegraph compiled by The Hayner Public Library District Genealogy & Local History Library. IR 614.5180973 INF

Kaskaskia: The Lost Capital of Illinois. IR 977.392 MAC

Local Art & Artists compiled by The Hayner Public Library District Genealogy & Local History Library. IR 709.973 LOC

The Loyalists in the American Revolution. IR 973.314 VAN

Missouri Marriages Before 1840. IR 977.87 MIS

The People of the River Bend: The Way We Were—Index. IR 977.386 PEO

Photographers: A Sourcebook for Historical Research. IR 770.9 PHO


A Rosenberg By Any Other Name: A History of Jewish Name Changing in America. IR 929.4089 FER

Rustic Architecture in Rugged Parks by Ronald E. Schmitt. IR 720.97 SCH

Sweet Greeks: First-Generation Immigrant Confectioners in the Heartland by Ann Flesor Beck. IR 338.476641 BEC

Understanding Colonial Handwriting. IR 929.1 STR

Women of Distinction. Thursday, May 24, 2012: 22nd Anniversary Celebration—YWCA of Alton. IR 977.386 YWC

YWCA Southwestern Illinois Women of Distinction: 2022, Making a Difference. IR 977.386 YWC

Adult Summer Reading Program

Join us this summer for our Adult Summer Reading Program! From August 1 to August 31, 2022, Hayner Library invites patrons age eighteen and older to join in the summer reading fun—and a chance to win some fun prizes. Visit the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall for details. Happy summer reading!

Go Fish! Check Out a Fishing Pole at the Downtown Library

Are you looking for something to do with the kids this summer? Take them fishing! Patrons can check out free fishing poles with a Hayner Library card.

Our fishing pole program started nearly twenty years ago as a collaboration between Hayner Library and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources when the IDNR provided us with thirteen free fishing poles for our patrons to check out. The fishing poles can be checked out from the Downtown Library and can be checked out for two weeks. Please note: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources requires a fishing license for anglers over sixteen. Please visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website for more information on fishing in Illinois (www.dnr.illinois.gov).
Color Me Alton: Seasons Coloring Book

Alton High School Graphic Communications students, their teacher Lexa Browning, and Renée B. Johnson, Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library staff, recently published Color Me Alton: Seasons, a multi-generational coloring book exploring the seasons in the Alton area. We held a well-attended book signing on Saturday, May 11, 2022, and Hayner staff members dropped off donations of the coloring book to local schools. The coloring books are now available to purchase for $10.00 (cash or check) at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library.

Student illustrators Allison A. McCarty, Hallie C. Beiermann, Sabrina K. Northway, Madeline J. Besaw, D. J. Holiday, Winnie Zheng, Genevieve L. Ahlin, and Olivia Joiner worked for months to illustrate text written by Renée B. Johnson, highlighting seasonal activities and events in Alton, Godfrey, and Fosterburg, Illinois. The students drew pages depicting the Alton Memorial Day Parade, Juneteeth Celebration in James H. Killion Park, Alton Farmers’ and Artisans’ Market, the Nan Elliott Memorial Rose Garden at Gordon Moore Park, the All-Wheels Drive-In Classic Car Show, the Great Godfrey Corn Maze at Glazebrook Park, and other wonderful local traditions.

This is not the first collaboration between the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library and Alton High School’s Graphic Communications students. In 2019, Renée B. Johnson collaborated with Lexa Browning and her students to publish the rhyming alphabet picture book Alton ABC. Copies of Alton ABC are also still available to purchase for $20.00 (cash or check) at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library.

The proceeds for Color Me Alton: Seasons and Alton ABC books benefit the Alton High School Graphic Communications club, Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, and future collaborations. It has been a joy to work with the Alton School District and we look forward to future projects!

Branching Out 2022 - Genealogy Classes

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library is happy to resume in-person Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton.

Branching Out classes take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

July 14 - From the Church to the Courthouse
July 21 - Discussion group

August 11 - Where We’ve Lived: Property Research
August 18 - Discussion group

September 8 - Making a New Home in a New Land: Immigration, Asylum, Naturalization
September 15 - Discussion group

October 13 - Uncover Family Details with Cemetery Records
October 20 - Discussion group

November 10 - Heroes in Our History: Military Records
November 17 - Discussion group

December 8 - All That’s Fit to Print and More: Newspaper Research
December 15 - Discussion group

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic.

On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and each of us gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We just relax and listen when we don’t have anything to share. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!
Check Out a Telescope and Enjoy the Night Sky

Everyone knows that you can check out a book using your library card. But you can also check out many other fun things with your library card, including a telescope! Hayner Library offers Orion StarBlast 4.5” telescopes for patron check out at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Each telescope captures the equivalent amount of light of 250 human eyes. Each has a zoom eyepiece, which gives a range of magnifications from twenty power to sixty power and provides a large field of view. You will be able to obtain clear observations of the craters on our Moon, Jupiter and its moons, Saturn and its rings, and the brighter star clusters and nebulae.

Adult Hayner Library cardholders may check out the telescopes for two weeks. Each telescope also comes with a learning kit and everything you need to start your stargazing adventure. Enjoy the great outdoors and night skies with your family and friends.

Take a Hike! Read a Story in the Great Outdoors with Hayner Library’s StoryWalk Program

Exercise, fresh air, nature, and literacy are all combined in Hayner Library's StoryWalk.

StoryWalk is an outdoor reading experience in which the library staff deconstructs a children's book, laminates the pages, and places them in a weatherproof metal storyboard along the Frog Trail at The Nature Institute.

The Nature Institute, located at 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL, is a non-profit land conservation and environmental education organization. The Frog Trail, located behind Talahi Lodge, is approximately a half-mile in length and has been paved to make it more accessible for readers of all abilities.

A new StoryWalk book is available at the beginning of each month, from April to November. In the winter, Hayner Library’s StoryWalk program takes place on the upper level of Alton Square Mall.

For more information on our StoryWalk program, including the title of the current month’s book, please visit the library’s website at www.haynerlibrary.org/storywalk or our Facebook page.

The StoryWalk project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Walking Book Club

In April, Hayner Library recently introduced a new program, the Walking Book Club. The club was launched by Hayner’s Reference Librarian, Jean Shimunek, who sadly passed away in May. Jean was devoted to reading, exercise, nature, and friends and designed the Walking Book Club around these things. If this sounds like a perfect fit for you, please consider joining us.

The Walking Book Club is like other book clubs, except it meets at a walking trail or park and allows participants to exercise while chatting about books. Studies have shown that walking stimulates our brain and helps us focus and be more creative. Our Walking Book Club integrates mental, physical, and social activities, improving brain health while enjoying the company of others.

The book club meets for about an hour on the second Wednesday of the month, April through October. At each meeting, titles and walking locations are chosen for the next month’s walk with the help of our club moderator. Our walks are paced to allow for both exercise and good conversations. The Alton/Godfrey area offers us many beautiful parks and trails for our walks, such as The Nature Institute, Riverfront Park, Gordon Moore Park, Audubon Center at Riverlands, and Glazebrook Park.

Registration is required for the Walking Book Club. The registration form is available on the library’s website and at the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. For more information, please email the library at reference@haynerlibrary.org or call 618-462-0677.
Lawyer in the Library: Know Your Rights Presentations at Hayner Library

The Hayner Public Library District is happy to announce our newest programming series: Lawyer in the Library. This series is a partnership between The Hayner Public Library District and Land of Lincoln Legal Aid.

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides low-income and senior residents of central and southern Illinois with free high-quality legal services to obtain and maintain their basic human needs.

Our Lawyer in the Library series will focus on three areas of law: housing, consumer protection, and health and income security. These “know your rights” presentations will provide a general overview of the types of help Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides. Because the attorneys presenting these programs cannot discuss or answer questions concerning specific cases, attorney referrals and appointments can be made after each presentation.

The following programs will take place at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.:

- August 3, 2022 — Housing: eviction, unsafe living conditions, and foreclosure
- August 17, 2022 — Health and income security: Medicaid, Medicare, TANF, SNAP, Social Security

The following programs will take place at the Downtown Library from 6:00-7:00 p.m.:

- September 14, 2022 — Consumer Protection: debt collection, bankruptcy, consumer fraud, and identity theft
- September 28, 2022 — Housing: eviction, unsafe living conditions, and foreclosure

Registration is not required for these programs.

For more information about Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, please visit www.lincolnlegal.org or call 1-800-642-5570 or (618) 462-0029. You may also pick up informational brochures at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall or the Downtown Library.