Another New Service

Hayner Library is happy to announce that we are now offering the RBdigital app to our patrons—giving you access to thousands of more e-books and e-audiobooks than ever before!

The RBdigital app also allows patrons to check out hundreds of full-color, digital magazines including all of your favorites such as Newsweek, US Weekly, HGTV Magazine, Reader’s Digest, Popular Mechanics, Better Homes and Gardens, Family Handyman, Q, Martha Stewart Living, WIRED, Smithsonian Magazine, Runner’s World, and many more!

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 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.

History Comes to Hayner

The Hayner Public Library District is thrilled to announce that the Elijah P. Lovejoy printing press is coming to the Genealogy & Local History Library. We would like to thank The Telegraph and Hearst Communications for their very generous donation of this extraordinary artifact. The press will be on permanent display in the library, just up the hill from the location of the Godfrey & Gilman warehouse, where it was originally stored and where Lovejoy made his last stand fighting for the freedom of the press. A reception and dedication will be held at the Genealogy & Local History Library in autumn 2018. All are invited. Please be on the lookout for more information in our next newsletter.

We are so honored to be the new home for such an important part of local and national history.

Take A Hike!

Hayner Library is introducing a new program designed to get families active, enjoy the outdoors, and read a good book—all at once! We are participating in StoryWalk®, a program created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

The StoryWalk® program consists of laminated pages from a children’s book attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along a walking path.

The books will be changed out periodically so that families can enjoy the program from spring until fall. StoryWalk® is a terrific way for families to engage in literacy and the great outdoors all at once!

Our first StoryWalk® site will be installed at The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, Illinois. We hope to have other sites installed in Alton and Godfrey this summer.

Please be sure to visit our website for more information about StoryWalk®, including the kickoff date for this exciting program.
Looking for a New Author?

In the article, “Writers to Watch Spring 2018: Anticipated Debuts”, Publishers Weekly highlighted some of the best new contemporary fiction authors making their debut this year. The following titles are available at Hayner Library.

Peach by Emma Glass

“Glass’ prose is capable of breathtaking deftness . . . the clipped sentences and obsessive repetitions provide a terrifying window into a freshly traumatized psyche. With paragraphs that read like poems, this is a memorably crafted entry into the canon of revenge narratives.” – Kirkus Reviews

There There by Tommy Orange

“There There is an urgent, invigorating, absolutely vital book by a novelist with more raw virtuosic talent than any young writer I’ve come across in a long, long time. Maybe ever. Tommy Orange is a stylist with substance, a showboater with a deeply moral compass. I want to call him heir to Gertrude Stein by way of George Saunders, but he is even more original than that. This book will make your heart swell.” – Claire Vaye Watkins

Parking Lot Attendant by Nafkote Tamirat


Bring Out the Dog by Will Mackin

“Unforgettable . . . It is the language as much as the experience that drives the action, creating taut, almost terrifying suspense. Mackin’s masterful prose is both poetic and aggressive.” – Publishers Weekly

Enjoy Local and Community History!

Do you know any of the interesting facts surrounding your local community, neighborhood, or the town where you grew up? Local history holds the details and stories that help reveal how societal changes impacted the lives of ordinary people within a community. Since 1837, Alton has had its fair share of interesting events and colorful characters that helped shape the temperament and forge the personality of this old river town.

Here are some interesting local history facts about our community:

The town of Alton, Illinois was founded by Rufus Easton. Easton had many titles during his life. He was an attorney, a United States Congressman and the first appointed postmaster of St. Louis. Although he never lived on Alton soil, he developed the town in the year 1818. It was not incorporated as a city until 1837, three years after his death. He named many of the streets after family members, but the town itself was named for his eldest son, Alton Easton.

In 1833, the first penitentiary in the State of Illinois was built and opened in Alton. It was closed in 1860 but reopened during the Civil War to be used for Confederate prisoners. A somber remnant of stone still stands on William Street as a poignant reminder of one of the most dreadful tragedies in Alton history.

For many years, the Owens-Illinois Glass Works that sat in the 1600 block of East Broadway was the largest glass company in the world. The first item produced was an ashtray but the company quickly grew into a distinguished bottle manufacturing plant recognized around the world. After many successful years of leading the world in the glass manufacturing industry, as well as providing employment to thousands of area families, it closed its doors in 1993.

James Earl Ray, the man convicted of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, was born on West Ninth Street in Alton. However, his family ties run much deeper than just being born here. Although his family moved to Missouri while Ray was a 6-year-old student at St. Mary’s Catholic School, he eventually came back to live with his grandmother in her rooming house on Broadway while his brothers and sisters went to live at the Catholic Children’s Home on State Street. When his mother died in 1961, she was buried in a Godfrey cemetery under the last name of Ryan.

The first Alton Memorial Day Parade, known then as Decoration Day, was held on Saturday, May 30, 1868. The evening edition of the Alton Daily Telegraph said it was a “very imposing and appropriate demonstration”. Alton’s parade has been considered to be the oldest most consecutive running parade in the United States.

Abraham Lincoln was a frequent visitor to Alton. In 1842 he came to Alton from Springfield after being challenged to a brawl with James Shields who was the Illinois State Auditor at the time. The sword duel was to take place on an island in the Mississippi River as dueling on Illinois grounds was illegal. After boating from the Alton shore to the small island in the river both parties reconsidered their argument and agreed to a truce, sending both men back to the Alton riverbank unscathed.

When not on display, the mumified corpse of a local fisherman William “Deaf Bill” Lee was kept inside the closet of a local funeral home for eight decades. In 1996, the Burke Funeral Home decided to lay Bill to rest in proper fashion. The body was dressed in a fine suit, laid inside an open casket for a final exhibition and a complete and sincere funeral was held for the deaf fisherman who used to walk among the streets of Alton. Over 350 people were in attendance for the occasion. Eighty-one years after his death, Deaf Bill was finally laid to rest in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in West Alton.

World War II Air Force pilot Paul Warfield Tibbetts Jr. dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. It was the historic event that ultimately ended the war. Tibbetts was a 1933 graduate of Western Military Academy. Although he was born in Quincy, Illinois and grew up in Miami, Florida he had been a student at the Alton military school on Seminary Street for five years before his extraordinary military service began.

The Lovejoy monument that stands in the Alton Cemetery towers a total of 110 feet toward the sky. Erected in 1897, the bronze sculpture was made by the American Bronze Company of Chicago and the granite was a product of the stone quarries of Vermont. The 17-foot winged statue at the top is called Victory.
Enjoy Local and Community History! (continued)

In 1867, the Chicago & Alton and the Big Four railroads built a substantial depot in downtown Alton. The two-story building included a hotel and restaurant but the unique feature about this imposing structure was that it was built in the shape of a locomotive. It was such a fine example of architecture that the Alton Telegraph called it the ornament of the city. The depot was razed in 1956 with plans of building a new hose house for the fire department. This was a plan that never happened; a parking lot was formed on the site instead.

Humbert Road is named for Dr. Frederick Humbert, a German immigrant who came to the United States in 1833 and set up a successful medical practice in the Alton and Upper Alton areas. The doctor was a beloved physician and a highly respected surgeon for over 56 years. His palatial home sat on the site of the Alton Middle School on College Avenue.

During the building of Alton’s first lock and dam along the edge of Riverfront Park, bones were unearthed by the construction of the cofferdam. The bones were thought to be those of smallpox victims who had been buried on an island during the Civil War. The island was appropriately known as Smallpox Island.

The beautiful Benjamin Godfrey Memorial Chapel that sits on the campus of Lewis and Clark Community College was picked up and moved with flawless effort from its original location in 1991. It initially sat across the road facing the college. The entire move was made with such efficiency that a glass of water sitting on a beam was unaffected during the four-hour ride across Godfrey Road.

In 1901, the world-renowned Anheuser Busch Company of St. Louis built and maintained a factory at 100 Alby Street. The company stayed at that location for nearly 30 years.

The mighty Mississippi River has always been an integral part of Alton’s history for many reasons such as floods, fishing and barge freight. But on September 8, 1937, the great river surprised everyone when it handed over a five-foot, 84-pound bull shark to local fishermen “Dudge” Collins and Herbert Cope.

Older Altonians may remember the tricky curve and the shallow lanes of the first Clark Bridge, but who remembers the toll booth that was placed right in the middle of the chaos? Maneuvering across the bridge without scraping the sidewalls or snipping the bumpers of oncoming traffic was complicated enough without a toll booth in the hub of it all! To the delight of travelers, the precariously placed toll booth was removed in April 1958.

This is just a small sampling of Alton's interesting past. There are many other characters, countless more events, and various other milestones resting in the dusty old memories of this wonderful city.

If you would like to know more about the bold multi-colored blanket of local history that stretches over this community, just read through the society pages of an old Alton Evening Telegraph newspaper (available at all Hayner locations), drive through one of the historical districts, walk through one of the cemeteries, or visit the larger-than-life statues at Lincoln-Douglas Square.

Discover more history at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton. Library staff is always available to help you with your research.

Pam Bierman
Library Assistant IV
Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library

New in Our Illinois Room

- Alton Community Service League Scrapbook
  IR 977.386 ALT
- The Changing Emblems – National Railway Historical Society
  IR 385.09773 COO
- Hope From the Heartland: Jobs, Clean Air, Energy Security
  IR 363.70525 HOF
- Images of Midwestern Architecture: Missouri by Ronald E. Schmitt
  IR 720.9778 SCH
- Laclede Steel News 1960 – 1966
  IR 669.1420977306 LAC
- Let’s Look for Industry in Illinois Post Offices by Mary Emma Thompson
  IR 977.3 THO
- Let’s Look for Farming in Illinois Post Offices by Mary Emma Thompson
  IR 977.3 THO
- Let’s Look for Transportation in Illinois Post Offices by Mary Emma Thompson
  IR 977.3 THO
- Let’s Look for Pioneers in Illinois Post Offices by Mary Emma Thompson
  IR 977.3 THO
- Let’s Look for Mail Delivery in Illinois Post Offices by Mary Emma Thompson
  IR 977.3 THO
- Let’s Look for Cultures, Education and Such in Illinois Post Offices by Mary Emma Thompson
  IR 977.3 THO
- Likeness and Landscape: Thomas M. Easterly and the Art of the Daguerreotype
  IR 779.09034 KIL
  IR 977.386 MAR
- The Mysteries of St. Louis by Henry Boernstein
  IR F BOR
- Norvell Family History
  IR 929.2 NORVELL
- Ouatoga Bluff Abstract of Title
  IR 346.0438 OUA
- Preservation Comes of Age by Charles B. Hosmer, Jr.
  IR 720.973 HOS
- St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church Records Prairietown, Illinois 1852 – 1876
  IR 284.977386 STP
  IR 977.389 STE
- Western Military Academy Alumni Newsletter
  IR 373.77386 WES 1994 – 2009
- Youth Inspects the New World at a Century of Progress Exposition
  IR 977.311 HEN
The Hidden Treasures of the National Archives at Spanish Lake
By George Fuller

Wednesday evenings and Saturdays, I work at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, but my full-time job is at the National Archives in Spanish Lake, MO. I process the deceased veterans claim files for World War I. I often tell my Hayner co-workers stories of the treasures I've found while processing these files at the archives.

Processing, in this sense, means taking the files from their old non-archival boxes and inspecting them for damage and mold. I confirm that the files contain only one veteran’s information and remove any misfiles. I then place the file in a new archival box, label the box, and re-shelve it in the designated archive space. There are millions of claim files, and this year I was tasked with rehousing 3500 cubic feet, which translates to over seventy thousand files. This work can be very tedious, but occasionally I stumble upon something very interesting. I tell people that I think of each file box as being like a box of Cracker Jack, with a surprise inside each one. Most files are rather run-of-the-mill, with claims and documentation, as well as official correspondence; but some are little treasure troves.

In one file, I came across a newspaper article about the gang wars of New York. It was included in the veteran's file because he was one of the featured gangsters. He had served honorably for two years in WWI, and then shortly after returning home he “bumped off” the local dock gang/mob boss in order to control the docks. The newspaper described him (positively) as a fighter and a drinker who was quick with a pistol and took no lip from anyone. Being from New York, I can attest we do sort of love our mob stories, but this article was truly a glowing homage to the man.

When I think of the men and women who served, I am struck by the amazing array of first-generation immigrants who chose to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. They came from all over the world, including countries we would end up fighting against in WWII. Often in the files I will find correspondence in the native language of the person, from their families or from official agencies in their country of birth, complete with wax seals.

One file that stands out is the file of a Japanese man who quit his family tailoring business to join the U.S. Navy; he served honorably and was discharged. The curious thing about this man was that he served in the Navy under a Chinese alias. When he returned to Japan after being discharged, he lived in different locations under three other assumed names. The file does not detail why he assumed these identities; it would appear the focus of the investigation was on what name he assumed and when he assumed it. The file contained a collection of photos and correspondence in Japanese, from his brother and authorities in Japan. The correspondence and photos are beautiful artifacts, but do not solve the mystery of his identities.

There was also the Irishman who joined the U.S. Navy to escape his wife and several children back home in Ireland. His file contained photos and correspondence from his wife, who was trying to track him down and make him own up to his responsibilities. She included photos of herself as well as all the children. The Armed Forces were very good about connecting runaway fathers to their abandoned families, and this was no exception. Back he went to Ireland.

When the claim files were no longer in daily use, they were sent to wooden warehouses for storage. As time passed, those warehouses developed leaky roofs, had insect activity, and sometimes even caught fire; I find evidence of this in and on the boxes. I often find signs of the maintenance team's efforts to solve those issues as well: nails, bolts, nuts, wire, conduit pieces, roofing stone, lots of dust, and mold. I have also found pens and pencils of record center employees who lost them in the files long ago.

Part of my processing work is to remove metal fasteners because they are a source of damage to old records; when they rust they speed the deterioration of the paper. Though they are a danger and I must remove them, I enjoy the variety of fasteners that people employed when compiling these files—every imaginable configuration of paper clip (some truly ornate ones), straight pins, T-pins, flat pins with a triangular head, and more. I have collected hundreds. Though some are a rusty mess, others are as shiny and new as the day they were placed in the files.

The postage stamps on the correspondence, often decorated with beautiful artwork, are like time capsules themselves. I see stamps dated from the 1910s to the 1960s, originating from all over the world. Some of the correspondence, postage stamps, and official seals and stamps come from countries that no longer exist: the Kingdom of Italy, several grand duchies that have been absorbed into Germany, and many small countries that were absorbed by the Soviet Union and are today located within a former satellite country. I discovered places that I never knew existed, that I was never taught about in Social Studies class, and never saw on a globe or world map.

To me these files are time capsules. When a researcher comes to view the file, they are often seeking information about the veteran—but I wonder, do they appreciate the little treasures I find as well? I'd like to coin a term, peripheral history, and define it as the things we do not focus our intent upon. The researchers come with a specific intent, but do they ever take in the peripheral history?

E-Book Help for Cloud Library

The library will present a class on Saturday, September 15, on the basics of downloading e-books and e-audios from the library catalog to your e-reader. Help will also be available for our new RBdigital app.

The class will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This class is free of charge but does require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, the number in your party, and the type of device you have.
ALTON SQUARE ACTIVITIES

**Monday, August 20, 2018**
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

**Thursday, August 23, 2018**
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

**Monday, August 27, 2018**
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

**Monday, August 27, 2018**
Spanish Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

**Thursday, August 30, 2018**
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

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

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

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

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**
Legos at Your Library – 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**
After-School Fun – 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-10

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

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

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018**
Back-to-School Bash – 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**
Books, Books, and More Books – 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**
Teen Movie Nights at Riverbender.com Community Center – 3:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**
Color Meet-Ups – 4 p.m.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

**Friday, September 14, 2018**
Grandparents Day Celebration – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES

**Monday, August 20, 2018**
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018**
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

**Monday, August 27, 2018**
Evening Story Time – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-5

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**
Mary Kay’s Story Times – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

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

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

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

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

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**
After-School Fun – 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-10

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**
Teen Movie Nights at Riverbender.com Community Center – 3:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**
Color Meet-Ups – 4 p.m.

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, August 14, 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, August 15, 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 presentational, 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, August 29, 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
Keep Your Child’s Mind Strong All Summer Long

Your child’s education doesn’t need to be put on hold during the summer months. Here are a few ways to keep their intellect growing during summer vacation.

Set a good example
Children look to their parents for guidance—so set a good example by picking up a book yourself.

Let them decide
While it may seem obvious, one of the fundamentals of recreational reading is choosing a book you enjoy! Children are given assigned reading throughout their school year which might not interest them; it may also sour the idea of reading for fun. During the summer let them pick the books they wish to read. These books might not be the most educational, but they will excite your child!

Excuse me, where are your books about...
The library’s card catalog can be searched by subject. Keep an ear open for what your child is interested in. Whether it’s unicorns, baseball players, Barbie dolls, or painting, just about anything can be searched! And the friendly staff of Hayner Library will be happy to point you in the direction of the books your child might enjoy.

E-books
Nearly any place you visit during the summer is going to have a long line. Turn your wait-time into reading time by downloading an e-book! Ask one of our librarians for more details.

Visit your local library!
No, this isn’t just a ploy to get you to visit Hayner Library! The library offers a wide selection of programs available throughout the summer including our annual Summer Reading Program for kids and teens. Stop by for some (free) fun and leave with some books! For more information about summer programming, look for the Special Events at Hayner section of this newsletter and the Events Calendar on our website.

Internet Basics*  
(Class limit: 12)  
Wednesday, September 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.

Microsoft Word for Beginners  
(Class limit: 12)  
Part 1, Wednesday, September 12, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.  
Part 2, Wednesday, September 19, 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/Tab  
• Templates

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

Patience is a Virtue... Along With the Fast-Forward Button

When the screen fades to black and the credits begin to roll, you might think that the movie is over. However, these films prove that sometimes it’s worth waiting until after all credits have run in order to view an extra scene!

Ferris Bueller’s Day Off: Throughout the movie, Ferris Bueller breaks the fourth wall by talking directly to the audience, so it should be no surprise that he has one final message.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles: At the beginning of the movie, Neal Page is in a rush to catch his flight due to the indecisiveness of a high-level executive during a business meeting. Ever wonder how this executive spent his Thanksgiving holiday? Stay tuned after the credits to find out!

Airplane: Another minor plot point that is revisited after the credits is what happened to the passenger who gets into Ted Striker’s cab at the beginning of the film.

The Disaster Artist: After the credits there is a party scene that takes place featuring the main character, Tommy Wiseau, and a strange man. At first glance, you might wonder about the significance of the scene. However, the strange man is actually played by someone who had a key role in the film’s production. Need a hint? Just listen to his voice.

Napoleon Dynamite: Stay tuned after the credits for a special scene that takes place months later!
New Graphic Novels Available in Teen Space at the Alton Square Mall Library

The Hayner Public Library District was awarded a $2000 “Back to Books” grant from the Illinois State Library. The funding priority for this grant was to encourage patrons to get back to books as their primary source of information and entertainment. Funding is being used to update The Hayner Public Library District’s collection of graphic novels in order to meet the high demands of our pre-teen, teen, and young adult patrons for this genre.

Series include:
• Bleach
• Chobits
• Blue Exorcist
• Alice 19th
• Captive Hearts
• Inuyasha
• Marvel Universe: The End
• Fruit Basket
• Dragon Ball Z
• Fullmetal Alchemist
• Fushigi Yugi
• Lenore
• The Backstagers
• Jonesy
• Lighter Than My Shadow (non-series)
• Pashmina
• Akira
• Wings of Fire
• Phoebe and Her Unicorn

More book titles are forthcoming, including historical fiction, science, and nonfiction titles. Watch our website for new titles and series!

$2000 “Back to Books” Grant

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Author Fun Facts

Authors write amazing stories—but sometimes the stories about authors can be just as interesting!

• L. Frank Baum stated that he came up with the name “Oz” when he saw it on his file cabinet. One cabinet was labeled A-N and the second cabinet was labeled O-Z.

• Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice was originally entitled First Impressions.

• Charles Dickens exhibited symptoms of mild obsessive-compulsive disorder. He touched things three times for luck, combed his hair one hundred times a day, and could only write after sleeping in a bed facing north because he felt the North Star made him more creative.

• Sylvia Plath's first poem, entitled “Poem”, was published in the Boston Herald when she was only eight years old. At the age of twelve her IQ was recorded at 160.

• It is has been reported that Sophia Tolstaya, wife of War and Peace author Leo Tolstoy, copied and edited her husband’s famous 1,225 page novel seven times (by hand!) before he felt it was fit for publication.

• Shel Silverstein is not only a renowned author, penning many classic children’s works such as A Light in the Attic, Where the Sidewalk Ends, and The Giving Tree, but also an accomplished songwriter. He wrote the classic country song “A Boy Named Sue,” which was made famous by Johnny Cash!

• Best-selling author Stephen King grew so frustrated while writing his first novel, Carrie, that he threw the unfinished manuscript in the trash. His wife, Tabitha, salvaged the rough draft and encouraged him to continue writing it.

• Dan Brown, author of The Da Vinci Code, has stated that he hangs upside down when he has writer’s block. He feels it gets the creative juices flowing again.

Hayner Library Offers Books, Movies, CDs and...Fishing Poles?

Are you planning a fishing trip this summer? If so, you’ll find that fishing poles can be expensive—some poles can cost more than $100. But if you have a Hayner library card, you can check out a fishing pole for free!

For over ten years, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has provided Hayner Library with thirteen fishing poles that are available for patron use. The fishing poles can be checked out for two weeks from our Downtown library location.

Please note: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources does require a fishing license for anglers over the age of 16. Please visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website for more information on fishing in Illinois (www.dnr.illinois.gov).
SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER

Join us for our Summer 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, 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, Ill.

Saturday, July 14
Saturday, August 11
Saturday, September 8
10:00–11:00 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!!

Buckhannon Brothers
Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.
The Buckhannon Brothers have been playing music together since they were young children. During their late teen years they became quite interested in old-time string band music and fiddle tunes. Many of the pieces you’ll hear them play are actually learned from fiddlers and other musicians they’ve had the pleasure of meeting throughout their years of playing music. Vince, a gifted performer, is the regular upright bass player and a member of many acoustic and bluegrass bands around St. Louis. Dennis has been playing guitar since the early days. Curtis, on mandolin, took up the instrument after hearing it played in the Smoky Mountains in 1973. 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. These classes include many aspects of genealogical research and are suitable for the beginner as well as the more experienced researcher.

From the Courthouse to the Church: Using Official Records
July 12 & 19, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
All That’s Fit to Print & More: Newspaper Research
August 9 & 16, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Where We’ve Lived: Researching Property
September 13 & 20, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Register at 1-800-613-3163. Please identify the specific class(es) you wish to attend.

Josh McVicar
McVicar the Trickster
Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 p.m.
McVicar the Trickster’s award-winning magic show is outrageous and mind-blowing! His energetic and comical performance leaves audience members in stitches. Josh’s mix of magic and humor will delight the whole family. From Menlo College: “By far the best magic performance any of us have seen. Unique, creative, and magical.” To register, please call 1-800-613-3163.

Cooking with Herbs
Saturday, July 28, 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.
Barb O’Brien from the St. Louis Herb Society will be presenting a class on cooking with herbs. Join us for a demonstration of the basics of using herbs for food and more. Come be inspired to consider the many possibilities of using plants/herbs in your everyday lives. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER

A Taste of the Local Farmers’ Market
Saturday, August 4, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.
Join the Sierra Club and Hayner Library in sampling organic produce from the local farmers’ market. Parents, this is a great way to introduce your children to some delicious vegetables! Pick up some recipes too! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

George Portz & the Friends of Bluegrass
Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 p.m.
George Portz & the Friends of Bluegrass is one of the most versatile performing groups in the area as they blend their fiery bluegrass roots with some traditional Irish and Louisiana Cajun. Their “Cajun Set” has won raves from crowds throughout the Midwest. This five-piece musical group’s enthusiasm, top-notch musical ability, wit, and humor are always evident during their performances. George, the group’s leader and founder, has won more than 130 first-place fiddling championships, played for two presidents, and performed at the Grand Ole Opry. George’s musical philosophy is to always “leave ‘em wanting more” . . . and they always do! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Spook Handy
America’s Story Through Folk Songs
Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.
The ideals and principles that define America are not only found in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution, they are also embedded in songs like “America the Beautiful” and folk songs like “This Land is Your Land” and “If I Had a Hammer.” September 11 is an important day to remember these ideals and principles. Join us for a concert full of uplifting songs that highlight and celebrate what America is really about. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Suzanne & Jim
Courtin’ and Sparkin’
Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.
Suzanne will give free guidance to the lovelorn. At a performance, a young lady from the audience once asked Suzanne how she could get herself a husband. Suzanne replied that she should stay away from the husbands and get herself a single man! Now that’s some good advice! As we all know, even the purest heart can become tangled in the web of LOVE, and oh, the possibilities for ensnarement! Jim enumerates just how many ways there are to be misconstrued and misunderstood and finally decides to leave the Misses alone! Our happy duo sings to their accompanying banjo and guitar and as an added treat they perform on the courtship dulcimer, an instrument once used in the mountains of Appalachia and the Ozarks by young folks getting to know one another. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Dave Foraker
Uniquely Blues, Inspirationally Gospel
Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.
Note: This program will be held in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL.
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.
Clinton and Frame Donald Trump
Leake, Lisa. 100 Days of Real Food: On a Budget: Simple Tips and Tasty Recipes to Help You Cut Out Processed Food Without Breaking the Bank
Lucado, Max. Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God
Lukianoff, Greg. The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure
Macy, Beth. Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America
Martha Stewart Living. Instant Pot® Pressure Cooker, Multicooker, and Fabulous New Recipes for the Year
Mazzio, Tilar J. Eliza Hamilton: The Extraordinary Life and Times of the Wife of Alexander Hamilton
McCubbin, Lisa. Betty Ford: First Lady, Women’s Advocate, Survivor, Trailblazer
Moore, Michael Scott. The Desert and the Sea: 977 Days Captive on the Somali Pirate Coast
O’Brien, Keith. Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History
O’Reilly, Bill. Killing the SS: The Hunt for the Worst War Criminals in U.S. Naval History and the Fifty-Year Fight to Exonerate an Innocent Man
Willink, Jocko. The Dichotomy of Leadership: Balancing the Challenges of Extreme Ownership to Lead and Win

Fiction—
Andrews, Donna. Toucan Keep a Secret
Andrews, Ilona. Magic Triumphs
Andrews, V. C. Echoes in the Walls
Atherton, Nancy. Aunt Dimity and Atherton, Nancy. A Gathering of Shadows
Atkins, Ace. The Sinners (Quinn Colson)
Atkinson, Kate. Transcription
Bowen, Rhys. Four Funerals and Maybe a Wedding
Brennan, Allison. Abandoned
Brown, Sandra. Tailspin
Castillo, Linda. A Gathering of Secrets
Coes, Ben. Bloody Sunday: A Thriller
Cooley, Reed Farrel. Robert B. Parker’s Colorblind (Jesse Stone)
Coulter, Catherine. Paradox (An FBI Thriller)
Cussler, Clive. Shadow Tyrants (Oregon Files)
Dailey, Janet. Texas Free (Tylers of Texas)
Deveraux, Jude. A Willing Murder
Evanovich, Janet. The Mark (Fox and O’Hare)
Feehan, Christine. Dark Sentinel
Fluke, Joanne. Christmas Cake Murder
Flynn, Vince. Red War (Mitch Rapp)
French, Nicci. Day of the Dead
Graham, Heather. Echoes of Evil (Krewe of Hunters)
Graham, Heather. Pale as Death (Krewe of Hunters)
Gray, Shelley Shepard. Her Fear
Hamilton, Laurell K. Serpentine (Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter)
Hannah, Sophie. The Mystery of Three Quarters
Harkness, Deborah. Time’s Convert
Hoover, Colleen. All Your Perfects
Jance, J. A. Field of Bones (Joanna Brady)
Johansen, Iris. Double Blind (Kendra Michaels)
Johnson, Craig. Depth of Winter: A Longmire Mystery
Johnstone, William. Springfield 1880
Kearsley, Susanna. Bells and Whistles
Kellerman, Faye. Walking Shadows: A Decker/Lazarus Novel
Kellerman, Jonathan. A Measure of Darkness (Clay Edison)
Kenyon, Sherrilyn. Born of Blood (The League: Nemesis Rising)
Kenyon, Sherrilyn. Stygian: A Dark-Hunter Novel
Krueger, William Kent. Desolation Mountain: A Novel
Lewis, Beverly. The First Love
Lindsey, Johanna. Marry Me by Sundown
Macmillan, Gilly. I Know You Know: A Novel
Macomber, Debbie. Cottage by the Sea
Mallery, Susan. When We Found Home
McClain, Smith, Alexander. The Quiet Side of Passion (Isabel Dalhousie)
Meier, Leslie. Silver Anniversary Murder
Michaels, Fern. Safe and Sound
Mosley, Walter. John Woman
Muller, Marcia. The Breakers (Sharon McCone)
Neggers, Carla. Impostor’s Lure (Sharpe & Donovan)
Whip Up a Summer Treat From Hayner’s Own Cookbook

On Sale Now for Only $10

Hayner Library has copies of our very own cookbook, Read ‘Em and Eat, on sale now for only $10 per book. This cookbook contains hundreds of tasty recipes submitted by library staff and patrons as well as helpful kitchen hints, baking guides, equivalency and measurement charts, and much more.

Here’s a fresh and easy summer recipe for you to enjoy:

Summer Fruit Salad with Lemon, Honey and Mint Dressing

- 4 c. cubed watermelon
- 2 c. sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 large fresh peaches, cut into cubes
- 2 large nectarines, cut into cubes
- 1 pear, cut into cubes
- 1 c. seedless grapes, halved
- ¼ c. fresh lemon juice
- ¼ c. minced fresh mint
- ½ lemon, zested
- 1 T. honey

Combine fruit in a large mixing bowl and set aside. Whisk lemon juice, mint, lemon zest, and honey together in a small bowl; drizzle over the fruit mixture and toss to coat. Refrigerate for one hour before serving.
A Patron’s Reminiscence

In 2005, my family and I moved to Alton for an employment opportunity. My girls were four and two years old at the time. I was still enrolled in college with two years left to finish. How fortunate for me that a library was nearby where I could do my reading, research, and notes for class. Meanwhile, my ladies could occupy themselves with interactive materials and begin their lifelong interest of books.

In December 2007, the long and nontraditional route of a college bachelor’s degree was complete and I was now ready to go forward with a graduate degree. However, fate had a different plan for the postgraduate and family; our youngest daughter was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on January 2, 2008. After long stints at Cardinal Glennon and intense chemotherapy treatments for the next two and a half years, she was left less than able to run around at the parks. Because of the immune deficits related to the treatment of most cancers, we tried to limit excessive contact with others when possible. The most appropriate and safe place for a family outing was Hayner Library. Hours were spent picking out movies, memorizing jokes and riddles, and reading Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss and Warrior Cats. Throughout the next few years, as my ladies were getting older, it was Mario Cart competitions, 3D printer classes, and other entertaining events offered at the library. In 2012, there was another turn of events as we gained custody of my five-year-old niece.

Enrolled in school for the first time and eager to learn all she could, it was straight to Hayner Library. The year we had with her, watching her learn to read and then excel to an honors reading level was so dear to me. She is now in the fifth grade and back with her mother frequenting the libraries in Texas.

In 2014, I again revisited completing a graduate degree program. I needed a quiet place to obtain research articles, the use of a printer when mine was out of ink, and the use of a computer when mine was bogged down by endless game downloads. With the support and convenience of Hayner Library, I was able to complete my master’s degree in May 2017.

I still frequent the library to keep myself abreast of the most up-to-date articles regarding research or new and upcoming ideas in my field. Other times, I just come to sit and recall life’s events, engage in people watching, or occupy the afternoon writing an article about my time spent at Hayner Library.

- Patron J.D. Bradley - Godfrey, IL

Since You Asked: Veterans Share Their Memories

Hayner Library recently acquired a copy of the book Since You Asked: Veterans Share Their Memories, a Veterans Heritage Project book. The book was graciously donated by Kathleen Botterbush, who is also a contributor to the project. The mission of the Veterans Heritage Project is to connect students with veterans in order to honor veterans, preserve America’s heritage, and develop future leaders. The book contains student-conducted interviews of veterans in an effort to preserve their stories for future generations. Kathleen contributed three veteran interviews to the book—and also shares a wonderful story of how her involvement with the Veterans Heritage Project has inspired her to pursue a career as an orthopedic surgeon and prosthetist for the Veterans Health Administration. Kathleen will be attending St. Louis University in the fall and will be majoring in biomedical engineering. We wish Kathleen all the best as she prepares for college. We thank her for her contribution to this book and we thank all of our veterans for their service to our country.

Since You Asked: Veterans Share Their Memories (IR 940.53773 SIN) can be found in the Illinois Room collection at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library.