Voting 101
Register to vote and be sure your voice is heard! The Hayner Public Library District offers voter registration services at our Hayner Alton Square Mall and Downtown libraries.

Voter registration requires two types of identification; one form of identification must have a current address. This service is free of charge. Designated staff members at both the Hayner Alton Square Mall and Downtown libraries are certified registrants; please call ahead to ensure that a certified registrant is on duty.

Important dates to remember for the general primary election on Tuesday, March 17, 2020:
Last day for voter registration at the library: February 18, 2020
Grace period registration: February 19–March 16, 2020. Grace period registration takes place at the Madison County Clerk's office in Edwardsville; you must also vote at the time of registration.
Early voting: March 3–March 16, 2020
General primary election: March 17, 2020

The State Board of Elections also offers Illinois online voter registration. The online voter registration application can be found at https://ova.elections.il.gov. The deadline for Illinois online voter registration is March 1, 2020. Voter registration reopens the second day following an election. Voter registration will resume on March 19, 2020.

Voter education websites:
FactCheck.org: A nonpartisan, nonprofit, consumer advocate website for voters; the website works to reduce confusion and deception in U.S. politics. https://factcheck.org
PolitiFact.com: A source for voters to obtain factual information on the accuracy of statements made by politicians. Facts are tested against their Truth-O-Meter. https://www.politifact.com
BallotReady.org: Offers nationwide voter ballot guides based on a voter's home address. https://www.ballotready.org

Madison County Clerk: Use this site to find your polling place, a sample ballot, and more information on local elections. www.madisonvotes.com

Hayner Library Offers a Voter Education Class
Your Voice Counts: What You Need to Know Before the Next Election
Saturday, February 15, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

This class will be taught by Dr. Laura Wiedlocher, professor of political science at Blackburn College in Carlinville. Dr. Wiedlocher has been teaching classes on politics, policy, leadership, and public service for over a decade at both Blackburn College and the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Please attend this timely presentation to learn your rights as a voter, who is running for office, and tips on how to decide before election day.

Hayner Offers Community Support Services Help
Public libraries promote democracy in many ways; one way is to connect people to information and services. In an effort to reach out to all in the community, Hayner Library has developed a Community Support Services resource guide. These booklets are meant to help the homeless or anyone in need of social services. They offer a list of local shelters, food sources, free legal services, aging assistance, crisis help, disabilities support, homeless assistance, veterans support, warming/cooling centers, and more. Booklets are distributed throughout the community at hospitals, clinics, crisis centers, and other local organizations. You can pick up a free copy at any Hayner Library location. If you would like some booklets for your organization, please contact the Reference department at 618-433-2864 and we will be happy to supply you with copies.
Tax Season is Just Around the Corner, and the Scam Artists are Eager to Make You Their Next Victim
Avoid Tax Season Scams: Information from the IRS

Did you know that gift cards cannot be used to pay for bail, court fines, or taxes? Never believe someone who wants you to buy gift cards or use your own credit or debit card to pay for debts. The Federal Communications Commission has valuable IRS information on their website (https://www.fcc.gov/tax-season-dont-fall-spoofed-irs-calls).

The IRS always initiates any problem you may have by sending a letter or bill through the United States Postal Service. They stress that:

- The IRS does NOT call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid gift card, debit card, or wire transfer.
- The IRS does NOT threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law enforcement agencies to have you charged or arrested for not paying.
- The IRS does NOT demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- The IRS does NOT tell you to provide credit, debit, or gift card numbers over the phone.
- If you do not owe taxes and never received a bill in the mail prior to a call, hang up immediately. Call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration immediately to report the incident; their telephone number is 1-800-366-4484. If possible, report the phone number used in the suspicious call.
- If you think you owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS to validate the call; their telephone number is 1-800-829-1040. If there is a valid tax issue, IRS employees will assist you.

Census 2020 – Why It is Important

Census 2020 is right around the corner. Starting in March, for the first time, you have the option fill out the form online (https://2020census.gov). The decennial census is a long tradition, beginning with the first census directed by Thomas Jefferson in 1790. Thereafter, a census has been taken every 10 years as mandated in the U.S. Constitution.

The census is a cornerstone of our democracy. It provides an accurate count of the population and supplies vital information for you and your community to make important decisions: states use the census to determine their number of congressional representatives, federal funding to states and their localities is based on census numbers, and the census produces important datasets.

Federal money received by Illinois supports infrastructure needs, schools, hospitals, emergency healthcare centers, social services, and more. Companies and local businesses make decisions whether to potentially expand or build based on census data of the area.

It is important that everyone be counted! The George Washington Institute for Public Policy's report “Counting for Dollars 2020,” estimates that the undercount of Illinoisans in the 2010 Census resulted in a loss of $952 per person of federal funding. In 2015 alone, Illinois lost $122 million for every 1 percent of the population not counted in the 2010 Census.

Census data, current facts and figures about America’s people, places, and economy, is stored at the U.S. Census Bureau, the federal government's largest statistical agency. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses to the census. Information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau is not shared with other federal or state government agencies.

In addition to the decennial count, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts more than 100 surveys annually, including the American Community Survey and the Economic Survey.

Hayner Library has computers available for your use in filling out the census questionnaire. We also have reference librarians trained to help you access demographic data on the U.S. Census Bureau's website (https://www.census.gov). Please contact our reference department at 618-433-2864 or email reference@haynerlibrary.org.

U.S. Census Bureau: Avoiding Fraudulent Activity and Scams

The U.S. Census Bureau has offered the following information to help citizens avoid being the victims of fraudulent activity and scams.

The U.S. Census Bureau goes to great lengths to protect your information. If you suspect “phishing” or other scams, please contact the Chicago regional office at 1-800-865-6384. You may also contact the National Processing Center at 1-800-923-8282 for immediate assistance and verification.

Phishing: Phishing is the criminal act of trying to get your information— usernames, passwords, social security numbers, and bank account or credit card account details—by pretending to be an entity you trust. Phishing emails often direct you to a website that looks real, but is fake, and may be infected with malware, which is software intentionally designed to cause damage to a computer, server, client, or computer network.

Other scams: You may be the victim of a scam if someone claiming to be from the U.S. Census Bureau asks you for certain information. The U.S. Census Bureau never asks for:

- Your full Social Security number
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party
- Your full bank, debit card, or credit card account numbers
- Your mother’s maiden name

What you can do:

- If you receive mail, check that the return address is Jeffersonville, Indiana.
- If someone calls your household to complete a survey, call the National Processing Center to verify that the caller is a U.S. Census Bureau employee.
- If someone visits your residence to complete a survey, be sure to check for a valid U.S. Census Bureau ID badge; call the regional office if you are still unsure.
- If you receive an email and think it is fake, do not reply, do not click on any links, and do not open any attachments. Forward the email or website URL to the U.S. Census Bureau at ois.fraud.reporting@census.gov. Delete the message. The U.S. Census Bureau will investigate and notify you of the findings.

For more information, please visit https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/surveyhelp/fraudulent-activity-and-scams.html.
Computer Class: Microsoft Word

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

Microsoft Word (Class limit: 12)

Thursdays, February 6, 13, and 20, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Note: This class will meet on Thursdays only.

Do you have little or no experience with Microsoft Word? Please join us for a new class designed with the beginner in mind. Sharon Schaefer, reference librarian, will guide you through the basics of Word. The class will be presentational, as well as question-oriented and student-led. You will learn how to navigate Word, create documents, make changes to them, and save them. Knowing computer basics is required. You may register for each class separately, depending on your need. Please bring a flash drive.

Part 1, Thursday, February 6, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
• Getting Started
• Creating, Editing, and Saving Documents

Part 2, Thursday, February 13, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
• Review of Part 1
• Intermediate Skills

Part 3, Thursday, February 20, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
• Finish Projects, Other Fun Things to Do

Winter Social Media

These classes will be taught in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Although the courses are free, registration is required. Please register at 1-800-613-3163 and leave your name, phone number, and the name of the course.

Social Media Basics

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will start with an overview of Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest; what they are and what they do. We will discuss pitfalls of social media and what you should avoid doing with each site. How to interact with other users will be discussed. A brief overview of how to upload photos to each site will be explained. This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring a laptop, tablet, or flash drive.

Facebook Revealed

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

This class will start with the creation of a Facebook account and will proceed to finding friends, uploading photos and videos, navigating different applications, and finding a group to fit you. You will learn little tricks to make Facebook easier and more accessible. We will also cover some of the privacy settings. This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring a laptop or tablet. You may bring a flash drive with photos.

Exploring Pinterest and Twitter

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Starting with the creation of accounts, we will explore the uses and benefits of both Pinterest and Twitter. You will learn how to Pin to a board, upload a Pin, and the art of “following” people. You will learn how to send and receive tweets. This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring a laptop or tablet.
You Are What You Eat

The holidays are finally behind us, which means the dried out turkey, sweet potatoes, and other leftovers have been eaten, shared, or put down the garbage disposal. It’s time to hunker down for three months of cold weather. Being cooped up in the house hiding from bitter winds and slick sidewalks is not my idea of fun. Neither is being bored. Needing a new indoor hobby to keep me sane while waiting for Old Man Winter to move on in the opposite direction, I decided to cook my way through winter!

My first task was to find new and exciting recipes, so I began my search by looking through cookbooks in the Genealogy & Local History Library’s Illinois Room collection. The cookbooks in the local history collection are from places such as churches, organizations, and schools. Since that makes them a little more unique than the mass-produced books from Betty Crocker and Better Homes and Gardens, I assumed I would find rare dishes with ingredients such as truffles, saffron, and capers. Was I ever surprised!

I found that it doesn’t matter how you spell doughnuts (or donuts)—there are numerous ways to cook a batch of these sugar-coated confections. What’s in a name? Well, when you think of familiar recipes such as Pigs in a Blanket, Dirty Rice, Monkey Bread, or Sloppy Joes, the name may actually be the best (or worst) part of the whole experience. In my quest, I found many unique recipes with interesting names worth trying—or at least worth an eye roll and a chuckle.

For supper on a snowy January evening, I have decided I will warm my kitchen with a bubbling pot of Snake Alley Noodles and pair it with a side of Apple Scrapple. Of course, you don’t actually use a snake for this meal, which is good news since I wouldn’t have a clue where to find one in January!

During a frosty February morning, I will put a loaf of Bubble Bread in the oven while I sip a mug of Snowman Soup. Just in case my old Uncle Al stops by, I will blend up a batch of Prune Whip. Uncle Al sure enjoys a warm bowl of prune pulp and brandy just before he passes out (I mean, “takes a nap”) on the couch.

Frog Eye Salad and a piping hot Man-Eater Casserole will make a great lunch combo after sledging on a snow-packed Saturday afternoon in March. Schnickel Dreck and crackers will make a nice appetizer before dinner.

Of course, since we live in the Midwest and suffer through many cold blustery winter days, there will be plenty of time for Simple Simon Casseroles, Pow Wow Sandwiches, and simmering crocks of leftover Pot Liquor (that one is for the Southerners—y’all know what I’m talking about).

It is likely these recipes were included in the cookbooks with the intent of bringing a smile to the face of a new cuisine explorer like me, but last weekend there were no smiles when I offered my perpetually hungry 10-year-old grandson a Drunk Wiener and a couple of Cat Poop Cookies. He didn’t even say goodbye as he dashed out the back door and went straight home for a bologna sandwich and Oreos!

Cookbooks are an uncommon resource when compiling family history. Researching old cookbooks is more than just learning what our ancestors were cooking and eating. It gives insight into their personalities. Who wouldn’t be amused to find the recipe for their grandma’s scrumptious Crazy Cake alongside her concoction of Witches’ Brew inside the pages of a cookbook printed by her beloved Bunco club? Oh my, grandma! What kind of woman were you?

All of these recipes, and many more like them, are available in the cookbook collection at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library. Come visit us on a wintry afternoon and see what fun recipes, like the one listed below, you can find. Believe it or not, I saw the following recipe printed in more than one cookbook:

Elephant Stew

One elephant
Two rabbits
Salt and pepper
Lots of brown gravy

Chop elephant into bite-size pieces. Be patient, this will take about two months. Remove the trunk and set aside, you will need something in which to store leftovers. Add lots of brown gravy. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. At this point, for my personal recipe, I would add a few hefty jiggers of Uncle Al’s brandy (believe me, he’s had enough!). Cook slowly over a kerosene fire for about four weeks (apparently elephant is very tough). This recipe will serve approximately 3,000 people. If more are expected to dine, you can add the two rabbits. Add the rabbits only if necessary, as most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

-Pam Bierman

Colonial Fife and Drum Corps of Alton Display

Come visit our newest display at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street!

The Colonial Fife and Drum Corps of Alton was organized in August 1975 by Dr. Harvey Veit. Dr. Veit was a longtime member of the Piasa Black Powder Burners club and thought a fife and drum corps would add even more color and historic pageantry to events. Fifes are an ancient wind instrument, referred to in Europe as the “Schweizerpfeife,” or Swiss flute. Fifes have been in use by military organizations since the 16th century and drums have had a role in militaries going back even further in history. Fifers and drummers used music to relay commands and inspire soldiers on the battlefield and in camp. Drum corps in the United States stem from Revolutionary War units, which marched with troops and played on ceremonial occasions.

Members of the Colonial Fife and Drum Corps of Alton were between 10- and 18-years-old. Mary Katherine Yoder was the first fifer and the first drummer was Doug Flory. The group was usually attended by five historic flags: the Stars and Stripes, the Bunker Hill, the Grand Union, the Betsy Ross, and the Bennington. Under Dr. Veit, the Colonial Fife and Drum Corps of Alton travelled between seven and eight thousand miles a year. In 1977, The Colonial Fife and Drum Corps of Alton were one of three groups invited to play for Charles, Prince of Wales, during his visit to the Gateway Arch. The Corps was smartly enough attired and played well enough to rate front page photos with His Royal Highness in The New York Times. The Corps also went on to perform for several United States presidents and the Canadian prime minister.

The display case includes Dr. Harvey Veit’s uniform, hat, shoes, wig, espadrille, and sword, sheet music used by the Colonial Fife and Drum Corps of Alton, a fife uniform from the early days of the Corps, and amazing awards and photographs. Items in this display case are on loan courtesy of the Veit Family, Colonial Fife and Drum Corps Alumni Alton Facebook Group, Sue Hardin, and Zach Hardin. Thank you for sharing your treasures with us!
Join us for our next semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they’re all free of charge. All programs do require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.

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

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 have 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 Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, 132 Alton Square Mall, Alton, IL.

**Saturday, January 11, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**
**Saturday, February 8, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**
**Saturday, March 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.

**At Your Fingertips: New Items in Our Illinois Room Collection**
January 9 & 16, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Let's Get Physical: Organizing the Stuff of Your Family History
February 13 & 20, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Bridging the Digital Divide: Scanning, Software Programs, and Storage
March 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. Updated information and new tips every year! We also take requests if there are specific things you’d like to learn about. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**The Gibson Girls**
Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.
The Gibson Girls are three sisters from Jerseyville, IL. They grew up singing in churches and developed a real love of music at a young age. They sing a mixture of Christian and vintage classics. Reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters, their harmonizing vocals bring back the wonderful music of the ‘40s and move to current day. They have sung all over the country and been center stage at many Honor Flight commemorations. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Jared Hennings**
Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
Local vocalist Jared Hennings always attracts a full house. In anticipation of Valentine’s Day, Jared will present a program of music for romance. Ballads, Broadway tunes, and more will be on Jared’s playlist. Bring your special someone and enjoy! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Irish Xiles**
Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 p.m.
We are so excited to welcome the return of this rollicking Irish band. Enjoy an evening of all your favorite Irish music and many laughs. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Mark Dvorak**
Just Something My Grandmother Used to Sing
Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.
Mark has performed for Hayner audiences many times through the years. He is a faculty member at the Chicago School of Music, an incredible banjo player and a true bard and poet. His program will feature traditional folk, standards from the Great American Songbook, and Mark’s own well-crafted and infectious original songs interwoven with engaging stories and humor. Don’t miss this heartwarming event. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
**KidsSpace Winter 2020 Activities**

**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, January 6, 13, and 27; February 3, 10, and 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Limited space is available. Please register at 618-433-2881.

- The January 27, 2020 Movers and Shakers story time will be held at the Audubon Center at Riverlands, 301 Riverlands Way, West Alton, MO, at 10:00 a.m.

**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 manipulatives. Meeting dates are Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30; February 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020. Please register at 618-462-0677, ext. 2836.

**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 KidsSpace the second Thursday of each month. Meeting dates are Thursdays, January 9, February 13, and March 12, 2020, from 3:30–4:30 p.m. Please register at 618-433-2881.

**Teddy Bear Workshop**
During this magical workshop, children ages 3–7 will enjoy stories and a puppet show and then stuff a 15” plush bear. Each participant will make a wish on a wishing star, which they will then name and place inside their bear before taking it home. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2020. All children will hunt candy-filled eggs, have a chance to win an Easter bag or book, and sit on the Easter Bunny’s lap. Parents, don’t forget your cameras! 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. This story time meets at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, January 6, 13, and 27; February 3, 10, and 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2020. Please register at 618-462-0677, ext. 2836.

**Mary Kay’s Story Times**
Come join Panda Bear and 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 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, and 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020. Please register at 618-462-0677, ext. 2836.

**After-School Craft**
Kids, come join us for After-School Craft at Hayner Library downtown KidsSpace. The craft is for children ages 6–10 years of age. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, January 21, February 18, and March 17, 2020. Please register at 618-462-0677, ext. 2836.

**TeenSpace Winter 2020 Activities**

**Teen Movies @ the Riverbender.com Community Center**
Come join the fun at the Riverbender.com Community Center for our teen movie event. Each month Hayner Library will host a movie at the Riverbender.com movie theater, exclusively for fifth–eighth graders. The movie will be a PG-13 new release. Pizza is on the menu! Movies start at 3:45 p.m. Meeting dates are Wednesdays, January 15, February 19, and March 25, 2020. Buses are available to transport after school from Alton Middle School, Alton High School, and St. Mary’s Catholic School. Check with your school for bus numbers and times. To register, please call Shannon at 618-433-2872.

**GN Teen Book Club**
Graphic Novel Book Club is for teens attending the Riverbender.com after-school program and other teens in our community. Teens will choose a book to read each month and then bring it back for a discussion the following month. This book club will introduce graphic novels to fifth–eighth grade students. Meeting dates are Wednesdays, January 8, February 12, and March 4, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. To register, please call Shannon at 618-433-2872.

**Harry Potter Book Night**
We are thrilled to announce “Triwizard Tournament” as the theme for Harry Potter Book Night 2020. As the scene of so many seminal moments in the Harry Potter stories, it feels high time we celebrate the Goblet of Fire! Make a date in your diary for Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 3:30 p.m., at the Riverbender.com Community Center when, once again, fans will have the chance to celebrate J.K. Rowling’s wonderful series. For more information, please call Shannon at 618-433-2872.

**St. Patrick’s Day Minute to Win It**
Come join us at the Riverbender.com Community Center for three Minute to Win It St. Patrick’s Day challenges. The fun begins on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. To register, please call Shannon at 618-433-2872.

**Teen Coloring Meetups**
Come meet up with other teens for a fun afternoon of coloring, music, and snacks. This program will meet at the Riverbender.com Community Center on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Coloring pages and pencils will be supplied. To register, please call Shannon at 618-433-2872.

**Crystal Creations**
Come join us at the Riverbender.com Community Center and learn about formations of crystalline geodes, solubility, and osmosis using molecular science to grow crazy crystal creations. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. To register, please call Shannon at 618-433-2872.

**Faux Stained Glass**
Come join in the fun at the Riverbender.com Community Center and create stained glass creations! Teens will use a combination of puffy paints and watercolors to make their own unique pictures. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. To register, please call Shannon at 618-433-2872.
Understanding Library Lingo

Sometimes online library catalog terminology can leave library patrons a bit confused. After all, who could be blamed for thinking that a book designated as “leased” might require a fee in order to be checked out (rest assured, it doesn’t). Some might scratch their heads and wonder exactly what the term “local request” means. For those of you who have wondered what these library terms mean, here are some answers:

**Leased** — As any James Patterson fan will tell you, sometimes the request list for a bestseller can be very long. In an effort to expedite the wait, Hayner Library leases multiple copies of high-demand titles from a book distributor. Once the demand for the bestselling titles has diminished, the books can be sent back to the distributor. Leasing books from a distributor not only saves the library money by not having to purchase multiple copies of a title, but it saves the library shelf space later on when multiple volumes of a single title are no longer needed. It’s a win-win for patrons and the library!

**Local Request** — The designation of “local request” allows a library to catalog an item in such a way that the only requests filled by the item are for patrons whose home library owns them. Library items marked as local request will not be sent to other libraries to fill their interlibrary loan requests until the designation has been removed.

**In-Transit vs. Transferred** — The status of “transferred” indicates that an item is currently on its way from one library to another to fulfill a request made by a patron. The status of “in-transit” indicates that an item is being returned from a borrowing library to the owning library. That’s the magic of interlibrary loan!

**On-Order** — Once our library determines that an item will be purchased for our collection, our Technical Services staff creates a temporary “on-order” record in the library catalog. The on-order status allows patrons to place requests for an item before it is received at the library. Once the item is received at the library, the temporary record is replaced by a permanent record and the requests are filled.

**In-Process** — The Technical Services department processes all new items received by the library. All items added to the library collection are first cataloged, barcoded, stamped, and labeled. It is during this period that an item record is designated as “in-process” in the card catalog. Ever wonder why an item might be listed as in-process for long periods of time? This could be because that particular item’s street date has not yet arrived. A “street date” is the date a particular item is set to be released for sale to the general public, or in the case of the library, can be checked out by patrons; street dates are set by publishers. The in-process designation will be removed when an item is ready for check out.

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Thank You, 2019 Library Card Drive Businesses!

Last fall, The Hayner Public Library District partnered with local restaurants and retailers to hold our seventh annual library card drive. From November 30 - December 7, 2019, these businesses offered a discount or other incentives to customers showing their Hayner Library cards. A huge “thank you” to all of these businesses for supporting The Hayner Public Library District!

**Businesses!**

1904 General Store
Black's Sporting Goods
Brown Bag Bistro
The Cyclery – Alton
Cleta’s Nutrition
Crown Vision Center
Dick’s Flowers
Dora’s Spinning Wheel
Duke Bakery
The Gift Box
Godfrey Meat Market
The Grapevine of Alton Children’s Boutique
Halpin Music
It’s Raining Zen
Jacoby Arts Center
Johnson’s Corner
Kinzels Flower Shop
Lovett’s Soul Food
LuciAnna’s Pastries
Market Basket
Mississippi Mud Pottery
Mister Donut
Morrison’s Irish Pub
My Just Desserts
Old Bakery Beer Company
Olga’s Kitchen
Olive Oil Marketplace
Picture This & More
PopUtopia Gourmet Popcorn and Sweets
River Bend Yoga
Roberta’s Lovely Ladies Boutique
Rushmore Boutique
Sammi’s Sandwiches
Second Reading Book Shop
Sherry’s Snacks
St. Peters Hardware & Rental, Inc.

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New Friends Welcome at Our Downtown Library Morning Story Time

Nearly every Tuesday morning at our Downtown Library, you’ll find our wonderful children’s librarian, Mary Kay, engaging with a group of children as they read stories, sing songs, make crafts, play with finger puppets, and visit with Panda, Mary Kay’s special story time friend.

Everyone is welcome at the story time. The dates and times for Mary Kay’s Story Times are listed in the KidsSpace section of the newsletter. Story time does require registration, so please call 618-462-0677, ext. 2836 to register. We hope to see you there!
Nearly everyone has a favorite fiction book they can read over and over—but what about nonfiction? Here are some of the Hayner Library staff’s favorite nonfiction books:

**Mary Kay**
- *Rand McNally Road Atlas*
- *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers, art by Shawn Harris
- *Reach Higher: An Inspiring Photo Celebration of First Lady Michelle Obama* by Amanda Lucidon

**Reneé**
- *Ratio: The Simple Codes Behind the Craft of Everyday Cooking* by Michael Ruhlman – Understanding the ratio of ingredients in things such as a vinaigrette or a basic dough gives me the framework to explore, experiment, and create on-the-fly.
- *Girl Scout Collector’s Guide: A History of Uniforms, Insignia, Publications, and Memorabilia (Second Edition)* by Mary Degenhardt and Judith Kirsch – As an avid collector, I consult this book on a daily bases. Not only does it help me identify items, but it helps me piece together the larger story of the Girl Scout movement in the United States. Part catalogue, part history, one hundred percent fascinating. Within the community of collectors, we are desperate for an update to this 2005 second edition.

**Linda**
- *The League of Wives: The Untold Story of the Women Who Took on the U.S. Government to Bring Their Husbands Home* by Heath Hardage Lee
- *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

**Tamika**
- *Development as Freedom* by Amartya Sen
- *The Mahabharata*

**Sam**
- *Man’s Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl – This book is a great read for anyone, but it is an especially inspirational story about Frankl’s struggle while living in a concentration camp and trying to find the meaning in life. Very existential.

**Theresa**
- I love looking at any books that have to do with tiny houses and repurposing discarded items.
- *The Instant it Happened* edited by Hal Buell, Saul Pett, and Steven Schepp – A collection of photographs from the Associated Press. Some are tragic, some are poignant, some are shocking—but they were all taken the instant it happened.
- *The New Partridge Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English* by Eric Partridge – Because where else will you learn phrases like “shoe the goose” and “hop the twig”?

**Lacy**
- *The Botany of Desire: A Plant’s-Eye View of the World* by Michael Pollan – This book changed my understanding of apples. Did you know that most apple seeds produce bitter (cider) apples, completely different from the specific fruit the seeds come from? Bonus points: In 2009, PBS aired a documentary based on the book and it’s great, too.
- *Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World* by Pénélope Bagieu – This is the book I recommend to people who don’t think they like graphic novels. French author and artist Bagieu introduces twenty-nine amazing women (including my favorite astronaut, Mae Jemison) from Ancient Greece and seventh-century Japan to present-day Afghanistan.
- *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson – I love Bill Bryson’s travel memoirs, but his history book is the one I go back to over and over again. I also own and enjoy his version for kids, *A Really Short History of Nearly Everything*.
- *Yes, Chef: A Memoir* by Marcus Samuelsson and Veronica Chambers and *Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef* by Gabrielle Hamilton – I’m also a huge fan of chef memoirs and these are two of my favorites.

**Mary**
- *Statistical Abstract of the United States*
- *The Old Farmer’s Almanac*
- *How Do We Look: The Body, the Divine, and the Question of Civilization* by Mary Beard
- *Oxford Atlas of the World*
- *The Order of Things: Hierarchies, Structures, and Pecking Orders* by Barbara Ann Kipfer
- *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson
- *The Life and Times of Miss Jane Marple* by Anne Hart
- *The Fannie Farmer Cookbook* by Marion Cunningham
- *Perfumes: The Guide* by Luca Turin and Tania Sanchez
- *The Reformation: A History* by Diarmaid MacCulloch
Historic Preservation Lecture Series

The Genealogy & Local History Library is partnering with Alton Area Landmarks Association (AALA) this winter to provide a three-part Saturday lecture series on historic preservation in January, February, and March. AALA is dedicated to educating, promoting, and saving the architectural heritage of the Alton area. Feel free to register for one talk or all three.

Reimagining Places of the Past: Historic Preservation Lecture Series, Part 1
Cindy Reinhardt: Researching the History of Your House
Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.
To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
The first of these lectures concerns historic building history. Knowledge of the stories behind historic buildings helps to create a public awareness in support of historic preservation. It can also lead to the discovery of long-forgotten details about a community's history and introduce us to fascinating people from the past. Researching the story of houses is one of the most popular topics for researchers at the Madison County Archival Library, second only to family genealogy. Cindy Reinhardt, who has published the stories of over 200 homes in Edwardsville, will discuss how to explore a building's history and why it is important for a community. Cindy serves on the board of the Friends of Leclaire, the Madison County Historical Society, and the Illinois State Historical Society. In addition, from 2004-2018 she served on the Edwardsville Historic Preservation Commission. Seating is limited. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Reimagining Places of the Past: Historic Preservation Lecture Series, Part 2
Bob Yapp: Energy Efficiency for Old Houses & Buildings
Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m.
To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Bob Yapp, president of Preservation Resources Inc. and founder of the Belvedere School for Hands-On Preservation, will talk about energy efficiency for old houses and buildings. Just because it's shiny and new does not mean it will work in your old house or building. This seminar dispels myths and addresses how old houses were designed. Bob talks about retrofits for energy efficiency that actually work as well as paybacks. Insulation, air flow, weather stripping, windows, geothermal, solar, and wind are all topics of discussion. Seating is limited. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Reimagining Places of the Past: Historic Preservation Lecture Series, Part 3
Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.
To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Ever wonder how you can tell if your house fits a certain style? Ever hear someone call a building Italianate, Romanesque, or Brutalist, and wonder just what exactly that means and how they know that information? This lecture covers a wide range of American architectural styles using examples from Alton and St. Louis and helps unpack the traits of common and uncommon styles. The lecture also explores the difference between era (age), style (decorative traits), and form (shape of building mass). Michael R. Allen works as an academic researcher, historian, teacher, design critic, public artist, critical spatial tour guide, and heritage conservationist in private practice. He is Senior Lecturer in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis. Allen also directs the Preservation Research Office, an historic preservation and urban history consulting firm that he founded in 2009. In 2018, the National Trust for Historic Preservation named Allen as one of its “40 Under 40” preservation practitioners. Allen's writing on urban design and history has appeared in CityLab, Next City, Disegno, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Allen is a member of Landmarks Illinois’ 50th Anniversary Task Force, is an advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and is a co-founder and past president of St. Louis’ mid-century modern preservation organization, Modern STL. Seating is limited. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

NewsGuard: A Free Browser Extension to Help You Navigate the News

In today’s media landscape, it’s harder and harder to verify legitimate sources of news. Media literacy has never been more important. Newspapers, magazines, websites, blogs, social media sites, etc. are all vying for your attention online. So how do you know which sources are credible and worthy of your valuable time? A new browser extension, NewsGuard, hopes to help readers with just this dilemma by employing professional journalists to score news sites on their reliability and general trustworthiness. NewsGuard labels each site with an easy-to-understand green or red badge. The site maintains transparency by allowing users to click on the badge to find out which journalists analyzed the site and the criteria by which the site was analyzed. The extension can also highlight potential conflicts of interest, such as websites that do not disclose that they are financed by lobbying groups. As of January 2019, the site includes ratings for the 2,000 most popular American news sites.

NewsGuard is free and can be installed in an internet browser; supported browsers include Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Firefox, and Safari. You can find out more information about NewsGuard by visiting their website at www.newsguardtech.com.
**Nonfiction**

**Amen, Dr. Daniel G.** The End of Mental Illness: How Neuroscience Is Transforming Psychiatry and Helping Prevent or Reverse Mood and Anxiety Disorders, ADHD, Addictions, PTSD, Psychosis, Personality Disorders, and More

**Beck, Glenn.** Arguing with Socialists

**Berger, Jonah.** The Catalyst: How to Change Anyone’s Mind

**Bittman, Mark.** How to Eat: All Your Food and Diet Questions Answered

**Carmel, Molly.** Breaking Up With Sugar: Divorce the Diets, Drop the Pounds, and Live Your Best Life

**Clement, James.** The Switch: Ignite Your Metabolism with Intermittent Fasting, Protein Cycling, and Keto

**Dawson, Kate Winkler.** The Birth of American CSI: Sherlock: Murder, Forensics, and Courage

**DiSpirito, Rocco.** Rocco’s Easy Keto Diet: Eat the Comfort Foods You Miss and Still Lose Up to a Pound a Day

**Druryan, Ann.** Cosmos: Possible Worlds

**Greene, Andy.** The Office: The Untold Story of the Greatest Sitcom of the 2000s: An Oral History

**Greene, Brian.** Until the End of Time: Mind, Matter, and Our Search for Meaning in an Evolving Universe

**Hammer, Joshua.** The Falcon Thief: A True Tale of Adventure, Treachery, and the Hunt for the Perfect Bird


**Hyman, Mark.** Food Fix: How to Save Our Health, Our Economy, Our Communities, and Our Planet—One Bite at a Time

**Inskeep, Steve.** Imperfect Union: How Jessie and John Frémont Mapped the West, Invented Celebrity, and Helped Cause the Civil War

**Kearse, Bettye.** The Other Madisons: The Lost History of a President’s Black Family

**Keaton, Diane.** Brother & Sister: A Memoir

**Kendall, Elizabeth.** The Phantom Prince: My Life with Ted Bundy, Updated and Expanded Edition

**Kessler, David.** Fast Carbs, Slow Carbs: The Simple Truth about Food, Weight, and Disease

**Larson, Eric.** The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz

**Levitin, Daniel J.** Successful Aging: A Neuroscientist Explores the Power and Potential of Our Lives

**McConville, Mark, Ph.D.** Failure to Launch: Why Your Twentysomething Hasn’t Grown Up... and What to Do About It

**McConigal, Kelly.** The Joy of Movement: How Exercise Helps Us Find Happiness, Hope, Connection, and Courage

**Mitchell, Jerry.** Race Against Time: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era

**Mosconi, Lisa, PhD.** The XX Brain: The Groundbreaking Science Empowering Women to Maximize Cognitive Health and Prevent Alzheimer’s Disease

**Perlmutter, David, M.D.** Brain Wash: Detox Your Mind for Clearer Thinking, Deeper Relationships, and Lasting Happiness

**Piketty, Thomas.** Capital and Ideology

**Rogak, Lisa.** Rachel Maddow: A Biography

**Siegel, Daniel.** The Power of Showing Up: How Parental Presence Shapes Who Our Kids Become and How Their Brains Get Wired

**Somers, Suzanne.** A New Way to Age

**Stewart, Martha.** Martha Stewart’s Organizing: The Manual for Bringing Order to Your Life, Home & Routines

**Underwood, Carrie.** Find Your Path: Honor Your Body, Fuel Your Soul, and Get Strong with the Fit52 Life

**Vonn, Lindsey.** Rise: My Story

**Vranich, Dr. Belisa.** Breathing for Warriors: Master Your Breath to Unlock More Strength, Greater Endurance, Sharper Precision, Faster Recovery, and an Unshakable Inner Game

**Willink, Jocko.** Leadership Strategy and Tactics: Field Manual

**Yoon, Joe.** Better Stretching: 9 Minutes a Day to Greater Flexibility, Less Pain, and Enhanced Performance, the JoeTherapy Way

**Fiction**

**Allende, Isabel.** A Long Petal of the Sea

**Andrews, V. C.** Out of the Attic

**Benedict, Marie.** Lady Clementine

**Berry, Steve.** The Warsaw Protocol (Cotton Malone)

**Bohjalian, Chris.** The Red Lotus

**Box, C. J.** Long Range (Joe Pickett)

**Brennan, Allison.** The Third to Die

**Carr, Robyn.** The Country Guesthouse

**Chamberlain, Diane.** Big Lies in a Small Town

**Child, Lee and Karin Slaughter.** Cleaning the Gold: A Jack Reacher and Will Trent Short Story

**Children, Laura.** Lavender Blue Murder (Tea Shop Mystery)

**Cohen, Harlan.** The Boy from the Woods

**Cussler, Clive.** Journey of the Pharaohs

**Dallas, Sandra.** Westering Women

**Deveraux, Jude.** A Forgotten Murder

**Dorsey, Tim.** Naked Came the Florida Man (Serge Storms)

**Erdrich, Louise.** The Night Watchman

**Finder, Joseph.** House on Fire: A Novel

**Fluke, Joanne.** Coconut Layer Cake Murder (Hannah Swensen)

**Gardiner, Meg.** The Dark Corners of the Night

**Gardner, Lisa.** When You See Me

**Graham, Heather.** The Final Deception

**Gray, Shelley Shepard.** The Protective One (Walnut Creek)

**Greaney, Mark.** One Minute Out

**Grippando, James.** The Big Lie: A Jack Swyteck Novel

**Hannah, Sophie.** Perfect Little Children

**Harris, Charlaine.** A Longer Fall

**Hendricks, Greer.** You Are Not Alone

**Hood, Joshua.** Robert Ludlum’s The Treadstone Resurrection

**Howard, Linda.** After Sundown

**Hurwitz, Gregg.** Into the Fire (Orphan X)

**Jackson, Lisa.** Last Girl Standing

**Jance, J. A.** Credible Threat

**Johnsen, Iris.** Hindsight

**Johnstone, William W.** A Good Day for a Massacre

**Kellerman, Jonathan.** The Museum of Desire: An Alex Delaware Novel

**Kleypas, Lisa.** Chasing Cassandra: The Ravenels

**Krentz, Jayne Ann.** The Vanishing

**Kubica, Mary.** The Other Mrs.

**Mallery, Susan.** Sisters by Choice (Blackberry Island)

**Margolin, Phillip.** A Reasonable Doubt (Robin Lockwood)

**McMillan, Terry.** It’s Not All Downhill From Here: A Novel

**Michaels, Fern.** Fearless

**Miller, Linda Lael.** Country Strong

**Mosley, Walter.** Trouble Is What I Do

**Pataki, Allison.** The Queen’s Fortune: A Novel of Desiree, Napoleon, and the Dynasty That Outlasted the Empire

**Patterson, James.** Blindside (Michael Bennett)

**Patterson, James.** Lost (Tom Moon)

**Patterson, James.** The River Murders (Mitchum)

**Patterson, James.** Texas Outlaw (Rory Yates)

**Pinborough, Sarah.** Dead to Her

**Preston, Douglas.** Crooked River

**Reichs, Kathy.** A Conspiracy of Bones

**Rice, LuAnne.** Last Day

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A Tribute to Author Toni Morrison

I would like to take this particular moment to acknowledge a great loss that has befallen the literary community. Toni Morrison was an inspiring, influential, and gifted writer whose work has been cherished for generations.

I’m ashamed to say that before writing this article I knew very little about Toni Morrison. It was during my research that I developed a great deal of appreciation and respect for this inspiring woman. By the end, I concluded that she was the embodiment of the word “dedication”. The dedication she showed to every aspect of her life is something to be recognized and honored.

Before becoming famous, it was the dedication she had for her craft which drove her to work on her first novel, The Bluest Eye, while working a full-time job and being a single mother. Her dedication was rewarded with praise from both critics and the public. Her fifth novel, Beloved, was honored with the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. In 1993, she became the first African American woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

At the height of her career, her dedication to the academic world led her to hold many imperative positions at Princeton University. For over twenty years she discovered, encouraged, and helped young minds to pursue their own dreams. Morrison’s lifelong accomplishments were highly rewarded in 2012 when she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Toni Morrison will be sorely missed, but the fruits of her labor will ensure she will never be forgotten. Her contributions to the literary field can be found throughout the Hayner Library collection.

“Now he knew why he loved her so. Without ever leaving the ground, she could fly. ‘There must be another one like you,’ he whispered to her. ‘There’s got to be at least one more woman like you.’” – Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison.

- Theresa McDonald
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Hours

Starting January 1, 2020, the Sunday hours of operation at the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall are changing from 12:00 Noon–6:00 p.m. to 12:00 Noon–5:00 p.m. The Sunday hours of operation at the Downtown Library remain 1:00–5:00 p.m.

It’s Back! Illinois Heartland Library System Library Crawl: January 10-27, 2020

The Hayner Public Library District is happy to announce our participation in the 2020 Illinois Heartland Library System Library Crawl. There are 52 participating libraries this year—double the number from last year! Participating in the library crawl is easy: simply pick up an IHLS Library Crawl passport from any Hayner Library location, have your passport stamped by at least five participating libraries, and then return your passport to any Hayner Library location for a chance to win our grand-prize drawing. To show off where you have traveled, use #IHLSLibraryCrawl2020 on social media! The IHLS Library Crawl is a great way for patrons within the Illinois Heartland Library System to visit other libraries—and to experience the wide array of library programming, collections, and services available in our state.

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