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

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

HOLIDAYS
The library will be closed for the following holidays:
Dr. Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 15
Presidents Day - Feb. 19

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Hayner Library Offers Reference Service Downtown

The Hayner Public Library District is happy to announce that we now offer reference services at our downtown location. Reference librarian Sharon Schaefer will work at the Hayner Downtown Library on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reference services will continue to be offered at the Alton Square Mall library Monday through Saturday. With reference services offered at both library locations, patrons will now have more assistance with computers, finding information, learning how to use Hayner subscription databases, and test proctoring.

The reference department provides many valuable services, including:
• Reference staff can acquire books for patrons from all over the country via our interlibrary loan service.
• Reference assistance is available in finding books for research papers.
• Assistance is available for navigating Hayner's online resources located on the Hayner website.
• You can get computer help with your research needs, filling out an application, setting up a Microsoft Word document, and general searching of the Internet.
• Subscription database instruction is available through the reference department. Hayner Library subscribes to research databases enabling you to find up-to-date, full-text articles on many topics for your research papers. There are also general use databases available such as Auto Repair Reference Center and Consumer Reports.
• Help is available with searching the online newspaper archives.
• Test proctoring is available by appointment.

Whether we are researching answers or assisting you in locating books to read for pleasure, the reference staff is ready to help. Reference librarians can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via email (reference@haynerlibrary.org); a reference librarian will respond to your query as soon as possible. Or you may contact our reference department by phone (618-453-2864) or in person at the Hayner libraries.

Another New Service

The Hayner Public Library District is happy to announce that we are now providing “almost overdue” notices to patrons who are signed up to receive text and/or email notifications from the library. The “almost overdue” notice is automatically generated three days before library items are due and is sent via text and/or email (patrons can choose their preferred method of contact).

We are also providing text and/or email notifications thirty days before your library card expires.

Please note: The “almost overdue” notices are generated by the SHARE network, an automated consortia of the Illinois Heartland Library System; “SHARE Notifications” will appear as the sender of the “almost overdue” text and/or email notification.

Patrons who wish to receive notices from the library via text and/or email may ask for assistance at the Circulation Desk of any library location. We currently offer text and email notifications for:
• Almost overdue items
• Overdue notices
• Hold notices (to alert you when items you have ordered are ready for pick-up)
• Library card expiration

Patrons may also choose to opt-out of the “almost overdue” notifications; please ask for assistance at the Circulation Desk if you would like to stop receiving these notifications.

You can manage your library account, including the online renewal of library materials, at www.haynerlibrary.org.

We hope that you find these notifications helpful—and an easy way to help eliminate overdue fines!
New Selection of Instructional American Sign Language DVDs Available at Hayner

Hayner Library recently added a set of 15 American Sign Language DVDs to its collection. This set offers instruction for all levels of learning, from public facilities professionals to babies and toddlers. The DVDs are designed to help users learn vocabulary skills and basic ASL grammar and sentence structures. They are open-captioned and most also have audio for hearing users. Several practice DVDs are also included. New ASL students, teachers, instructors, businesses and anyone who wishes to learn sign language to communicate with family and friends will find these DVDs helpful. The newly added titles include:

- American Sign Language for Babies & Toddlers
- American Sign Language For Kids & Adults, Vol. 1: Everyday Lessons
- American Sign Language For Kids & Adults, Vol. 2: Visiting the Zoo
- Sign Language 101: A Beginner’s Guide to American Sign Language
- Common Expressions in American Sign Language, Vol. 1 and 2
- American Sign Language Everyday Words: Activities & Events
- Religious Expressions in American Sign Language, Vol. 1 and 2
- Emergency Medical Words & Sentences in American Sign Language, Vol. 1 and 2
- What Did She Say? Finally! American Sign Language Receptive & Translation Practice, Vol. 1
- What Did She Say? Oh I See! American Sign Language Receptive & Translation Practice, Vol. 2
- What Did She Say? Yay! American Sign Language Receptive & Translation Practice, Vol. 4

These DVDs are located at Hayner’s Alton Square branch and may be checked out for one week with a one week renewal available.
**Scam Phone Calls**

A library patron in our region recently experienced a situation in which a scammer, claiming to be a library staff member, called their home and began demanding credit card payment for overdue library fees. The patron correctly guessed it was a scam and wisely called the library and the police.

It is important to note that this did not happen to a patron of The Hayner Public Library District. But as a precaution, we would like to take this opportunity to remind patrons that The Hayner Public Library District will never call you in an attempt to solicit credit card payments over the phone. We only accept payments at the library or via our secure online ePay system, which must be accessed through your online library account.

The Hayner Public Library District does call, text, and email patrons for notification of overdue materials and on-hold items.

We would strongly encourage you to contact the police and the library should you experience a scam phone call of this nature.

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**Social Security Express**

The Hayner Public Library District now has the Social Security Express desktop icon installed on all public computers in the District. Social Security Express allows users to access specific portions of the Social Security Administration's website to conduct business and obtain forms. Social Security Express allows users to more easily navigate the Social Security website by using icons for the Social Security Administration's most frequently requested information.

Patrons can access the Social Security Express desktop icon by logging on to any public computer at Hayner Library. Patrons must log on to the library's public computers using a valid library card; a guest account may be issued to patrons who have a current valid driver's license or state ID card. You may also access Social Security Express from home at https://www.ssa.gov/ssaexpress/intro.html.

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**Let the Library Help You in 2018**

Make this year's New Year’s resolution stick with some help from Hayner Library. Want to lose ten pounds? We have an extensive collection of fitness books and DVDs as well as cookbooks full of recipes that are delicious while meeting dietary needs. Would you like to stop smoking? There are books for that, too! Or perhaps you’d like to apply for a new job for 2018? Update your résumé on one of our public computers! No matter what your New Year’s resolution may be, Hayner can help!

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**Tax Information**

The Hayner Public Library District offers internet access for patrons who need to locate tax information and forms online. The library also offers self-service printing and copying of tax forms and information; copies are 15 cents per sheet for black-and-white prints/copies and 30 cents per sheet for color prints/copies.

You may also access federal and state tax forms and information by using the following contact information:

- **Internal Revenue Service:**
  - 1-800-TAX-FORM
  - (1-800-829-3676)

- **Illinois Department of Revenue:**
  - http://www.revenue.state.il.us/
  - 1-800-356-6302

- **Missouri Department of Revenue:**
  - http://dor.mo.gov/
  - 1-800-877-6881

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**Patron Poll: Cookbooks**

Sometimes we want to try something new, sometimes we want to be healthy, and sometimes we just want to look at the pictures! But which type of cookbooks do you check out most often?

- Cookbooks of other cultures
- Comfort foods
- Quick and easy meals
- Diet cookbooks
- Baking
- Other

Be sure to stop by the Downtown Library or the Alton Square Library to vote for your favorite type of cookbook. The results will appear in the next library newsletter.

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**e-Book and e-Audio Help for Cloud Library**

Library reference staff will conduct a class on Saturday, January 20, on the basics of downloading e-books and e-audios from the library catalog to your e-reader.

The class will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Bring your personal reading device so we can help you download e-books or e-audios on to it.

This class is free of charge but does require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-5163. Please leave your name, phone number, the number in your party, and the type of device you have.
Garden with Seeds

Now is the time of year when we start to think of spring; it’s a time for new beginnings. And what better way to begin anew than planning a garden? A garden is a place for new possibilities and all it takes is a little inspiration, seeds, and enthusiasm!

You can find inspiration from Hayner’s wonderful collection of gardening books and magazines. Stop by the library to get your gardening books and pick up a list of gardening articles that are full of fresh ideas to help you along the way.

All that is needed to start a plant is contained within the seed. Treat the seed with care and a new plant will emerge. It is a rewarding experience to start plants from seed and see them develop. Not only will you feel satisfied with growing your own plants, starting from seed is a much cheaper alternative to buying plants and allows you to experiment with different flavors, colors, shapes and varieties. You can also grow in quantities to plant more of them!

Hayner Library offers a variety of free gardening classes to help nurture your gardening interests. Our classes cover pollinator habitats, invasive plants, soils, and herb gardening. We offer hands-on-classes to sow your own herb seeds and heirloom tomato seeds. Be sure to come to our Seed Swap, co-sponsored by the Sierra Club, and take home a variety of seeds to start under the grow lights. Come by later to pick up your seedlings at the library to grow under the grow lights. Seedlings will be ready to take home just in time to plant! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Gardening Classes

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<td>Pollinator Habitat</td>
<td>Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Eleanor Schumacher from the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District will talk about the importance of pollinator habitat and what goes into developing a good habitat for pollinator plants. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.</td>
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<td>Gardening Q &amp; A</td>
<td>Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.–12 noon</td>
<td>This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. It’s time to start thinking about your vegetable garden! Join us at the library to get some advice from Clifford Clark, local organic gardener. He will share his knowledge of gardening and a visual presentation of his large garden which covers his lawn. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.</td>
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<td>Invasive Plant Species Awareness</td>
<td>Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m.</td>
<td>This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Bill Klink, a retired Information Technology manager, and an Illinois Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, will share his knowledge of invasive plant species. He will cover the problem of invasive plants, how they became invasive, and what you can do about them. From this presentation, you will learn the importance of biodiversity for a healthy ecosystem. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.</td>
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<td>Seed Swap</td>
<td>Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.–12 noon</td>
<td>This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Celebrate the end of winter with an enjoyable gathering of fellow gardeners while sharing your seeds, seedlings, cuttings and bulbs you have collected from last fall. All are welcome! Having your own home-grown seed is not required. This program is sponsored jointly with Hayner Library and the Sierra Club. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.</td>
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<td>Start Your Herbs</td>
<td>Saturday, March 3, 11 a.m.–12 noon</td>
<td>This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Stop by the library to sow seeds for your herb garden this year! There will be plenty of herb seeds to choose from. Select the ones best suited to your needs and sow them to grow under the library’s grow lights. Seedlings will be ready to take home just in time to plant! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.</td>
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<td>The Nature of Soils</td>
<td>Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m.</td>
<td>This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Get your soil ready for gardening this spring. Sam Lutton, Illinois Master Gardener, will be at the library to present a program on soils. He will cover the origins of soil, how to take soil samples, how to read soil samples, how to amend soil, and what plants grow best in different soils. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.</td>
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<td>Start Your Heirloom Tomatoes</td>
<td>Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m.–12 noon</td>
<td>This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Stop by the library to sow heirloom tomato seeds and to speak with Debbie Owen, Illinois Master Gardener, who will talk about growing heirloom tomatoes. Sow the heirloom tomato seeds at the library to grow under the grow lights. Come by later to pick up your seedlings for your summer garden. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.</td>
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<td>Herb Gardening</td>
<td>Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library. Debbie Owen and Maudie Miller, both Illinois Master Gardeners, will be at the library to talk about growing herbs. You will learn which herbs grow best in part-shade, which herbs do best in our area, and what you can use them for. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.</td>
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Tips for Starting Seeds Indoors:
- Use a seed-starting mix
- Provide bottom heat of approximately 75˚.
- Cover the seed tray in a sunny location or under grow lights. Keep lights 3-4 inches above plants as they grow.
- Sow seed indoors for 8 to 10 weeks before the last killing frost (around April 25).
- Some seeds need to be started indoors because the plants have a longer growing season: tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, herbs, and others.

Tips for Starting Seeds Outdoors:
- Some seeds do better sown outdoors. Be sure to follow seed packet directions for best results
- Soil should not be wet.
- Most seeds germinate successfully outdoors when day and nighttime temperature is 50-55˚.
National Genealogy Day is March 10th

Many of us are so busy with our day-to-day lives that we don’t have much time to think about the past or our ancestors who lived and died so many years ago. However, in recent years, the genealogy bug has taken a firm grip on many family historians and more people have started to pursue their ancestral lines. Unfortunately, if you don’t know where to start or what’s available it can quickly become an overwhelming experience. With a handful of guidance and a bucket of patience, finding interesting facts about distant relatives and how they fit into your genetic puzzle can be quite fascinating. Of course, there are no guarantees that all of your discoveries will be pleasant ones involving heroes and royalty. Even the most polished families find their share of skeletons when someone goes digging around in their ancestors’ closets! Just ask any politician!

Aren’t you just a little bit curious about the people who share your family tree? If so, Genealogy Day is the perfect day to begin the journey to uncover your roots. This special day, set aside for genealogists and family historians, began in 2013 in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Christ Church in Limerick, Ireland. The tradition has been carried over into many other countries, including the United States. It is a special day to celebrate who YOU are!

Here are some fun and interesting tidbits about Genealogy research:

The family tree of Confucius, one of the most influential educators in Chinese history, has been maintained for over 2,500 years, making it a Guinness World Record.

Former U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had a pretty impressive family tree. By blood or marriage, he had ties to 11 other past presidents.

If an ancestor is listed on a census record as a snob, or snobscoat, it doesn’t mean they had a haughty attitude; it is a reference to their occupation. This was a person who repaired shoes!

An old death certificate that lists “dry bellyache” as the cause of death is actually telling you that the person died of lead poisoning.

Cemetery research can be interesting as well as entertaining. Headstones can help locate birth and death dates of our ancestors, but the epitaphs can also give us insight about their personal lives. For example, the inscription on Sir Winston Churchill’s tombstone reads: “I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.”

According to the Social Security Administration, James and Mary were the most popular given names for male and female babies born during the last 100 years. The Census Bureau lists Smith, Johnson, and Williams as the most common surnames in the United States.

About 35 million Americans are related to one or more of the 102 pilgrims who sailed to America on the Mayflower in 1620. George W. Bush, Clint Eastwood, Marilyn Monroe, and Julia Child are descendants of Mayflower voyagers. Are you?

DNA research is now readily available to anyone! Services such as Ancestry.com, 23andMe and Family Tree use a small sample of DNA to outline the ethnic profile of the participant. Your results can also link you to undiscovered relatives from all over the world. This service has become an important tool for adoptees.

If you would like to start the exciting journey of tracing your ancestry but don’t know where to start, you can begin right here at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, Ill. But you don’t have to wait for March 10, because here at the library, “Every day is a Genealogy Day!”

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards

Designed to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards annually recognize outstanding books for young adults and children by African American authors and illustrators that reflect the African American experience. Further, the Award encourages the artistic expression of the black experience via literature and the graphic arts in biographical, social, and historical treatments by African American authors and illustrators.

2017 Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners

Illustrator Award: Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, illustrated and written by Jaravka Steptoe.

Illustrator Honors:
• Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan, illustrated and written by Ashley Bryan
• Freedom in Congo Square, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie and written by Carole Boston Weatherford
• In Plain Sight, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney and written by Richard Jackson

Author Honor:
• As Brave as You, written by Jason Reynolds

All 2017 Coretta Scott King Book Award winners and honorees can be found in the Hayner Library collection. A list of previous Coretta Scott King Book Award winners and honorees can be found at http://www.ala.org/r/rt/emiert/coretta-scott-king-book-awards-all-recipients-1970-present.
**SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER**

Join us for our Winter 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 J. C. Penney.

**REMINDER**

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

**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, January 13**
- **Saturday, February 10**
- **Saturday, March 10**
  - 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

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

**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.*

**At Your Fingertips: Introduction to Our Illinois Room Collection**

- **January 11 & 18**

**Let’s Get Physical: Organizing the Stuff of Your Family History**

- **February 8 & 15**

**Bridging the Digital Divide: Scanning, Software Programs, and Storage**

- **March 8 & 15**
  - 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

**The OASIS Institute’s Health & Fitness Classes**

*Please note: These classes will take place in the Multipurpose Room at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.*

**Myth – Interpretations About Sugar and Diabetes**

This class meets only on

- **Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

This class addresses the many myths about sugars as it relates to diabetes. Learn how to count carbs and how this can be helpful in preventing diabetes. Also, get the real deal on the many types of sugar and artificial sweeteners and how they can affect your health. Class size is limited. **Please register through the OASIS Institute at 1-800-392-0936.**

**A Matter of Balance Workshop**

This class meets Wednesday mornings for eight weeks. **February 21, 2018 – April 11, 2018, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

Almost half of older adults worry about falling. Learn about factors that can lead to a fall and practical tips to keep yourself on your feet in this discussion-based program. Improved flexibility and range of motion with stretches and light movements are introduced in the third class. Participants receive a workbook to keep. Class size is limited. **Please register through the OASIS Institute at 1-800-392-0936.**

**Reimagining Places of the Past: Historic Preservation Lecture Series, Part 1**

**Landmarks Illinois – World War I Monument Preservation**

- **Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.**
  - To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton.

The Genealogy & Local History Library is partnering with Alton Area Landmarks Association (AALA) this winter to provide a three-part Saturday lecture series in January, February, and March on the topic of historic preservation. 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.

The first of these lectures concerns a new grant program that helps restore aging World War I monuments. The Landmarks Illinois WWI Monument Preservation Grant Program has been conducting a statewide survey of outdoor World War I monuments and memorials to better understand their location and current condition. Suzanne Germann, Director of Grants and Easements, from Landmarks Illinois, will discuss the program’s survey findings, including the 1922 Doughboy Statue in Alton. Seating is limited. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Reimagining Places of the Past: Historic Preservation Lecture Series, Part 2**

**How to Hire & Work With a Contractor**

- **Saturday, February 24, 10 a.m.**
  - To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton.

Finding and hiring the right contractor is one of the biggest problems identified by historic homeowners. Bob Yapp, President of Preservation Resources Inc., and founder of the Belvedere School for Hands-On Preservation, will walk participants through the process. Seating is limited. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Reimagining Places of the Past: Historic Preservation Lecture Series, Part 3**

**Historic Preservation’s Long Arc**

- **Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.**
  - To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton.
This talk examines the foundation of the modern historic preservation movement in the United States, examining origins such as the effort to save Mount Vernon and the writings of John Ruskin. Along the way, the story includes legislative efforts culminating in the National Historic Preservation Act and the hands-on efforts of communities from Elsah to New Orleans.

Speaker Michael Allen directs the Preservation Research Office and is senior lecturer in Architecture and Landscape Architecture at Washington University in St. Louis. Allen has provided technical services to over 100 building preservation projects in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri. Seating is limited. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Jared Hennings**

**An Evening with Sammy Davis Jr.**

**Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.**

In celebration of Black History Month, a local favorite, Jared Hennings will perform music representing the culture and amazing musical contributions of the black community—from gospel to jazz and swing, popular and contemporary. With piano and bass accompaniment, Jared Hennings will pay tribute to great music and artists. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Bud Shultz & The You Can’t Beat Experience Jazz Band**

**Celebrate Fat Tuesday**

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

*Note: This program will be held in the Commons on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Rd., Godfrey, IL.*

Bud Shultz and the You Can’t Beat Experience Jazz Band will appear in concert to help us celebrate Mardi Gras in the best way possible—through music! The YCBEJB specializes in traditional and Dixieland jazz. They also treat more modern pieces with a Dixieland flavor. Join Bud and the group to celebrate Fat Tuesday in real New Orleans style. It’s going to be a great show—and a great venue, the Gallery of Hatheway Hall. This program is jointly sponsored by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Color Me Stress Free**

**Thursday, February 15, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.**

*Note: This adult coloring event will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square Library.*

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

**Dan Myers**

**Winston Churchill, A Life Well Lived**

**Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.**

This talk includes PowerPoint photos and audio excerpts of Churchill’s speeches. It’s ideal for everyone from young students to seniors who wish to know more about this remarkable individual. About one hour in length, it is a magic showing of Churchill and his many published exploits that will illuminate, entertain and possibly amuse any audience. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**David Massengill**

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

Storyteller, songwriter and picture-book maker, David Massengill “emigrated” from Tennessee to the Greenwich Village folk scene in 1976 with a dulcimer and a dream of bohemian nirvana. His songwriting style ranges from tragic mountain ballads to the lure of tender love songs and iconic political narratives. His songs have been recorded by Joan Baez, David Bromberg, Chad Mitchell, The Roches, Lucy Kaplansky, Tom Russell, Nanci Griffith and his mentor, Dave Van Ronk, who once said David “took the dull out of dulcimer.” Credits include six CDs, 11 bootlegs, 15 books, movie score, and school programs. In 2016 the Southern Folklife Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill offered to archive his works. He accepted and joins his friends and heroes Dave Van Ronk, Bill Morrissey and Mike Seeger as a member. He once chased a bobcat and vice versa. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Michael Smith**

**Monday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Michael Smith is a Chicago-based singer-songwriter. *Rolling Stone Magazine* once called him “The greatest songwriter in the English language”. He has been singing and composing since the 1960s, and his rich and challenging songs have been recorded by more than 30 performers. His autobiographical play *Michael, Margaret, Pat and Kate* won four Jeff Awards (the Chicago Theater Union’s equivalent of the Tony), for Best Original Music, Best Production, Best Actor in a Revue, and Best New Work.

Michael returns to Hayner Public Library on Monday, March 26, with a program featuring original songs inspired by American classic literature, highlighting his songs based on Herman Melville’s *Moby Dick*. Powerful, swarthy, invigorating, and classic-sounding, Smith’s compositions set the texts from Melville’s seminal novel as ballads, shanties, story-songs and anthems. All performed with Smith’s stirring vocals and fine guitar playing. Register at 1-800-613-316.
**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.

**PC Basics: Introduction to Computers**
(Class limit: 12)
Part 1, Wednesday, January 17, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Part 2, Wednesday, January 24, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
This is an introduction to personal computers. Overcome your fears and gain skills to use personally and professionally. After this class, you will be able to identify basic computer terminology as well as the components and operating systems features; execute basic mouse techniques, use the keyboard features, and printer; open and exit software programs; utilize storage media such as CDs and flash drives; and identify and use the various toolbars.

Part 1
• Interacting with the computer, keyboard, and mouse

Part 2
• Windows: Desktop/Taskbar/Start Menu/Open Files/Save Files/Flash Drive/Print Documents
If you already use a computer and a mouse, this course is not for you.

**Internet Basics**
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, January 31, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
This is an introduction to web-surfing and e-mail. This class is designed for individuals with little to no experience in using the Internet. This class will teach you how to set up an e-mail account, use basic e-mail features, and use a search engine to locate information.

You will need your cell phone to complete the email set-up process.

**Microsoft Word for Beginners**
(Class limit: 12)
Part 1, Wednesday, February 7, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Part 2, Wednesday, February 14, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
This class is for the beginning or novice user of Microsoft Word. It totals two progressive sessions which will teach you to create, save, copy, move, and retrieve electronic files. You will also be able to produce a document using a word processing program, edit it, use spell checker, and use editing features such as bold, italics, etc., to produce a finished product. You may register for both sections or register for each separately, according to your need. Topics that will be covered are listed below for each of the two sessions.

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

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

**Microsoft Excel**
**New Class**
(Class limit: 12)
Thursday, February 22, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Do spreadsheets scare you? Join us for a new 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. Please note: This class will be held on a Thursday.

**Flash Drives and Saving Files**
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, February 28, 6 p.m.–8 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.

**Computer Maintenance and Security**
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, March 7, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Explore your computer’s control panel. Learn the ins and outs of maintaining your computer, and what you should be doing to keep your machine performing at top speed. Learn about virus protection, and when you should run virus scans on your computer to keep it safe. Basic computer knowledge is preferred. You do NOT need your computer or tablet for this class.
**KidsSpace Winter 2018 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 8, and February 5, 12, and 19, 2018, at 10 a.m. Limited space is available. Please register at 433-2881.
  - The January 22, 2018 Movers and Shakers Story Time will be held at the Audubon Center at Riverlands, 301 Riverlands Way, West Alton, Mo., at 10 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 manipulative. Meeting dates are Thursdays, January 11, 18, and 25; February 1, 8, 15, and 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2018, at 10 a.m. Please register at 433-2881.

- **Spanish Story Time** — Come join us in the KidsSpace at Hayner Public Library at Alton Square for Stories with Hector. Hector Lozano, from Hayner Public Library’s downtown location, will be assisting us for this special story time. This 45-minute activity is a lively combination of books, finger plays, and songs in both English and Spanish for preschool children ages 3 to 5. Hector will be here at 10 a.m. on the following Mondays: January 29, February 26, and March 26, 2018. Please register at 433-2881.

- **Legos @ Your Library** — Bring your imagination and join us for an hour of building and creating Lego masterpieces. The library will supply the Legos, or feel free to bring your own. Legos stay at the library and will be displayed between sessions. Legos @ Your Library will meet in the KidsSpace the second Thursday of each month. Meeting dates are: Thursdays, January 11, February 8, and March 8, 2018, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please register at 433-2881.

- **KidsSpace Easter Egg Hunt** — Come join the fun at this year’s annual Easter Egg Hunt in the KidsSpace at Hayner Public Library at Alton Square. The fun begins at 10 a.m. on March 10, 2018. 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! Register at 433-2881.

- **Stories and Songs with Belle** — Bring your little princess age 2–7 years old to a special story time hosted by Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*. Our story time will be filled with fun stories, songs, and pictures! Belle will arrive on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Performance Room on the upper level of Alton Square Mall. Space is limited for this program so register now! Please register at 433-2881.

- **Superhero Story Time** — Bring your little superheroes ages 2–7 years old to this special one-hour story time with Thor and Captain America. The characters will read a story, play games, teach the superhero oath, and take pictures with the kids. The fun begins at 10 a.m. on February 24, 2018, in the Hayner Library Performance Room on the upper level of Alton Square Mall. Space is limited for this program so register now! Please register at 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 8, 22, and 29; February 5, 12, and 26; March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2018. Register at 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 a.m. on Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30; February 6, 13, 20, and 27; March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2018. Register at 462-0677, ext. 2836.

- **After-School Craft** — Kids, come join us for After-School Craft at Hayner Public Library Downtown KidsSpace. The craft will be for children ages 5–10 years of age. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, January 16, February 20, and March 20, 2018. Please register at 462-0677, ext. 2836.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **Chocolate Olympics** — Calling all chocolate lovers! If you’ve always wanted to win a medal, come compete in our inaugural Chocolate Olympics. Join us for an afternoon of chocolate fun! Chocolate crafts, relay races, games, and much more! The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. at the Riverbender.com Community Center. To register for this program please call Shannon at 618-433-2872.

**TeenSpace Winter 2018 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 teens. 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 17, February 14, and March 14, 2018. Buses are available to transport after school from Alton Middle School, Alton High School, and St. Mary’s Catholic School. To register, call Shannon at 433-2872.

- **RBCC Teen Book Club: Books, Books, and More Books** — Books, Books, and More Books is for teens attending the Riverbender.com after-school program and 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 gives students a chance to read and discuss all genres. Meeting dates are Wednesdays, January 10, February 7, and March 7, 2018, at 4 p.m.

**Teen Tech Week** — Come join us for some really cool arts and crafts at the Riverbender.com Community Center library on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. For more information about this event or to register, call Shannon at 433-2872.

- **Harry Potter Book Night** — We are thrilled to announce ‘Fantastic Beasts’ as the theme for Harry Potter Book Night 2018. The magical beasts from across five continents are at the very heart of the Harry Potter stories, so what better to celebrate on Harry Potter Book Night 2018! Make a date in your diary for Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 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 call Shannon at 618-433-2872.

- **Winter 2018 Teen Movie Series** — The West Alton Police Department, through its Teen Leadership Council, is presenting a series of movies growing in popularity all across the world. This winter, the council is excited to invite fans of the Harry Potter series to join them for a special viewing of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. The film will be screened at 3:30 p.m. at the Riverbender.com Community Center on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Buses are available to transport from Alton Middle School, Alton High School, and St. Mary’s Catholic School. To register, call Shannon at 433-2872.
Nonfiction—
Baatz, Simon. The Girl on the Velvet Swing: Sex, Murder, and Madness at the Dawn of the Twentieth Century
Blum, Howard. In the Enemy’s House: The Secret Saga of the FBI Agent and the Code Breaker Who Caught the Russian Spies
Chopra, Deepak. The Healing Self: A Revolutionary New Plan to Supercharge Your Immunity and Stay Well for Life
Cooking Light. The All-New Fresh Food Fast: 200+ Incredibly Flavorful 5-Ingredient 15-Minute Recipes
Davenport, Anthony. Your Score: An Insider’s Secrets to Understanding, Controlling, and Protecting Your Credit Score
Eggers, Dave. The Monk of Mokha
Gifford, Kathie Lee. Faith and the Land Where It All Began
Greenburg, Zack O’Malley. 3 Kings: Diddy, Dr. Dre, Jay-Z, and Hip-Hop’s Multibillion-Dollar Rise
Hinton, Anthony Ray. The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row
Hoffman, Carl. The Last Wild Men of Borneo: A True Story of Death and Treasure
Hyman, Mark, MD. Food: What the Heck Should I Eat?
Junion, Penny. The Duchess: Camilla Parker Bowles and the Love Affair That Rocked the Crown
Lieberman, David J. Never Get Angry Again: The Foolproof Way to Stay Calm and in Control in Any Conversation or Situation
Magnusson, Margareta. The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter
Manning, Ivy. Instant Pot Italian: 100 Irresistible Recipes Made Easier Than Ever
Marcum, Andrea. Close to Om: Stretching Yoga from Your Mat to Your Life
McNamara, Michelle. I’ll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman’s Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer
Morton, Andrew. Wallis in Love: The Untold Life of the Duchess of Windsor, the Woman Who Changed the Monarchy
Nolte, Nick. Rebel: My Life Outside the Lines
Patterson, James. All-American Murder: The Rise and Fall of Aaron Hernandez, the Superstar Whose Life Ended on Murderers’ Row
Petrucci, Kellyann. The 10-Day Belly Slimdown: Lose Your Belly, Heal Your Gut, Enjoy a Lighter, Younger You
Pink, Daniel H. When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing
Pomroy, Haylie. Metabolism Revolution: Lose 14 Pounds in 14 Days and Keep It Off for Life
Shriver, Maria. I’ve Been Thinking . . .: Reflections, Prayers, and Meditations for a Meaningful Life
Siegel, Daniel J. The Yes Brain: How to Cultivate Courage, Curiosity, and Resilience in Your Child
Smart, Elizabeth A. Where There’s Hope: Healing, Moving Forward, and Never Giving Up
Stavis, R. H. Sister of Darkness: The Chronicles of a Modern Exorcist
Stewart, Martha. Martha’s Flowers: A Practical Guide to Growing, Gathering, and Enjoying
Webber, Andrew Lloyd. Unmasked
Zinczenko, David. The Super Metabolism Diet: The Two-Week Plan to Ignite Your Fat-Burning Furnace and Stay Lean for Life!

Fiction—
Andrews, V. C. House of Secrets: A Novel
Beaton, M. C. Death of an Honest Man
Benjamin, Melanie. The Girls in the Picture
Berenson, Alex. The Deceivers: A John Wells Novel
Berry, Steve. The Bishop’s Pawn (Cotton Malone)
Black, Lisa. Perish (A Gardiner and Renner Novel)
Bohjalian, Chris. The Flight Attendant
Box, C. J. The Disappeared: A Joe Pickett Novel
Bradley, Alan. The Grave’s a Fine and Private Place: A Flavia de Luce Novel
Brown, Dale. Act of Revenge (Puppetmaster)
Burke, Alafair. The Wife
Burke, James Lee. Robicheaux
Cameron, Stella. Whisper the Dead
Childs, Laura. Plum Tea Crazy
Cornwell, Bernard. Fool’s and Mortals
Cussler, Clive. The Rising Sea (Kurt Austin Adventure)
de los Santos, Marisa. I’ll Be Your Blue Sky
Devereaux, Jude. As You Wish
Dorsey, Tim. The Pope of Palm Beach (Serge Storms)
Eisler, Barry. The Night Trade
Feehan, Christine. Covert Game
Fielding, Joy. The Bad Daughter
Fluke, Joanne. Raspberry Danish Murder
French, Nicci. Sunday Silence: A Novel (Frieda Klein)
Gardiner, Meg. Into the Black Nowhere: An UNSUB Novel
Gardner, Lisa. Look for Me
George, Elizabeth. The Punishment She Deserves: A Lynley Novel
Graham, Heather. A Dangerous Game
Graves, Sarah. Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake
Gray, Shelley Shepard. His Risk: The Amish of Hart County
Grippando, James. A Death in Live Oak: A Jack Swyteck Novel
Hannah, Kristin. The Great Alone
Harris, Robert. Munich
Hart, John. The Hush
Howard, Linda. The Woman Left Behind
Hurwitz, Gregg. Hellbent
Jance, J. A. Duel to the Death
Kellerman, Jonathan. Night Moves: An Alex Delaware Novel
Kinsella, Sophie. Surprise Me
Krentz, Jayne Ann. Promise Not to Tell
Lansdale, Joe R. Jackrabbit Smile
Lescroart, John. Poison
Lippman, Laura. Sunburn
Mackintosh, Clare. Let Me Lie
Mallery, Susan. Sisters Like Us
Manet, David. Chicago: A Novel (Prohibition Era)
Margolin, Phillip. The Third Victim
Meissner, Susan. As Bright as Heaven
Meltzer, Brad. The Escape Artist
Mosley, Walter. Down the River unto the Sea
Moyses, Jojo. Still Me
Neggers, Carla. The River House
Palmer, Diana. All that Glitters
Patterson, James. Fifty Fifty
Patterson, James. Red Alert: An NYPD Red Mystery
Perry, Thomas. The Bomb Maker
Preston, Douglas. City of Endless Night
Reich, Christopher. The Take
Robb, J. D. Dark in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel
Spillane, Mickey & Max Allan Collins. The Bloody Spur (A Caleb York Western)
Steel, Danielle. Accidental Heroes: A Novel
Steel, Danielle. Fall from Grace
Taylor, Brad. Operator Down: A Pike Logan Thriller
Todd, Charles. The Gate Keeper: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery
Ward, J. R. Blood Fury
White, Randy Wayne. Caribbean Rim: A Doc Ford Novel
Winspear, Jacqueline. To Die But Once
Woods, Stuart. Unbound: A Stone Barrington Novel
Meet Jake Albert

Jake is part of our great Circulation staff. Jake works at the Alton Square library assisting patrons and checking out their materials. If you have questions about computers or gaming devices he is the guy to see!

Jake was born in St. Louis and lived in Collinsville until his family moved to Alton when he was five. Some of his favorite memories of being young are rollerblading, riding bikes, playing street hockey, and swimming during the summers. He loved meeting friends at Dave’s Movies and More. It was just a few blocks away from his home and he would meet his friends there to play video games.

Jake’s mom and dad, Lynn and Mike, are both from Jerseyville. His mom worked as the playground helper and after-school program assistant at Saints Peter and Paul School; she worked there a few more years after her children graduated. His dad works for RS Used Oil in Granite City. The company recycles and transports oil. Jake has two sisters, Katie and Ashley. Katie is two years younger than Jake and is a nurse at OSF Saint Anthony’s Health Center in Alton; she is married and expecting their first child in March. Ashley is six years younger and works at Alton-Wood River Sportsmen’s Club in Godfrey. Jake’s memories of his sisters are the usual childhood shenanigans and arguments. Christmas and Easter were special times for him and his sisters. Their goal was to see how early they could wake up everyone in the household. Summer family trips consisted of Six Flags, Cardinal games, and a trip to Florida to see his grandparents.

I asked Jake what his favorite subject in school was and he tells me it was English, especially diagramming sentences.

Jake grew up off of State Street by West Elementary school. He had many fun times with friends on football game nights. Halloween was an exceptional time for Jake and his family. Jake’s home was known as the “Halloween house”. His mom decorated inside and out. He remembers ghosts, witches, spiders, blood, cobwebs, vampires, coffins, and gravestones. His mom doesn’t go all out like she used to but their house is still fondly known as the “Halloween house” by most of the neighbors.

Jake attended Saints Peter and Paul School in Alton. He attended Marquette Catholic High School for two years and finished his high school years at Alton High School. He graduated from Lewis and Clark Community College with an associate degree in Computer Networking. After graduation Jake mowed lawns and worked at Kmart during the Christmas season. He then began working as a Page at the Children’s Library in December 2005. Jake now works full time at the Circulation Desk at the Alton Square library.

Jake was also a part of the “big move” to our current Alton Square library location from the library’s previous location on the upper level of the mall.

Mary Cordes, Assistant Director of Circulation Services, told me that Jake is a wonderful library assistant. She tells me he is reliable, friendly, and unflappable. Jake has a great sense of humor and everyone, his co-workers and patrons alike, enjoy visiting with him. She says that we are very fortunate to have Jake at our library. I can’t agree more!

I asked Jake if there was a special teacher who stood out in his mind and, with a wink, said, “Any teacher who might read this!” He did tell me that his mom, dad, and Uncle Jack have left a big impression on his life.

Jake has some great hobbies. He enjoys tech-related video games and computers. He loves the St. Louis Blues hockey team and the television show The Walking Dead. He also likes to go to thrift shops and yard sales. Jake has been selling on eBay for about 13 years; he mostly sells video games or tech-related items.

I always like to end my interviews by asking the question, “What is your best piece of advice for living in today’s world?” Jake answered, “Learn how to work a smartphone and computer. And, most importantly, get a sense of humor and stop being offended by every little thing someone says!”

We are very happy to have Jake in our Hayner family.

-Stephanie Munson

New in Our Illinois Room

American Association of University Women (AAUW): Alton, Illinois Branch
1939 – 2008 IR 378.068 AME

The Better Part of Valor: Albert Drury and his 1st Vermont Cavalry in the Civil War’s Eastern Campaign IR 973.7443 DRU

A Book of Favorite Recipes Compiled by Mothers Club of Fosterburg School, 1968 IR 641.5 BOO

The Dealmakers of Downstate Illinois: Paul Powell, Clyde L. Choate, John H. Stelle IR 528.750922 HAR

Godfrey Women’s Club IR 367.977386 GOD

Growing Up with the River: Nine Generations on the Missouri IR 977.8 BUR

Federal Stewardship of Confederate Dead IR 973.76 UNI

I.H. Streeper Family of Alton, Illinois IR 929.2 STREEPER

Illinois Traction Society 22nd Annual Meet: Grafton, Alton, St. Louis Tour – April 26, 2008 IR 388.46 ILL


Inventory of Historic Milton Cemetery IR 977.3865 MIL

The Logan Regiment: A Regimental History of the 106th Illinois Infantry, 1862-1865 IR 973.7473 BLE

Main Street United Methodist Church 2006 Directory IR 287.677386 MAI

No Excuses: The Biography of Bobby Collins Sr. – Overcoming Jim Crow, Jim Crow Jr., Jim Crow, Esquire, and the Man in the Mirror IR B COLLINS

The Neighborhoods of Alton IR DVD 977.386 NEI

Penitentiary Alley Art Show and Historic Walking Tour Scrapbook, 1972 IR 708.9773 PEN

Sangamon County, Illinois Rural Resident Directory, 1983 IR 917.7356 SAN

Savage Inequalities: Children in America’s Schools by Jonathan Kozol IR 370.91732 KOZ

St. Louis Union Station: A Place for People, A Place for Trains IR 385.314 GRA

Tour of Historic Springfield, 1971 IR 977.356 BAR
Don’t Quit Your Day Job...

Most acclaimed authors held other jobs before finding fame as a writer—and many have used their previous work experiences as inspiration for their stories.

- Margaret Atwood’s frustrating experience working in a coffee shop was the motivation for her essay *Ka-Ching*.

- Before penning the young adult classic *The Catcher in the Rye*, J.D. Salinger was an entertainment director on a Swedish luxury liner.

- After practicing dentistry for nine years, Zane Grey closed his office to focus on his writing career.

- In 1961, Harper Lee won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her acclaimed novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Who would have guessed that, just a few years earlier, she was taking reservations at Eastern Airlines?

- John Green’s experiences as a chaplain at a children’s hospital encouraged him to write his sixth novel, *The Fault in our Stars*, which tells the story of two terminally ill teenagers.

- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle may have more in common with Dr. Watson than Sherlock Holmes; the acclaimed author of the popular detective series was a physician and surgeon before he was a writer.

No Reservations or Tickets Needed!

Everybody knows the best way to your Valentine’s heart is through their stomach! This year, impress your significant other by making them a home-cooked meal. Both Hayner locations have a wide variety of cookbooks including ones that specialize in cozy meals for two!

And while you’re at the library, be sure to pick up a romantic movie to make your Valentine’s date complete! Both Hayner locations also have impressive movie collections, making it easy to find the perfect movie to tug on your date’s heartstrings!

I Now Pronounce You A Writing Team!

These couples produced more than just children; their offspring include mysteries, historical fiction, children’s books, and of course, romance novels!

**Stan and Jan Berenstain:** The creators of the long-running *Berenstain Bears* children’s books were married for 59 years before Stan’s unfortunate death in 2005. In 2012, the couple’s son, Mike Berenstain, continued the series after his mother’s death.

**Nicci French:** This pseudonym is a combination of Nicci Gerrard and Sean French, who have been married 28 years. The couple have written several psychological thrillers, including the suspenseful Frieda Klein series.

**Faye and Jonathan Kellerman:** Writing is all in the family for the Kellermans! Not only are Faye and Jonathan Kellerman best-selling authors, but their son, Jesse, is also an award-winning writer. In addition, Faye co-wrote the book *Prism* with their daughter Aliza.

**Lars Kepler:** This Swedish couple has three children and six books in their nail-biting Detective Inspector Joona Linna series.

**Judith Michael:** The bestselling romance novelists Judith Barnard and Michael Fain have been writing together since 1979—the same year they were married.