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:
Easter Sunday, April 5
Memorial Day, May 24, 25

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Summer Reading 2015
“Read to the Rhythm”
This year’s Summer Reading Program, “Read to the Rhythm,” will get kids excited about reading. The theme will give participants the opportunity to read some fantastic books!

Participants can expect performers such as Bobby Norfolk, a Frozen Sing-Along, Mad Science, Josh Routh, and Blaque Berry Puppets. Participants will also enjoy story times, puppet shows, crafts, and prizes that reflect the theme.

Each week participants will be asked to read at least five books, magazine articles, or newspaper articles, or listen to five books on tape to earn some awesome prizes. For this year’s program, we will partner with Kindermusik, Halpin Music, and Alton Marching 100.

All participants who continue over the five-week program will be invited to our End-of-the-Summer-Reading Party at the Alton High School Commons. There they will enjoy a free book, reading certificate, snacks, and Music with Leonardo for all their hard work. Kickoff and registration for the Summer Reading Program is Saturday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Climb to the Stars with Hayner!
This spring, Hayner will be adding some surprising new materials to our collections for you to check out... telescopes!

Yes, telescopes. The library has an agreement with the St. Louis Astronomical Society for the purchase of two Orion StarBlast 4.5" Reflector Telescopes. Two Alton astronomers and St. Louis Astronomical Society members, Mr. Eddie Agha, staff astronomer at The Nature Institute, and Mr. Steve Sands, staff astronomer for the Watershed Nature Center, have each purchased a telescope to donate to the library collection, as has Ms. Patti Brown, Education Director at The Nature Institute, bringing the total number of available telescopes to five.

The SLAS Library Telescope Program seeks to foster scientific literacy, stimulate an interest in astronomy, and provide people who have never looked through a telescope the chance to experience the excitement that comes from discovery. The program takes advantage of the public library system infrastructure to place telescopes in local public libraries for circulation just like a book.

Hayner, as a participant in this program, will be offering these telescopes to patrons to check out for a loan period of one week. Patrons must have a valid Hayner Library card and be 18 years of age or older. The telescopes will come with a zoom lens, a National Audubon Society pocket guide, and a book on constellations.

Watch our website (www.haynerlibrary.org) for further news on this terrific new offering.

Teen Summer Reading Program 2015
Come join in the fun this summer at our “Read to the Rhythm” Summer Reading Program. Kickoff starts on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at 10 a.m. in the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Each teen who attends on Kickoff Day will be entered to win a $50 gift card.

Teens will win some awesome prizes for their diligent reading this summer. The summer is also packed full of fun programming, including Cereal Box Speakers, How to Edit Music Videos, Movie and Pizza/Free Play, and Song Pop @ Your Library, all to be held at Riverbender.com Community Center.

All participants will also be invited to an End-of-the-Summer-Reading Party at Riverbender.com Community Center.
Hayner Presents Trivia Night July 25!

Save this date . . . The Hayner Public Library District will be holding a great Trivia Night on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Marquette Catholic High School, 219 E. 4th Street, Alton, Ill. Join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition. There will be a cash bar, 50/50, games, a silent auction, and more! The doors open at 6 p.m. and the fun starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are only $10 per person, and tables are a maximum of eight. You or your business can also help support our Trivia Night by registering for a sponsorship. Available sponsorship levels include:

- **Round Sponsor:** $250 (name mentioned and logo displayed on screen during one round)
- **Table Sponsor:** $100 (name and logo displayed on signage at one table)
- **Player:** $80 per table / $10 per person
- **Refreshment Sponsor:** $50 (name and logo displayed on signage near refreshment table)

For more information, to reserve your tables, or to provide a sponsorship call 618-433-2871.

Please join us on July 25 for a great time while benefiting The Hayner Public Library District. All proceeds from this event will support collection development at all Hayner locations.

A Message from the Friends of Hayner Library

Exciting news from the Friends of Hayner Library: We are letting our Friends and our community know that we are now meeting on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 to sort books. This is a great chance for those of you who can’t meet in the daytime to come and help get our donated books sorted and shelved and generally get ready for our book sales.

As you know, the money collected from book sales helps the library purchase things to help make it the best library around!

Please consider joining us on Tuesday evenings or on Monday mornings from 9:30 until noon. It’s lots of fun, and you’ll find friendly people who share a love of books. The Friends of Hayner Library building is located at 327 State Street, Alton.

A change of officers includes Carole Conley as President, Susan Wilkinson as Secretary, and David Zimmerman as Treasurer.

Also, we are busy getting ready for our spring book sale on May 8 and 9.

We look forward to meeting all of you at the sale and hopefully joining in to help sort books on Monday mornings and Tuesday evenings. For more information about sorting, volunteering, or donating books, please call 618-462-4396.

Food for Fido

April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month, and in commemoration of this, Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and Hayner Downtown Library will collect pet food and supplies that will be given to the Alton Area 5 A’s Animal Shelter. This no-kill shelter is completely dependent on donations and is run by a dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide care for an overwhelming number of unwanted animals. From April 1 through April 30, if you have an overdue item, you may pay your fine with an item of pet food. This amnesty applies to Hayner materials only. Library materials must be returned with the donation and at least one donation made for each fine.

Please help our friends at the 5 A’s—they work so hard to care for the sadly constant stream of unwanted, neglected, or abused animals brought to the shelter. The shelter is located at 4530 N. Alby Road, Godfrey, and can be reached at 466-3702. Stop by and visit this wonderful facility, perhaps find a new BFF (Best Friend Forever). And, of course, volunteers are ALWAYS welcome.

Don’t Forget to Smile!

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Hayner Public Library. Bookmark the link http://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-6016039 and support us every time you shop!
A Donation That Grew

In 2004 The Hayner Public Library District was fortunate to become the recipient of an extraordinary donation from the Alton Area Landmarks Association. This donation included information on approximately 300 Alton addresses, along with a fireproof file cabinet and archival folders in which to store these wonderful historical documents. Since the very beginning of this project, the staff of the Genealogy & Local History Library has continually updated and appended additional addresses to this collection as things became available.

Of course, we don’t have every street address in Alton, but our files are definitely growing larger with every addition!

Information compiled on a particular address may contain items such as newspaper clippings, photos, or a variety of documents relating to the property, business, or owner. We also have house abstracts for a few area homes. Abstracts are a wonderful resource for anyone researching the history of a house or property. They can also be a genealogical gem for someone researching a family tree. Unfortunately, locating an original abstract for your house can be a daunting, if not impossible, task, so we are extremely grateful for the abstract donations we have received over the past years.

With this collection we have also compiled an extensive index. Using the index helps locate a particular address, business, or family name quickly and easily.

In January we finished inventorying every address in each street folder, and then we began updating each street folder with articles and photos we had collected while working on the inventory. The project took 17 months to complete.

This project never truly ends, for we are continually researching and collecting new information to add.

After the inventory was completed and all the updates were added, we found that we had approximately 2,863 addresses and 258 streets in the Property Files. That is, 2,563 more entries than the original 300 we received when this collection came to us for housing. It is a donation that continues to grow and serve more people with every new entry we add.

The index includes 1,149 listings for businesses in the Alton/Godfrey area, 675 entries for miscellaneous listings such as parks, churches, schools, house tour listings, Sears homes, landmark buildings, and sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We have listings for many properties that are no longer in existence. Properties such as the Mansion House that served as a hospital during the end of the Civil War, the old City Hall building where Abraham Lincoln gave his last speech during his senatorial debate in 1858, and the old Comet Drive-In restaurant on Broadway, where many Altonians ate their lunches during the week and took their dates on Friday nights!

We extend a very special thank you to Mr. Terry Sharp, Mr. Harold Meisenheimer, and staff in the Alton Assessor’s Office who, over the years, have helped us gather information, find photos, and research numerous addresses to add to this collection.

If you would like to research your home or business, please come see us! This collection is archived in the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street. We also have Alton City directories from 1858 to 2013, and the Telegraph newspapers have been digitized and are keyword searchable back to 1836. Both of these resources can be helpful in locating information about the homes, businesses, and families in our local neighborhoods.

If you have information, an abstract, or photos of your home or business, please consider donating copies to our property files. By doing so, you will be helping to preserve our local history while supporting your hometown library. The staff of the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library will be happy to copy your originals and promptly return them to you.

Teenagers and Reading

Perhaps the teenagers in your family were once avid readers but now hardly ever open a book, or perhaps they never liked reading in the first place.

As an adult, you know that reading is important, and you obviously want to make sure that the teenagers in your life grow into adulthood with all the skills they need to succeed.

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) suggests how parents can help teenagers decide for themselves that reading is important to their lives.

Try to avoid . . .

Before we list ways to encourage teen reading that work, here are a few tactics that don’t:

• Pressuring, nagging, or bribing. Encourage teens to read, but don’t hound them.

• Criticizing what teens read. Explain what troubles you about certain types of reading materials after reading them yourself. Forbid as little as possible. And whenever you can, accept differences of opinion as just that.

• Lavishing too much praise. If you catch your teenagers reading, show interest, but don’t make a big deal out of it. Teens need to know that they’re reading for their own pleasure—not for your approval.

Ways to encourage teens to read . . .

• Set an example. Let teens see you reading for pleasure.

• Furnish your home with a variety of reading materials. Leave books, magazines, and newspapers around. Check to see what disappears for a clue to what interests your teenager.

• Give teens an opportunity to choose their own books. When you and your teen are out together, browse in a bookstore or the library. Go your separate ways and make your own selections. A bookstore gift certificate is a nice way of saying, “You choose.” Also, make sure your teen has their own library card.

• Build on your teen’s interests. Look for books and articles that feature their favorite sports teams, rock stars, hobbies, or television shows. Give a gift subscription to a special interest magazine.

• View pleasure reading as a value in itself. Almost anything your youngsters read—including the Sunday comics—helps build reading skills.

• Read some books written for teens. Young adult novels can give you valuable insights into the concerns and pressures felt by teenagers. You may find that these books provide a neutral ground on which to talk about sensitive subjects.

• Make reading aloud a natural part of family life. Share an article you clipped from the paper, a poem, a letter, or online—without turning it into a lesson.

• Acknowledge your teen’s mature interests. Look for ways to acknowledge the emerging adult in your teens by suggesting some adult reading you think they can handle.

• Keep the big picture in mind. For all sorts of reasons, some teenagers go through periods without showing much interest in reading. Don’t panic! Time may help rekindle their interest.

SCORE Makes Generous Donation to The Hayner Public Library District

SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business, is a volunteer organization of businesspeople that offers free confidential counseling to small business entrepreneurs. The Alton/Godfrey SCORE Chapter 423 serves seven counties of the Riverbend area and has helped many local businesspeople achieve success in planning and operating their own business ventures. For more information, log on to the SCORE website at www.swillinois.score.org or call 618-467-2280.

The Hayner Public Library District and SCORE have partnered through the years to develop resources and programs supporting our communities’ small business development.

SCORE also has provided generous funding to The Hayner Public Library District, contributing to the development of a premier small-business reference collection. You can find the collection in the Reference Department of the library at Alton Square Mall.

In February 2015, SCORE again made a significant contribution to Hayner’s small-business reference collection in memory of the late Andy Batchelor. Andy was a member of SCORE from 2003 until 2011. He was a self-employed business owner for thirty years with multiple businesses across Southern Illinois, including Andy's Auto Body in Alton. As a SCORE counselor, his areas of expertise included business/finance, acquisition/liquidation, business start-ups, training, management, consulting, and retail trade. Andy did a tremendous amount of both cyber counseling and face-to-face counseling. In 2006, Andy accounted for over 25 percent of the total face-to-face counseling conducted by the entire SCORE Chapter 423. Andy never refused to take a case when asked; and his successful experiences of owning, managing, buying, and selling businesses made him an invaluable counselor and a highly respected member of the business community.

On behalf of SCORE, Southwestern Illinois, Chapter 423, Alton-Godfrey, the following titles have been added to the small-business collection of The Hayner Public Library District:

- Abrams, Rhonda Successful Business Plan: Secrets & Strategies
- Belew, Shannon Starting an Online Business All-in-One for Dummies, 4th ed.
- Blanchard, Ken The Secret: What Great Leaders Know and Do, 10th Anniversary Edition
- Entrepreneur Media, Inc. Start Your Own Business, Sixth Edition: The Only Startup Book You’ll Ever Need
- Entrepreneur Press Start Your Own Senior Services Business: Adult Day-Care, Relocation Service, Home-Care, Transportation Service, Concierge, Travel Service (StartUp Series)
- Epstein, Lita Bookkeeping for Dummies, 2nd Edition
- Fishman, Stephen, J.D. Deduct It!: Lower Your Small Business Taxes
- Gallo, Carmine Talk Like TED: The 9 Public-Speaking Secrets of the World’s Top Minds
- Greiner, Lori Invent It, Sell It, Bank It!: Make Your Million-Dollar Idea into a Reality
- Kawasaki, Guy The Art of the Start 2.0: The Time-Tested, Battle-Hardened Guide for Anyone Starting Anything
- Kawasaki, Guy The Art of Social Media: Power Tips for Power Users
- McKeever, Mike How to Write a Business Plan
- McKeown, Greg Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less
- Steingold, Fred S. Legal Forms for Starting & Running a Small Business
- Thiel, Peter Zero to One: Notes on Startups, or How to Build the Future
- Walker, Jeff Launch: An Internet Millionaire’s Secret Formula to Sell Almost Anything Online, Build a Business You Love, and Live the Life of Your Dreams
- Yate, Martin Knock ‘em Dead 2015: The Ultimate Job Search Guide
- Yate, Martin Knock ‘em Dead Resumes: A Killer Resume Gets More Job Interviews!

With SCORE’s support, The Hayner Public Library District has developed the premier business reference collection in Southern Illinois. Thank you, SCORE, for your unstinting support of The Hayner Public Library District as well as the entire Riverbend community.
April and May Events 2015

**Wednesday, April 8** – Teen Advisory Council 4:30 p.m. (Riverbender.com Community Center)

**Wednesday, April 15** – Teen Movies @ the Riverbender.com Community Center (Riverbender.com Community Center)

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015** – RBCC Teen Book Club 5:00 p.m. (Riverbender.com Community Center)

**Wednesday, May 13** – Teen Advisory Council 4:30 p.m. (Riverbender.com Community Center)

**Wednesday, May 20** – Teen Movies @ the Riverbender.com Community Center (Riverbender.com Community Center)
Special Events at Hayner

Join us for our Spring 2015 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, April 11
Saturday, May 9
Saturday, June 13
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 held the second Thursday of each month with the same class offered on the following Saturday. All classes will take place at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street.

Military
Ancestry Library Edition
Property Research
Immigration/Naturalization
April 9 or April 11, 2015
May 14 or May 16, 2015
June 11 or June 13, 2015
July 9 or July 11, 2015
10:00–11:00 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.

Buckhannon Brothers
Old-Time Music
Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.
The Buckhannon Brothers (Curtis, mandolin, and Dennis, guitar) have been performing together since childhood. For this performance, they will be playing old-time mandolin and tenor banjo, guitar, and upright bass to round out a program of rags, reels, waltzes, and polkas, and some tunes that are hard to describe. Their music stems from the fiddle tradition, which they have adapted to the nuances and characteristics of the mandolin. They will be joined by local musician John Nell on bass.

Any performance by the Buckhannon Brothers always includes lots of laughs. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Josh McVicar
McVicar the Trickster
Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.
McVicar the Trickster’s award-winning magic show is outrageous and mind-blowing! His energetic and comical performance leaves audience members in stitches. Josh’s mix of magic and humor will delight the whole family. From Menlo College: “By far the best magic performance any of us have seen. Unique, creative, and magical.” Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Andina & Rich
Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.
Recipe: mix Sandy Andina (Chicago’s resident singing/guitar-and-dulcimer-slinging smart aleck) with Stephen Lee Rich (Madison, Wisconsin’s, friendly neighborhood yodeling cowboy), add harmony and humor, then shake and stir. Result: Andina and Rich! Join us for this laughter-filled musical performance. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

George Provenzano
War and Peace on the Mississippi: 1812–1815
Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.
To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton.
The conclusion of the War of 1812 opened Illinois and Missouri Territories to settlement. Native American tribes that sided with the British in the war agreed in peace treaties to end attacks against settlers who encroached on their lands. George Provenzano, Adjunct Professor of Economics at Lewis & Clark Community College, will discuss the War of 1812 on the Mississippi River from Cahokia to Prairie du Chien and the 1815 Treaties of Portage des Sioux to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the treaties. Seating is limited. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Ben Bedford
The American Struggle: Experience in the Land of the Free
Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.
With the release of his third album, What We Lost, Bedford establishes himself as a songwriter in the tradition of musical icons ranging from Bill Morrissey to Woody Guthrie, casting individual people in the theater of the American landscape. A true son of the heartland, Bedford dips into the deep inkwell of classic American literature and writes with the “old soul” quality of his literary idols, such as John Steinbeck and Toni Morrison. Register at 1-800-613-3163.
Special Events at Hayner

Dave Ehlert
Everybody Loves... Dean!
Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 p.m.
Come and enjoy impersonator Dave Ehlert as the incomparable Dean Martin. He will perform all your favorite Dean Martin songs and include some of Dean’s hilarious comedy routines.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening out at one of the great nightclub shows of the past! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Misty Ridge
Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 p.m.
Misty Ridge is a family group that plays a combination of bluegrass, folk, and acoustic oriented music. The music is combined with stories of history, tradition, and light-hearted banter that keep the performance moving and the audience engaged. Come enjoy this performance-oriented group as it displays multi-instrument variety and three-part vocal harmonies. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Bringing Cemeteries Back to Life
Could you possibly have the information we need?

With the generous help of two very dedicated volunteers, Bette Flactiff and Sue Williams, The Hayner Public Library District is trying to locate several old cemeteries in Madison County. Hayner Library and these two ladies are working on a unique project, a project that preserves the history of local cemeteries through photography. These two wonderful volunteers are diligently working to photograph and record the inscriptions for each tombstone in every available cemetery in Madison County.

When they finish documenting a cemetery, the photos and information they have collected are submitted to Hayner Library, where the data is digitally recorded and made available at no charge through a link on the library website. This project is a valuable genealogical resource that can help family historians from anywhere locate the graves of ancestors who died in our area. With your help, we can bring these cemeteries back to life. So far, these two ladies have photographed over 92,000 tombstones, and they are still going strong. They not only photograph the large city cemeteries; they also take their cameras into small rural cemeteries, and they happily trudge through overgrown patches of land just to locate family cemeteries or old church burial grounds that may have been forgotten, abandoned, or unkempt. On one excursion to find a small abandoned cemetery they had a face-off with a large bull just to get photographs of a few tombstones lying against a tree. These ladies have shown an inflexible determination to succeed with this project.

And here is where we are sending out an SOS for your help!

We need information on the exact location of the following list of family cemeteries in Madison County:

- ANDERSON in St. Jacob Township
- BALLARD in Edwardsville Township
- BARTLETT in Pin Oak Township
- CRANDALL in Marine Township
- DAMMEYER in Collinsville Township
- FRUIT in Pin Oak Township
- GULLICK in Helvetia Township
- HOYT in Helvetia Township
- RENFRO in Collinsville Township
- RIETMANN in Helvetia Township
- SEYBERT in Alhambra Township
- SMART-HAGLER in Pin Oak Township
- SPRINGER in Fort Russell Township
- WEDER in Marine Township
- WOOD in Alhambra Township
- WIDICUS in Jarvis Township

Photographing and recording the information in our local cemeteries preserves their history and makes them accessible to everyone.

If you have any knowledge of the cemeteries we are looking for, especially the locations and directions on how to find them (even if they are being guarded by a bull or a bear!) we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Genealogy & Local History Library at Hayner at 462-0677, ext. 2865. We can help put you in touch with Bette and Sue so we can get these cemeteries included in this project. Even if the tombstones are no longer standing, or the area is not easily accessible, we would like to document their current status with an accurate location as a testament to those who were laid to rest in their soil.

Switchback
Sunday, July 12, 2:00 p.m.
Note: This program will be held in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Ill.

Switchback returns! Two of our favorite performers on the circuit! “A successful show for us is like an amusement ride—it’s a rush,” says Brian FitzGerald of the renowned musical duo Switchback. “Our Irish is a little more aggressive, and it’s coming at you a little harder because we are coming out of small, jaunty Irish bars. There’s a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of energy to our show.” FitzGerald and Martin McCormack showcase a repertoire ranging from sentimental ballads to blistering honky-tonk. The duo delivers a powerful, riveting sound rivaling that of larger ensembles. They move through a variety of genres but never abandon their Celtic roots. They accompany their music with the rhythmic cadence of their dancing shoes. Don’t miss your chance to see and hear these amazing performers! Register at 1-800-613-3163.
Computer Class Offerings
Spring 2015

The following classes are offered in the Multipurpose Room at the Alton Square Mall library location.

Although the courses are free, registration is requested. Please note the skills taught in each session. You may register for one or more sessions at a time. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, and the name of the section(s) for which you are registering.

PC Basics: Introduction to Computers
(Class limit: 12)*
Section A: March 31 (A1) and April 2 (A2)
Section B: April 14 (B1) and April 21 (B2)
6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.

• Sessions A1 and B1: Interacting with the computer, keyboard, and mouse
• Sessions A2 and B2: 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: Internet for e-Mail and Job Application (Class limit: 12)
Section A: April 9 (A1) and April 16 (A2)
Section B: April 30 (B1) and May 7 (B2)
6:00-8:00 p.m.

An introduction to Web-surfing, e-mail, and online job search and application. 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, use a search engine to locate information and search for employment, and the basics of filling in electronic job applications.

• Sessions A1 and B1: Internet basics/Searching the Internet/Creating & navigating e-mail
• Sessions A2 and B2: Review e-mail basics/Job searches/Job applications (actual job application does not occur)

Beginning Microsoft Word
(Class limit: 12)
Spring Sections: April 28, May 5, 12, 14, 19, 21
6:00-8:00 p.m.

This class is for the beginning or novice user of Microsoft Word. It totals 6 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 all 6 sections or register for each separately, according to your need. Topics that will be covered are listed below for each of the 6 sessions. For a more complete description of what will be offered at each session, you may pick up a handout at the Alton Square Mall library or access our website at www.haynerlibrary.org.

• April 28: Getting Started
• May 5: Saving Documents/Page Formatting
• May 12: Spacing/Columns/Using Shapes/Text Boxes
• May 14: Clip Art/Formatting Pictures
• May 19: Templates
• May 21: Printing/Indenting/Tabs

Social Media Classes
Please note class start times.

Social Media Basics (Class limit: 15)
Wednesday April 22
6:30-8:00 p.m.

We’ll start with an overview of Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest; what they are and what they do. We’ll discuss pitfalls of social media and what you should avoid doing with each site. We will try to set up an account on at least one site and cover a brief overview of how to upload photos to each site, as well as one on how to interact with other users.

Patrons must have a valid e-mail address to participate.

Facebook Revealed (Class limit: 15)
Saturday May 16
10:30 a.m.-12 noon

This class will start with the creating of a Facebook account and will then proceed to finding friends, uploading photos and videos, navigating the different applications, and finding a group to fit you. We’ll learn little tricks to make Facebook easier and more accessible, as well as cover some of the privacy settings.

Patrons must have a valid e-mail address to participate.

Exploring Pinterest and Twitter
(Class limit: 15)
Saturday June 20
10:30 a.m.-12 noon

Starting with the creation of accounts, we will then explore the uses and benefits of both sites, including sending Tweets and Pinning to a Board, uploading a Pin, and the art of “Following” people.

Patrons must have a valid e-mail address to participate.

eBook and eAudio Help for 3M Cloud Library and OverDrive

Get help for the 3M Cloud Library and OverDrive! 3M Cloud Library has recently added eAudiobooks to its digital collection. Along with OverDrive’s existing eAudiobook collection, you will now have more access to eAudios. For help downloading these eBooks and eAudios to your reader from the library catalog, librarians Jean Shimunek and Miriam Lozano will conduct a class on Saturday, April 25, on the basics of downloading eBooks and eAudios.

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. The process of downloading eBooks and eAudios will be demonstrated on multiple platforms, including Nook, Kindle Fire, and iPad.

This class is free of charge but does require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, the number in your party, and the type of device you have.
Walnut Grove Dairy began in 1857 on a farm near Fosterburg called Walnut Grove. Casper and Josephine Joehl came to America from Switzerland and took up the dairy business they had known well in their native country. For generations, their descendants carried on this line of work.

The Joehl family started off selling milk door-to-door but, over time, bought out other small local dairies. In 1893, the Joehl family purchased Blair’s Dairy and in 1908 purchased a retail milk business from A. A. Penning in Upper Alton and established a dairy at 818 East 2nd Street (the corner of Henry Street and East 2nd Street—now Broadway) in Alton. In 1911, Walnut Grove bought a confectionery and began producing ice cream as well.

On August 27, 1913, at a meeting of the Alton Retail Milk Dealers and the city officials, plans were laid to give Alton the most sanitary milk system in the state. Three things for more sanitary milk were agreed upon:

1. More sanitary equipment; 2. All milk to be pasteurized; 3. All retailers shall use bottle milk system. Many local dairies, including Walnut Grove, had already been working toward these standards, and were ready when the ordinance went into effect January 1, 1914.

In 1914, Casper’s son Meinrad Joehl and his sons Edward, Fred, and Albert moved the main office and plant to 811 East Broadway.

J. J. Wuellner & Son built the plant, the interior of which was lined throughout with white tile and white enameled woodwork. It cost $20,000 and had all the latest equipment to provide pasteurized milk in glass bottles. Customers were invited and encouraged to visit the plant for a tour. Later there were also retail branches located in Upper Alton on Washington Avenue, in Alton on State Street and Central Avenue, in East Alton, and in Wood River.

The refrigerating plant at the dairy manufactured all the ice needed to care for the milk but also kept the ice cream rooms at a temperature of two degrees below freezing. The milk room in the wholesale department was kept at thirty-six degrees. Soon the demand for buttermilk had grown so strong that Walnut Grove bought a machine in St. Louis that made Hungarian milk, which was made out of skimmed milk instead of all cream but tasted exactly like buttermilk.

Peerless Ice Cream came in a variety of flavors, including vanilla, strawberry, black walnut, chocolate, and raspberry. And the ice cream must have been excellent, because it even influenced the politics of local organizations. In 1928, a Telegraph article mentioned that The East End Improvement Association elected Emil Schrimpf as its president after Edward Joehl, also nominated but not wanting the post, offered every member voting against him a gallon of ice cream.

By 1938, Walnut Grove had chocolate milk, bottled and canned buttermilk, sweet cream butter, cottage cheese, orangeade, and seasonal eggnog in addition to milk, cream, and ice cream.

The ice cream division, Peerless Wholesale, was sold to Shearburns Ice Cream in 1955 so Walnut Grove could concentrate on their milk division. They still sold Peerless Ice Cream at their six retail locations. Walnut Grove was sold to Prairie Farms Dairy in 1960, and previous owner Ralph Joehl stayed with the dairy under the new owners. The East Broadway dairy buildings were demolished in November 1965 to make space for Hoeftert Dodge used car lot.

Walnut Grove worked hard to advertise their products and services on their bottles and in the Telegraph, and attributed their success to “good milk, good service, and printer’s ink.” Many of their bottles have survived and are highly collectible with local glass collectors.

We currently have a display of bottles, photographs, and advertisements from the Telegraph at the Genealogy & Local History Library.
Curious Cures from the Genealogy & Local History Library

I went to the drugstore yesterday to pick up cold medicine that I hoped contained something for my sinus headache. What a mistake! I left the drugstore with nothing but the aches and pains I walked in with. The rows and rows of brightly colored boxes proclaiming an antidote for all my ills only added to my confusion and gave me a headache worse than the one I had before my trip to procure a cure began.

I drove home (still sniffling and sneezing) asking myself, “What happened to the old-fashioned cures my parents used during all those middle-of-the-night coughing, sneezing, and nausea episodes during my childhood? Those shrewd home remedies that made everything better so quick?” The medicine cabinet in our house wasn’t overflowing with brightly colored boxes from the local drugstore. Our medicine cabinet held a thermometer (not a digital one either!), Band-Aids, tweezers, rubbing alcohol, and Dad’s old rusty razors. I imagine he saved those old razors to use somehow in a home remedy situation but I was never privy to that information. I was just told they were not to be touched. Being a respectful daughter, I didn’t touch them (too often).

Let’s take a step back in time to see if you remember, or worse yet experienced, any of these noted curious cures that were used before all the “new & improved” over-the-counter boxes were so readily available.

Mustard as a medicinal condiment? Apparently congestion could be relieved with a healthy dose of this culinary side-kick. “Mustard Plaster” was made by combining ground mustard with water, then spreading the mixture on a cloth and laying the cloth on your chest. This was believed to be potent enough to break up and relieve the symptoms of congestion. Never having experienced this procedure, I Googled the words “mustard plaster” and sure enough, there it was. Over 900,000 results! Don’t believe me? Try it!

Who hasn’t had poison ivy at least once in their life? The itch from this despicable plant is supposed to be relieved by rubbing a cut potato over the rash. Has anyone ever actually done this since the discovery of diphenhydramine? I can only wonder why anyone would waste a perfectly good Idaho baking potato when the cure comes in the form of a convenient capsule or spray. Go figure.

Annoying hiccups? Grandpa mixed vinegar and warm water together, then drank this strong and sour brew. Sorry, Grandpa, but considering this stomach-turning remedy, I don’t think hiccups are so annoying anymore.

Want a fever reducer with nary a pill hitting your tongue? Just cut up onions and put them in your socks. Yes, you read that correctly, no need to reread the last line. It said to cut up onions and put them in your socks to reduce fever! At this point I should have a remedy for stinky feet, but I don’t. My personal advice for onion-scented toes (nothing medical about this one) is simple: soap and water! How hard was that? But wait, I do believe I have a copy of Grandma’s recipe for homemade soap!

I will finish with my personal favorite, soothing a cough. Who would argue that Robitussin and DayQuil are better than a combination of whiskey and candy? I have your attention now, don’t I? Haven’t we all heard an old-timey talk about pouring rye whiskey over rock candy or mixing it with honey and lemon to stop a cough dead in its tracks? Well, I have to admit, I am not sure about the therapeutic effects of using this intoxicating mixture to soothe a cough, but it could quickly make you forget you were sick! Don’t believe me? Just ask Jack, Jim or “Old Grand-Dad!”

I am not sure any of these cures actually worked. If they did, I can only imagine they did so because we had strong faith in the person attached to the loving hand administering the dose. I am in no way convinced we were cured because we had onions, mustard, and whiskey in the house. We were cured because we were loved!

If any of these cures made you stop for a moment and reminisce about your own personal family stories, it may be the right time to start building your family tree! You can begin your genealogy research at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library in the historic 401 State Street location. Come let us help you find your ancestors and their fascinating stories.

—Pam Bierman

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