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 16
Memorial Day – May 28-29

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Summer Reading 2017 “Reading by Design”
Excitement and fun await those who journey to The Hayner Public Library and participate in the summer reading program, Reading by Design. The kick-off begins Saturday, June 3, 2017, at our Alton Square location at 9 a.m. Those who venture in on kick-off day will be entered to win a great gift basket valued at one hundred dollars. In addition to the weekly prizes and reading great books, library patrons can participate in exciting programs.

Here are just a few of the events planned for you to enjoy: Animal Tales and their Animal Architects Wednesday, June 7; Mad Science Wednesday, June 14; Josh Routh Wednesday, June 21; Celia and Her Puppets Wednesday, June 28; and Stage Play Wednesday, July 5. 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 or newspaper articles, or listen to five books on audio to earn some awesome prizes. For this year’s program, we will partner with Marquette High School, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Gateway Grizzlies.

All participants who complete the five-week program will be invited to our End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party at the Alton High School Commons on Thursday, July 13. There, for all their hard work, they will enjoy a free book, a reading certificate, snacks, and entertainment from the hilarious antics of ‘Mazing Matthias from Circus Kaput!

Simmons Employee Foundation Continues to Support Community
The Hayner Public Library District would like to thank the Simmons Employee Foundation for their generous support in funding the purchase of three automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for the library facilities.

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are medical devices that analyze the heart’s rhythm and can, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock which helps the heart reestablish an effective rhythm. According to the American Red Cross, sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy-to-operate tool for someone with no medical background.

Thank you, Simmons Employee Foundation, for your generous contribution to our library and your continued support of the community.

Did You Know?
There are two easy ways to support The Hayner Public Library District without even writing a check. The first is by obtaining a Schnucks eScrip card and designating The Hayner Public Library District as your charity of choice. Every time you present the card at check-out, the library receives up to 3% of your purchase total. The cards are available at the service desk of any Schnucks store. Instructions for signing up are simple and easy-to-follow. If you already have a card please consider adding The Hayner Public Library District. This can be done online or by calling 800-931-6258.

The second way to support the library is through the AmazonSmile foundation. Once you designate Hayner Public Library as your chosen charity, the library will receive a small percentage of your eligible purchases through Amazon.com. You may sign up for AmazonSmile online at smile.amazon.com. Instructions for using the site are available when you register. Once you’ve made your designation, the process is automatic. If you have any questions about participating in either program, please call the library’s business office at 462-0677 for additional information.
Fiction, Non-Fiction, Mystery, Sci-Fi, and Western

Ever wonder why we don’t narrow down these genres into comedy, drama, romance, thriller, fantasy, etc.? When you factor in the many, many, many sub-genres that exist, the answer is quite obvious! Are you familiar with these unusual literary genres?

Bildungsroman focuses on the education, development, and coming of age of a young protagonist such as Charlotte Bronte’s masterpiece Jane Eyre.

Cyberpunk may sound like a genre of music found exclusively in internet chat rooms but it is actually stories of computer hacking and corruptions within large corporations.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is an example of a Picaresque genre in which a novel contains humorous tales of adventure focusing on the antics of knavish-yet-charismatic heroes.

Here is something to ponder: there can be sub-genres of sub-genres! The sub-genre Eco Fiction deals with novels with nature or environmental plots. However, Climate Fiction (AKA Cli-Fi) focuses on climate change storylines.

Food for Fido - Help Us Help Them

Do you have Hayner Library materials that are still checked out and are embarrassingly overdue? Do you keep getting notices in the mail and are scared of what your fine is? Breathe a sigh of relief because 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.

All the donations will go to our furry friends residing at the 5-As Animal Shelter. The devoted staff in this no-kill shelter relies entirely on donations to provide proper care to the adoptable animals that have been abandoned, neglected, or abused…animals like Nibbles. For more information about this worthy organization, call (618) 466-3702, visit their website at www.fiveas.org, visit their Facebook page, or pay them a visit at 4530 N. Alby St. in Godfrey.

Words, Words, Words!

An avid reader will tell you that one of the foundations of a good book is the choice of words within it. Words can inspire us, they can motivate us, they can make us sound intelligent. But, do you know there are words about words? And furthermore, there are words about books and the people who read them. Here are ten words that every logophile should know. What is a logophile, you ask? Read on and find out!

1. Amphigory – A nonsense verse or composition: a rigmarole with apparent meaning which proves to be meaningless
2. Bibliomania – An excessive fondness for acquiring and possessing books
3. Bibliophile – A person who loves or collects books
4. Diminutive – A suffix added to a word to mean little, small, or young. Examples: Piglet and Starlet
5. Eponym – A word derived from a proper noun. Example: the word boycott comes from Charles C. Boycott.
6. Logophile – A word lover or a word buff
8. Scrinium – Latin word for a chest for books or papers
9. Sesquipedalian – A word that has many syllables
10. Tsundoku – Japanese word for buying many books and not getting around to reading them
To Protect and Serve

The earliest known policing system was established in Boston during the 1630's. The unit was known as the “night watch” and men were hired part-time without pay. The first full-time paid officer would not be hired until 1712.

Today, all anyone has to do is turn on the news or pick up a newspaper to realize that time, laws, and people have certainly changed within the law enforcement community. Today's police officers do not handle calls like their predecessors did over 100 years ago.

On June 2, 1900, Alton Mayor Anthony Young was contacted by a group of society ladies complaining of smelly street gutters in their neighborhood. With little hesitation, the mayor sent a group of officers to investigate the odor and then, to appease the local ladies, they were to use their constabulary powers to quickly remedy the cause. But foul sewers were not the only malodorous mystery being investigated during that era. The police were also looking into a stinky whodunit right in the middle of their own ranks; each night, for reasons unknown, someone was placing limburger cheese inside the department's kitchen stove.

When the stove was used, the concealed cheese would begin to melt, giving off such a powerful stench that the officers would become sick.

In July of 1912, Sara Hawkins went to court and reported that her husband was disturbing her slumber as he rattled dishes at 3 a.m. With the hope of having Mr. Hawkins arrested and removed from their home, she asked Justice Frank Ford to place a peace warrant against him. Mrs. Hawkins admitted that her husband was a virtuous housekeeper, but his early morning efforts at cleaning the dishes greatly disturbed her sleep.

In December of 1916, a new Alton city ordinance was passed prohibiting spitting on grocery store floors. (OMG, was this REALLY a problem? Doesn’t everyone just know not to spit inside the grocery store?) City Food Inspector Rose Gillespie vowed to put an end to what she called a disgusting and unsanitary habit. As the Alton Police were trying to keep the floors of the grocery stores spatter-free, the Marshall of East Alton was busy arresting two individuals who were caught stealing hair from the tails of horses at the stockyard. A year later, a wagon driver for Belle Telephone was actually arrested after his horse pulled a small limb off a tree and ate the leaves. Talk about a slow day at the precinct!

Investigating an eerie call in 1925, police decided to hide in a closet to catch a suspected ghost who was being accused of using a rocking chair to scare the nervous homeowner each night as he slept. When the officers heard a rocking noise, they shined a flashlight toward the chair (straight from the closet door!) only to reveal the ghost was actually a family of rats who apparently enjoyed sitting in the chair after the room became quiet and dark. The report did not reveal if the police apprehended, arrested, or disposed of the rats in any manner. Maybe they just ran away. (The rats, not the police!)

In 1928, the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association contacted the police department and asked for assistance in helping locate delinquent books. The police willingly complied. In just a short time, many books were recovered and promptly returned to their shelves. Could Hayner have been the basis for the Seinfeld character Officer Joe Bookman? During a Saturday night party in the Belle Street neighborhood in 1929, police charged Mrs. Ella Rice with “maintaining a disorderly house” after a drunken brawl ended in gunfire. Mrs. Rice was fined $125 and her son Doran was arrested for shooting toward the twelve booze-infused houseguests, wounding two.

After fireworks were deployed on July 4th, 1934, police had to remove a terrified dog from a house at 811 McKinley Boulevard. Once apprehended, the dog was taken to the police station and put into detention (that must be canine-talk for arrested).

Frogs kept the police “jumping” in the late 1930's and 40's. On a warm Tuesday evening in September 1938, police were dispatched to Lowell School after a teachers' meeting was interrupted by a group of boys throwing toads through the open windows toward the ladies. Instead of taking the boys to the station and putting them into detention (as they did with the dog from the McKinley Boulevard home), officers instead decided to give them a stern lecture on the evils of their ways. Almost ten years later to the day, Clifford Ussery and Tony Michelon were arrested when police caught them in possession of twelve frogs they had caught in a pond on the Western Military Academy grounds. Since frog-hunting season had ended 3 days earlier, an agent with the Department of Conservation took charge of the long-legged croakers. (Let me interject here. Yes, there is an actual hunting season for this sport; I Googled it!) The two belated frog marauders were fined $25 each. I have to wonder if these partners-in-crime might have been part of the toad-pitching party at Lowell School 10 years earlier.

Police officers are everyday heroes. Whether they are searching for ghosts or gunfire, arresting hooligans and dogs, or lecturing wayward schoolboys and husbands who clean up after themselves, they are just performing the duties of their job. They protect and serve their communities with skill, compassion, and a solid dedication. They do it with little praise and, unfortunately, many times without recognition. Whether they are standing at your car window asking for your license and registration or rushing to the scene of an accident, they are a special kind of person with a special kind of job; a job that requires them to insert themselves directly in the middle of chaotic, dangerous situations with man or beast to provide a perimeter of safety for everyone else (even frogs!). Today, why not say thank you, shake their hand, buy their coffee, or show a warm smile of gratitude? They have earned it.

Pam Bierman
How Interesting!

Our Genealogy and Reference Departments are pros at researching questions asked by patrons. A lot of the time the questions are general, but every so often they get asked to research topics that are particularly interesting. Here are some examples.

Many years ago, I was asked to assist a very special Alton historian with locating the names of Alton area soldiers who served during World War II. This project took several years and eventually expanded to include the Civil War through Vietnam. Of course, we were not able to locate each and every person who wore a military uniform, but our efforts yielded nearly 40 scrapbooks filled with information on thousands of brave men and women who left the Riverbend area to serve their country. These scrapbooks were copied and indexed, and are now a part of the Illinois Room collection located in the Genealogy & Local History Library.

—Pam B (Genealogy Department)

Years ago when I was researching my husband Mike’s family history, I accidently stumbled across an article in the Alton newspaper archives stating that my father-in-law and his first wife had a stillborn child. It was quite touching. They named the girl after both of their mothers and buried her in Upper Alton Cemetery. Mike did not know about this little one. His dad had never told him anything about his first marriage.

—Beth P. (Genealogy Department)

About ten years ago, a man called me about giant “thunder birds” that had been sighted in Illinois in the 20th century. They had a wing span of 10-15 feet across. I found a photo in the Alton Telegraph Archives showing a man standing next to a very large dead bird hanging from a wall, showing its awesome wing span and large size. At the time, I was only familiar with the Piasa Bird.

—Sharon S. (Reference Department)

Last year, a patron called to ask for Alton Telegraph articles about the time monkeys had escaped in Alton and crossed the frozen Mississippi River into Missouri. I was skeptical. Several years ago, I was asked a similar question about an escaped lion in the area and it turned out to be a (wild) mountain lion. This time, the real story completely exceeded expectations. In December 1993, two part-Japanese macaque monkeys escaped from their backyard enclosure in Alton. One was captured a month and a half later in Alton. The other was caught six months later by the Florissant police department after a four and a half hour chase involving 20 police officers. Sadly, the Florissant monkey didn’t survive, but the one caught in Alton was sent to a primate sanctuary in Texas to live out the rest of his days.

—Lacy M (Genealogy & Local History Manager)

If you have a question, interesting or general, our reference staff is available at the Alton Square Mall location Mon-Sat; please call (618) 433-2864 for hours. Or you can email your questions to reference@haynerlibrary.org!

If your question is genealogy or local history related, our Genealogy Department can be found at 401 State Street; see our website for operation hours. They can also be reached at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2865, or you can email genealogy@haynerlibrary.org.

Volunteer Bio - Connie Clayton

Connie has been a volunteer for 7 years. She started volunteering at the downtown library reading shelves and keeping books in order. The Genealogy and Local History needed a volunteer and Connie opted to take that position. She is a huge help. Staffer Pam Bierman had this to say about Connie: “Connie Clayton of Alton has been volunteering in the Genealogy Library for well over 7 years. She is our longest-tenured volunteer. She is an industrious lady who wears a big infectious smile. Connie works on a variety of projects which includes copying scrapbooks and helping us compile research on local history subjects. She has become affectionately known as our “jack-of-all-trades.””

When Connie was growing up, her family moved around a lot because her dad was in the army. When she was five, they moved to Alton. Her mother and three sisters still live in the surrounding area. She told me as a child she walked to school every day. She and her sisters played outside until it was dark. Connie believes it was a blessing having sisters. They did fight often but were always close. Connie spent most of her grade-school years in split classes. She really enjoyed playing with the older kids. She and her sisters all worked as soon as someone would hire them. She taught swimming at the YWCA and the Illinois Room worked the front desk. All three sisters were in orchestra or band. They had no time to get in trouble.

Now, Connie and her husband Barry do many things together. Their favorite is working on their pottery. They have a studio where they throw clay on a potter’s wheel. Much of their artwork is displayed at the White Pelican in Grafton and Jeannie Cousley’s JMC Studio across from the old post office on Belle St. They show many of their pottery pieces at the Grafton Art show, the Staunton Art Festival, and the Tree House festival in Michael, Ill. Most of the festivals are September through November. They are always looking for more studios and art shows to display their pottery pieces. If you get a chance, stop by one of the studios to see their beautiful work.

Connie has a daughter, Alicia, who was an engineer and now owns and operates the Green Finned Hippy Farm. She has over a hundred chickens. She is extremely busy taking care of those chickens, milking goats, taking care of pigs, and selling produce on open farm day. Connie helps her every Friday cleaning 100’s of eggs. Alicia also has a son and teaches violin lessons on Saturdays. She seems to be a chip off her mother’s block!

Connie has worked on many projects for the genealogy department. She feels like all have been great and interesting projects. She enjoyed working on one project about Captain Fluent who lived on the Mississippi River. She has researched information on the YWCA when it was very popular. This summer, she plans on researching articles about the Western Military Academy. She enjoys working on medium to large projects that take a lot of concentration and attention. She feels that the history in Alton is very interesting. Connie especially likes working with the Genealogy staff, and she feels like part of the group.

Well, Mrs. Clayton, we love having you as part of Hayner’s group! Thanks so much for your hard work and dedication to Hayner Library!

Stephanie Munson
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 requested. 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, April 26, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Part 2, Wednesday, May 3, 6 p.m.–8 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.

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, May 10, 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, May 17, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Part 2, May 24, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
This class is for the beginning or novice user of Microsoft Word. It totals 2 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 2 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

Flash Drives and Saving Files
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, May 31, 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, June 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 preforming at top speeds. 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 tablets for this class.

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Spring Social Media

Please note: These programs will take place in the Multipurpose Room at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Social Media Basics
Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
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. This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring laptops and tablets.

Facebook Revealed
Saturday, May 20, 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
This class will start with the creation 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. This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring laptops and tablets.

Exploring Pinterest and Twitter
Saturday, June 17 10:00 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. This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring laptops and tablets.
KSD Radio road shows. Fiddler, vocalist, and was well-known in the St. Louis area for his Nelson, worked with Ray Price, and once a contemporary of Bob Wills, mentored Willie musicians, the legendary Wade Ray. Wade was of the most influential of Western Swing and southwestern Illinois was home to one to influence musicians across the planet, Western Swing is a music that continues Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your camera!

SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER

Join us for our Spring 2017 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they’re all free of charge. All programs do require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.

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

REMININDER: 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, IL.

**Saturday, April 8**

**Saturday, May 13**

Saturday, June 10 10:00–11:00 a.m. Join us for a Bow-wow Pow-wow. Certified therapy dogs will be in the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and your child can read stories to them or just visit to receive furry hugs and wet kisses. It’s a great way to increase your child’s reading skills and absolute fun for everyone. Bring your camera!

**Dennis Stroughmatt and His Swingin’ Band**

**The Sound of Western Swing and the Music of Legendary Fiddler Wade Ray**

**Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.**

Western Swing is a music that continues to influence musicians across the planet, and southwestern Illinois was home to one of the most influential of Western Swing musicians, the legendary Wade Ray. Wade was a contemporary of Bob Wills, mentored Willie Nelson, worked with Ray Price, and once was well-known in the St. Louis area for his KSD Radio road shows. Fiddler, vocalist, and historian Dennis Stroughmatt studied fiddling and singing styles with Wade in the 1990s and continues to perform many of the songs he learned while studying with Wade. His performance and presentation will include a mix of songs from the era of Bob Wills, Wade Ray, Ray Price, and Hank Thompson. Like his mentor Wade Ray, Dennis will make you want to swing! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Mark Richman**

**Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.**

If you enjoy the song stylings of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Bobby Darin, and Dean Martin, you’re absolutely going to want to attend this program. Mark reproduces the music of these great performers in a program tailored to the audience’s requests. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Branching Out**

**Note:** Branching Out classes are two-part. They are held the second Thursday of each month with a collaborative session offered on the following Thursday. All classes will take place at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street.

**Sharing & Collaborating on Social Media**

**April 13 & 20**

Ancestry.com: the Forest & the Trees

May 11 & 18

Family Search: How to use the Wiki

June 8 & 15

10:00–11:30 a.m.

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

**Library Endowment**

Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

**Social Justice and History Book Club**

This book club meets the third Saturday of each month at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street.

**Ferguson’s Fault Lines: The Race Quake that Rocked a Nation**

**edited by Kimberly Norwood**

**April 15**

**All Our Relations by Winona LaDuke**

**May 20**

**Arab America: Gender, Cultural Politics and Activism by Nadine Naber**

**June 17**

**Freaks and Revelations by Davida Wills Hurwin**

**July 15**

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

The books will always be available to read at the Genealogy & Local History Library and can also be checked out through one of the other branches or through our library system. Please let a staff member know if you need help finding a copy! This is an open book club, so you can register for individual book discussions or the whole series. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**New Gardening Classes for April and May**

These classes will be held in the Multipurpose room in the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall. You can sign up for individual classes or the whole series. Please identify the classes you are interested in when you register at 1-800-613-3163.

**• Bees and Other Pollinators.** Bonnie Davis, Illinois Master Naturalist and bee keeper will be doing a presentation on bees and other pollinators. You will make a small bee nesting house at the beginning of class to take home and enjoy the wonders of bees.

**Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.**

**• Q & A on Organic Gardening.** Clifford Clark, local organic gardener, will be available to answer your questions on organic gardening. Come learn about organic gardening techniques to grow your best vegetable garden and take home a tomato plant to get your garden started.

**Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.**

**• The Plight of the Monarch Butterfly.**

Ned Siegel, an Illinois Master Naturalist who...
has spent over thirty years in the scientific research community in St. Louis, will present a program on why all the recent chatter about the Monarch butterfly. Come learn more about the fascinating life and times of this beautiful insect and why its story is worth telling. You will be able to help sustain our State Insect for generations to come.  

**Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m.**  

**Forrest Bevineau**  
**The Singing Sheriff**  

Well known Deputy Forrest Bevineau has a huge following throughout the area. His incomparable singing voice and incredible repertoire has brought him fans of all ages. His performances are often a mix of musical styles and can run the gamut from gospel to country, western, popular to R & B and more. Join us for a great evening of songs and surprises. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

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

May 9, 10 a.m.  

Hayner Library has partnered with The OASIS Institute to offer another class on health and fitness. The OASIS Institute is a non-profit educational organization with national headquarters located in St. Louis, MO. Their mission is to promote healthy aging. Please note: this class will take place in the Multipurpose Room at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

**Fighting Fatigue:** Low energy can greatly impact lives physically, emotionally, and socially. Learn about the causes of fatigue, its impact on function, and how to fight it. A self-screening is available to assist in determining your level of fatigue. This class meets May 9, 2017, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Class size is limited. Please register through the OASIS Institute at 1-800-392-0936.

**Brad Winn**  
**The Lewis and Clark Expedition: May 14, 1804 - Sept. 23, 1806**  

**Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.**  

To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton.

Have you ever wanted to follow the Lewis and Clark Trail? Wondered what exactly happened to the explorers on their epic two and half year journey? Join Brad Winn, the Site Manager of the Illinois Lewis and Clark State Historic Site, as he retells the story of Lewis and Clark combining the history of the journey and the imagery of the trail today. The site is the location of Lewis and Clark’s first winter encampment, Camp River Dubois. Seating is limited. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Job Search & Resume Tips**  

**Thursday, May 18, 6–8 p.m.**  

*Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square Library.*

Is the job market getting you down? Have you been searching for a new job and keep running into dead ends? Let us help! Join us on Thursday, May 18, from 6–8 p.m. for tips on finding that perfect job. You will learn to navigate the top job search sites, as well as learn some important résumé-building skills. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Steve Davis**  
**Elvis! Live!**  

**Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.**  

Elvis (yes, THE Elvis) returns to Hayner Library with his Las Vegas-style revue that will have you rockin’ in your blue suede shoes. Elvis sings and reminisces about his career in this great show that will take you back to Elvis’s Vegas performances of the 1970s. Don’t miss this chance to see The King live, onstage! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Switchback**  

**Sunday, June 4, 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! This program is jointly presented by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Color Me Stress Free**  

**Tuesday, June 13, 6-8 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.

**Blend**  
**A Cappella ’50s at Its Best**  

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

Don’t miss this great night of entertainment. Blend is an a cappella doo-wop group that brings back the hits of the ’50s and ’60s with a twist of fun. They make very clear in their exuberant act that they love what they do! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
April 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017 – Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Monday, April 3, 2017 – Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 6, 2017 – Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8, 2017 – Kids Easter Egg Hunt – 10 a.m.
Monday, April 10, 2017 – Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Monday, April 10, 2017 – Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 13, 2017 – Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Thursday, April 13, 2017 – Legos @ Your Library – 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14, 2017 – Staff Development Day – Library Closed
Monday, April 17, 2017 – Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Monday, April 17, 2017 – Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – After-School Fun (Downtown) – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 20, 2017 – Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Monday, April 24, 2017 – Spanish Story Time – 10 a.m.
Monday, April 24, 2017 – Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 27, 2017 – Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

May 2017

Monday, May 1, 2017 – Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Monday, May 1, 2017 – Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Thursday, May 4, 2017 – Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Monday, May 8, 2017 – Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Monday, May 8, 2017 – Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Thursday, May 11, 2017 – Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Thursday, May 11, 2017 – Legos @ Your Library – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, May 15, 2017 – Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Monday, May 15, 2017 – Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – After-School Fun (Downtown) – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Monday, May 22, 2017 – Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Monday, May 22, 2017 – Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Thursday, May 25, 2017 – Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Monday, May 29, 2017 – Library closed in observance of Memorial Day

Summer Reading Program 2017
“Reading by Design”

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Saturday, June 3, 2017 – 9 a.m.
Monday, June 5, 2017 – Stories and Puppets – 10 a.m. – Ages Birth-6
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Stories with an Artist (Downtown) – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-6
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Lego Quest – 2–3 p.m. – Ages 7-12
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Animal Tales “Animal Architecture” – 10 a.m. – All Ages
Thursday, June 8, 2017 – Drop-In Craft – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-12
Monday, June 12, 2017 – Stories and Puppets – 10 a.m. – Ages Birth-6
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – Stories with an Artist (Downtown) – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-6
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – Lego Quest – 2–3 p.m. – Ages 7-12
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – Mad Science “Fire and Ice” – 10 a.m. – All Ages
Thursday, June 15, 2017 – Drop-In Craft – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-12
Monday, June 19, 2017 – Stories and Puppets – 10 a.m. – Ages Birth-6
Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – Stories with an Artist (Downtown) – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-6
Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – Lego Quest – 2–3 p.m. – Ages 7-12
Wednesday, June 21, 2017 – OMG Josh “Build a Better Story” – 10 a.m. – All Ages
Thursday, June 22, 2017 – Drop-In Craft – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-12
Monday, June 26, 2017 – Stories and Puppets – 10 a.m. – Ages Birth-6
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 – Stories with an Artist (Downtown) – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-6
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 – Lego Quest – 2–3 p.m. – Ages 7-12
Wednesday, June 28, 2017 – The Celia & Little Celia Show – 10 a.m. – All Ages
Thursday, June 29, 2017 – Drop-In Craft – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-12
Monday, July 3, 2017 – Stories and Puppets – 10 a.m. – Ages Birth-6
Tuesday, July 4, 2017 – Library closed in observance of the July 4th holiday
Wednesday, July 5, 2017 – Stage Play “She Shares Shel” – 10 a.m. – All Ages
Thursday, July 6, 2017 – Drop-In Craft – 10 a.m. – Ages 2-12
Friday, July 7, 2017 – Last Day to turn in Reading Sheets
Thursday, July 13, 2017 – End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party – 5-7 p.m.
Performer: Maizing Matthias “The Magic and Juggling Show” – By Invitation Only!
• To register for any of our spring programs, please call Alton Square at (618) 433-2881 or Downtown Kids at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836. Summer registration will begin on Saturday June 3, 2017, at our Alton Square location.

e-Book and e-Audio Help for Cloud Library

For help downloading e-books and e-audios to your e-reader from the library catalog, library reference staff and a volunteer will conduct a class on Saturday, June 24, 2017, on the basics of downloading e-books and e-audios.

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

This class is free of charge but does require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163, and leave your name, phone number, the number in your party, and the type of device you have.
April and May Events 2017

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – Books, Books, and More Books – 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt – 3:30 p.m. (Riverbender.com Community Center)
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – Teen Movie @ Riverbender.com Community Center – 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – Teen Movie (“Spare Parts”) @ Riverbender.com Community Center – 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – End-of-the-School-Year Party – 3:30 p.m. (Riverbender.com Community Center)

Teen Summer Reading Program Events 2017 “Reading by Design”
Saturday, June 3, 2017 – Summer Reading Kickoff – All participants who sign up on this day will get a chance to enter to win a $50 gift card.
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Movie and a Pizza (Riverbender.com Community Center) 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – Chopped Competition (Riverbender.com Community Center) 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21, 2017 – Free Play (Riverbender.com Community Center) 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, June 28, 2017 – Escape the Room (Riverbender.com Community Center) 2-4 p.m.

Friday, June 30, 2017 – LAST DAY TO TURN IN READING SHEETS

New in Our Illinois Room
America’s Chessboard by James Herschel Taylor IR 305.8 TAY
Black Family Research: Records of Post-Civil War Federal Agencies at the National Archives IR 929.10896073
Citizen; An American Lyric by Claudia Rankin IR 811.54 RAN
Hey, America, Your Roots are Showing IR 929.1 SMO
The Edwardsville Library of 1819: Its Founders, Catalog, Subsequent History, and Importance IR 027.477386 MOO
Ferguson’s Fault Lines: The Race Quake that Rocked a Nation, Edited by Kimberly Jade Norwood IR 305.8009778 FER
The First Presbyterian Church of Alton 1821 – 1991 by Kenneth Dobson IR 285.977386 DOB
Illinois Name Lists 1678 – 2009 IR 016.9293773 DOL
The Journal of Unitarian Universalist History. “William D’Arcy Haley as Liberal Minister and Editor in the West.” IR 389.17505 JOU
Keep Your Face to the Sunshine: A Lost Chapter in the History of Woman Suffrage IR 324.623 MEY
Labor in Illinois: The Affluent Years 1945-80 IR 305.56209773 DER
Lewis & Clark Community College 2015 Annual Report IR 378.19822 LEW
The McAdams: A Legacy of Public Service IR 929.2 McAdams
My Family Tree and Me (children’s picture book) IR 929 PET
Norvell Correspondence: The letters of Alice Luvina Norvell Thompson 1955 – 1981 IR 929.2 NORVELL
Polish Roots = Korzenie Polskie – Second Edition IR 943.8 CHO
Since You Asked. Volume XII : Arizona Veterans Share Their Memories (Including interviews with several Alton and Godfrey veterans) IR 940.53773 SIN
St. Louis World’s Fair 365: An Intriguing Day-by-Day Look at the 1904 World’s Fair IR 977.866 SON
West Junior High School Scrapbooks 1951 – 1959 IR 373.77386 WES

Author Fun Facts!
Authors can write amazing stories, but sometimes stories about authors can be just as interesting!

Did You Know?
L. Frank Baum said he came up with the name “OZ” when he saw it on his file cabinet. One cabinet was labeled A-N; the second was O-Z.

According to buzzfeed.com, Jane Austin’s Pride and Prejudice was originally titled First Impressions.

Sophia Tolstaya, wife of War and Peace author Leo Tolstoy, transcribed her husband’s famous 1,225-page novel seven times by hand before he felt it was fit for publication. OUCH!

Shel Silverstein is not only a renowned author, probably best known for his children’s book The Giving Tree, but also an accomplished songwriter. He wrote “A Boy Named Sue,” made famous by Johnny Cash and many others.

Charles Dickens showed signs of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. He touched things three times for luck, combed his hair a hundred times a day, and could only write after sleeping in a bed facing north because he felt the North Star made him more creative.

According to Glamour magazine, Sylvia Plath published her first poem at the age of eight. At the age of twelve, her IQ was recorded at around 160, making her a genius!

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

Dan Brown, author of the Da Vinci Code series, hangs upside down when he has writer’s block. He feels it gets the creative juices flowing again.
Passport to Your National Parks Stamp Site!

The Genealogy & Local History Library is proud to announce that we are one of the newest Passport to Your National Parks stamp sites! Alton is part of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area (ALNHA) and was named an official Looking for Lincoln community in September. That designation allowed local organizations to become part of the ALNHA’s National Park Service passport program.

There are a total of 21 Looking for Lincoln passport sites in Illinois. In addition to Alton, ALNHA communities include Springfield, Bloomington/Normal, Quincy, Charleston, and Danville. Each community can only have one or two passport stamp locations, so we’re very lucky to be a designated site. Passport stamps are free to collect and if you don’t already have a National Park Service Passport, they are available for sale at the Alton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB).

The passport program provides opportunities for visitors to explore the communities where Lincoln lived, worked, and traveled in Illinois. The CVB has always promoted the Alton area’s connection to Lincoln and was on board immediately. “Being a passport stamp site is really an added benefit for the region,” Alton Regional CVB President and CEO Brett Stawar said. “We have a rich Lincoln heritage in Alton, and bringing in the passport will give visitors a great reason to come walk with us in Mr. Lincoln’s footsteps. The popularity of the National Park Service’s passport program will be another reason to love our destination.”

When the staff at CVB contacted Hayner about being the second Alton site, we were very thrilled. The Genealogy & Local History Library made perfect sense as a passport stamp site. The library has many historic books about Abraham Lincoln and generally has Lincoln photographs and artifacts on display. In the mid-1850’s Lincoln’s law partner, William Herndon was a speaker in the Alton Library Association’s lecture series. We even have some items reportedly owned by Mary Todd Lincoln at the library. We also have an original letter from Mr. Lincoln to Simeon Ryder dated from 1844.

In Alton, you can get your National Parks passport stamped at the Alton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), 200 Piasa Street, or the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street. Being a passport site is very exciting for us and we are looking forward to being part of the Lincoln experience. For more information about the program, check out the Looking for Lincoln website http://www.lookingforlincoln.com/Explore/NPSPassportProgram.aspx. We hope to see you and your passport at the library soon!

What’s Cooking?!

Heat water in the microwave for 1-2 minutes. Cut aluminum foil that roughly covers bottom of a small bowl (like a cereal bowl). Pour hot water into bowl. Place salt, soda, and dishwashing liquid into bowl. Place jewelry on top of foil and let it sit for 5-10 minutes. Rinse jewelry in cool water and dry jewelry completely with a soft cloth. Discard solution after use and make a new batch next time.

1T. salt
1T. baking soda
1T. dish detergent
1c. water
1 piece aluminum foil

No Foolin’!

Do you enjoy April Fools’ Day pranks? If so, here are some classic jokes that have been pulled throughout history and the world!

**Thomas Edison invents a food machine?**
In 1878, New York’s *Daily Graphic* newspaper announced that famed inventor Thomas Edison created a food machine!

**Big Ben gets a modern change!**
Angry calls flooded BBC’s overseas news service in 1980 when outraged listeners heard the report that London’s iconic Big Ben was going digital! Subsequently, the BBC spent several days apologizing for the April Fools’ joke.

**Get color television instantly... with a nylon stocking.**
Technical Expert Kjell Stensson brought incredible news to Sweden’s SVT (Sveriges Television) on April 1st, 1962. He reported that viewers could instantly convert their black & white television sets into color by simply pulling a nylon stocking over the screen. Stensson went into detail of how the mesh causes light to bend in such a way that it would appear as if the image was suddenly colorized. Many Swedes today still recall their fathers rushing throughout the house looking for a nylon stocking to place over the television sets!

**Welcome to Chicago!**
The Hollywood Park race track, located a short distance from the Los Angeles Airport, pulled a massive April Fools’ prank on airline passengers in 1992, an 85-feet long, 20-feet high prank to be exact! “Welcome to Chicago” was printed on an enormous banner and placed over their Hollywood Park sign giving incoming airline passengers the false sense that they were in Illinois not California.

**Did you see that fight?!**
While giving a calm, cool, and collected report on BBC’s sports show *Grandstand*, presenter David Lynam was seemingly unaware that a brawl between two employees had broken out behind him. The humor of the situation elevated when Lynam reported the *Grandstand* staff has a “highly professional team.” Of course, it was revealed that the stunt was an April Fools’ prank only after Lynam replayed the incident in slow motion with step-by-step sports commentary. The hilarious 1989 clip can be seen on YouTube under the title *BBC Grandstand Fight.*
An Artful Donation

Marty Benefiel, a member of the wonderful therapy dog group that brings dogs to the library every month for the Bow-wow Pow-wow Reading Program, has donated a Mark Twain sculpture to the Hayner Library. Samuel Langhorne Clemens (November 30, 1835 – April 21, 1910), better known by his pen name Mark Twain, was an American writer, humorist, entrepreneur, publisher, and lecturer. Among his novels are *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876) and its sequel, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1885), the latter often called “The Great American Novel.”

This sculpture was hand-carved by her late husband, Wayne Benefiel, in 2001. The sculpture captures the classic Mark Twain look with the gray curly hair and the distinguishing mustache. As a member of the Belleville Area Holzschnitzers, a wood-carving club, Wayne created several works of art including Native Americans, wildlife, and a large collection of Santa Clauses. In his spare time, he donated his wood-carving talents and creations from his own woodshop located in Brighton, Illinois, to the Boy Scouts of America and to various church activities.

His love for the craft spanned over 20+ years. His works are still being enjoyed today by friends and family members who have pieces of artwork in their own homes. Thank you, Marty, so much for your donation which will be displayed and enjoyed by our community.

Patron Poll!

If you could spend your summer vacation at one of these fictional destinations, which would you choose?

A. OZ from “The Wizard of Oz.”
B. Narnia from “Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.”
C. Neverland from “Peter Pan.”
D. Wonderland from “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.”
E. Other ____________________________

Circle your response or fill in the blank in option E if you have another destination in mind. Turn in your answer the next time you visit one of our locations by May 31st. The results of this poll will be listed in our Summer newsletter!