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: Memorial Day, May 27, 28

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Reading Under the Sun Summer Reading 2018

KidsSpace
Excitement and fun await those ages birth-12 who journey to Hayner Library and participate in the summer reading program, “Reading Under the Sun”. The kickoff begins Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 9 a.m., at the Alton Square location. Those who venture in on kickoff day will be entered to win a great gift basket valued at $100. 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: Mr. Landry and Snow Ball, Wednesday, June 6; Puppets by Jeanie Bryan, Wednesday, June 13; Fred and His Feathered Friends, Wednesday, June 20; Comedian Rusty Pliers, Wednesday, June 27; and Circus Kaput featuring Oh My Gosh Josh, Tuesday, July 3. Participants will also enjoy story times, puppet shows, crafts, Lego Quest, 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 awesome prizes. For this year’s program, we will partner with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Gateway Grizzlies.

TeenSpace
Fun Under the Sun awaits teens ages 12-18 as they journey to a tropical reading paradise. Kickoff will take place starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at our Alton Square location. Teens who come in on kickoff day will be entered to win a basket including a gift card and summer reading paraphernalia.

Each week teens can enter to win awesome gift cards by reading books, magazines articles or listening to books on tape. Teens will also be invited to join us at the Riverbender.com Community Center on Wednesdays for an afternoon of crafts, games and performers. The program ends with a Luau Party, free book, and door prizes. Don’t miss all the fun under the sun at the Hayner Public Library Summer Reading Program 2018!

It All Adds Up
In April 2017, Hayner Library introduced a You Just Saved… message on the bottom of all patron due date slips. The You Just Saved… message helps to remind patrons of the value of library services by displaying how much it would cost to purchase the items that were just checked out. The You Just Saved… message also includes the total value of your year-to-date transactions and the “lifetime” value of all transactions since the feature was implemented.

Theresa McDonald (Hayner Library Assistant) was amazed to find that she saved $11,562.75 just by using the library! In fact, in just one year, Hayner Library patrons have checked out over $6 million worth of library materials! We hope you have enjoyed watching your savings grow with each visit to the library.
Marilyn Stewart Biography

Marilyn Stewart has been working for The Hayner Public Library District since 2010. In 2009, before becoming a library employee, Marilyn volunteered at the Downtown Library. As a volunteer, she was very organized and kept our books in order.

Marilyn began her career in retail at Venture and was eventually promoted to Human Resources Assistant. With that experience and a little more education, she was hired as Director of Human Resources at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She later worked at Saint Anthony’s Health Center in Alton as Manager, Human Resources and Business Operations.

I have known Marilyn for many years. She was a dear friend of my cousin Mary Ann. Marilyn and I helped Mary Ann get ready for her wedding and we became fast friends. As happens in life, we grew apart with marriages, work and families. But the pendulum always swings back—and Marilyn came to the library to volunteer. I was sorry to see her leave as a volunteer but, when a position opened up within the library, I was happy that she would be joining us as a staff member.

Marilyn has fond memories of growing up in the Milton area before it was incorporated by Alton. Marilyn adored her parents. Her dad was self-employed and very entrepreneurial. His first business was C.L. Gissler Shoe Repair and Dry Cleaning, which he ran for 26 years. Marilyn had a brother who was 10 years older. Marilyn, her brother, and her mom all worked at the shop. She feels that this is where she got her business acumen. Since her brother was older and left home when she was young, she felt like an only child. There was very little that she did without. Her dad would say, “It’s not a matter of needing it but a matter of wanting it.”

She said her dad was a very generous person. He was the middle of three children; he had an older sister and a younger brother who was killed in WWII. Her dad had a 160 acre farm between White Hall and Winchester, Illinois, 80 acres in Scott County, and 80 acres in Greene County. He would take weekend trips to the farm. Marilyn and her mother really didn’t like the farm—there was no running water nor any indoor plumbing or electricity. There were no modern conveniences like the girls knew and loved at home; it was not a fun outing for them. Her Dad had quite a sense of humor. One time while visiting the farm, Marilyn asked her dad where to hang her coat. He got out a hammer and nail and hammered it into the wall. He told her to hang her coat on the nail. While visiting the farm her dad would often fry up squirrel and ask if she wanted the brain. She would laugh. She still loves fried squirrel.

When her dad retired from the shoe repair business he purchased a Red & White grocery store in Alsey, IL. If you blink once you might miss this little town. Marilyn told me this grocery store was right out of Green Acres. There was a potbelly stove in the store and all the townsfolk gathered around for their daily social gathering.

Marilyn’s mom was the third of nine children and lived on a farm north of Brighton. She worked very hard taking care of Marilyn and her brother. She says her mom was the best mom and took great care of her children. Marilyn attended grade school in Alton and graduated from Alton Senior High School and Monticello College in Godfrey. She then attended SIUE and graduated from McKendree College.

While at Monticello she met Tom, her husband of 45 years. I asked Marilyn what made Tom so special and unique. She told me he is the most kind and generous person she knows. And, oh yes, he adores her! What she didn’t say, but I know from other conversations, is that Tom is an excellent cook and does 99% of the cooking!

Marilyn is an avid mystery reader. She and Tom have always used Hayner Library for all their reading materials. She also loves to fish and travel with Tom. She loves to spend time relaxing with her knitting.

Marilyn is the Business Operations and Human Resources Assistant at the library, a position she has held since she began working here. She says working at the library has been very enjoyable because of her fun and unique coworkers.

I always ask the people I write about if they have a piece of advice for living into today’s world. She said she has two pieces of advice. The first, from personal experience, is to always use sunscreen and wear a hat. The second and most important piece of advice is not to take yourself too seriously. She says others may not remember what you said or what you did but they will always remember how you made them feel! Marilyn makes working at Hayner Library enjoyable and she is always ready to help her coworkers. She too is very unique!

Stephanie Munson

Famous Former Librarians

It’s always the quiet ones! After he became known as the world’s greatest lover, Giacomo Casanova worked for 13 years cataloging and organizing the books in Count Waldstein’s castle in Dux, Bohemia.

Former first lady Laura Bush is also a former librarian! After earning a Master of Science degree in Library Science from the University of Texas at Austin, she worked as a school librarian in Houston and Austin.

Perhaps J. Edgar Hoover became the director of the FBI to track down lost library books! While employed at the Library of Congress, Hoover mastered their classification system and used those skills for the FBI’s files.

Perhaps Beverly Cleary got tired of shelving the same old children’s books and decided to write a few of her own. Before penning over 40 children’s books, including the treasured Ramona Quimby series, Cleary worked for a children’s library in Yakima, Washington and as the post librarian at the U.S. Army Hospital in Oakland, California.

Like many writers, Lewis Carroll was an avid reader. So it’s only natural that he worked in a library before he wrote Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.

The Results Are In!

In our last newsletter, we conducted a patron poll asking you which type of cookbook you are most likely to check out. It appears that you lead busy lives—because a majority of voters said that cookbooks for quick-and-easy meals are the most popular!
Don’t Be Scared of Friday, April 13!

Many stories involve misfortunes occurring on Friday the 13th. But there’s no need to fret! Take into consideration these good events that have taken place on various Friday the 13ths before you hide in the safety of your home this year!

• Finland has used this allegedly unlucky day to do some good! In 1995 they introduced National Accident Day, which educates citizens on automotive safety and hazards in the workplace.

• Apollo 11 might not have made it to the moon in 1969 if not for the British Interplanetary Society. These space enthusiasts assembled in October 1933 to educate the public on the wonders of the galaxy and the possibility of space exploration. Thanks to the efforts from societies like these NASA has been able to do many things, including finding evidence of water on the moon, which was reported to the public on a Friday the 13th in 2009.

• Heavy metal music is an adrenaline rush of sound for some and a headache for others. So the fact that the first heavy metal album was released in on a Friday the 13th in 1970 could be considered a good or bad thing.

• Weird Al Yankovic fans rejoice! The first U.S. patent for an accordion was granted to Anthony Faas on Friday, January 13, 1854.

• The Super Mario Brothers Nintendo game was released on Friday, September 13, 1985, in Japan.

• The film industry hasn’t been the same since Friday, July 13, 1923, when the Hollywoodland sign was officially dedicated in Los Angeles. It was in 1949, while being repaired, that “land” was dropped from the original sign—and an icon was born!

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 upon 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.

Gardening Classes

Herb Gardening

Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.
Debbie Owen and Maudie Miller, both Illinois Master Gardeners, will be at the library to talk about growing herbs. You will learn which herbs grow best in part-shade, which herbs do best in our area, and what you can use them for. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Gardening for the Birds

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.
Lisa Dean, Illinois Master Gardener, will present a program on attracting birds to your home garden. Besides the traditional birdfeeders and watering stations, there are a lot of plants that attract our feathered friends. You will learn about a variety of gardening combinations to enhance the bird population in your yard. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Kokedama String Garden

Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.
Kokedama is a centuries-old Japanese garden art form related to the practice of bonsai. In this class, you will be making a kokedama—moss ball—with an indoor house plant and a ball of moss surrounding its roots, all tied up with string. This is a living planter as well as a unique display piece. Class size is limited to 10. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Start Your Fall Garden

Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.
Extend your garden growing season by sowing seeds for a fall garden. Stop by the library to sow some cool season vegetable seeds to grow under the library’s grow lights. When seedlings are ready, you take them home to plant. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

See Water

Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.
Libby Reuter, artist and arts administrator, has worked as a painter, found-object sculptor, and an installation artist. After the flood of 1993, her work has been focused on water. Since 2011, she has been building glass sculptures for Watershed Cairns: Water Marked with Art. Libby’s presentation will be on the awareness of water around us and where it comes from. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
APRIL 2018

Monday, April 2, 2018
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, April 5, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, April 9, 2018
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Tuesday, April 17, 2018
After-School Fun (Downtown) – 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12

Thursday, April 19, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, April 23, 2018
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m. (Will meet at Audubon Center at Riverlands, 301 Riverlands Way, West Alton, Mo. 63386)
Ages 3-5

MAY 2018

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Thursday, May 3, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, May 7, 2018
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, May 7, 2018
Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-6

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

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

Thursday, May 10, 2018
Legos @ Your Library – 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12

Monday, May 14, 2018
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Monday, May 14, 2018
Evening Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m.
Ages 2-6

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Mary Kay's Story Time (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
After-School Fun (Downtown) – 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12

Thursday, May 17, 2018
Mommy and Me Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-2

Monday, May 21, 2018
Movers & Shakers Story Time – 10 a.m.
Ages 3-5

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2018

Saturday, June 2, 2018
9 a.m. Summer Reading Program Kickoff

Monday, June 4, 2018
Stories and Puppets – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-6

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Ages 2-6

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Lego Quest – 2-3 p.m.
Ages 2-12

Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Mr. Landry with Snowball - 10 a.m.
All Ages

Thursday, June 7, 2018
Drop-In Craft – 10 a.m.
Ages 2-12

Monday, June 11, 2018
Stories and Puppets – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-6

Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
Ages 2-6

Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Lego Quest – 2-3 p.m.
Ages 2-12

Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Jeanie Bryan Puppets – 10 a.m.
All Ages

Thursday, June 14, 2018
Drop-In Craft – 10 a.m.
Ages 2-12

Monday, June 18, 2018
Stories and Puppets – 10 a.m.
Ages Birth-6

Tuesday, June 19, 2018
Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10 a.m.
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**TeenSpace Spring 2018 Activities**

**April and May Events 2018**

- **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**  
  Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt – 3:30 p.m.  
  (Riverbender.com Community Center)

- **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**  
  Books, Books, and More Books – 4 p.m.

- **Wednesday, April 18, 2018**  
  Teen Movie @ Riverbender.com Community Center – 3:45 p.m.

- **Wednesday, May 9, 2018**  
  Teen Movies @ Riverbender.com Community Center – 3:45 p.m.

- **Wednesday, May 16, 2017**  
  End-of-the-School-Year Party – 3:30 p.m.  
  (Riverbender.com Community Center)

**Teen Summer Reading Program Events**

- **Saturday, June 2, 2018**  
  Summer Reading Kickoff  
  All participants who sign-up on this day will get a chance to enter to win a $25 gift card.

- **Wednesday, June 6, 2018**  
  Movie and a Pizza (Riverbender.com Community Center) 2-4 p.m.

- **Wednesday, June 13, 2018**  
  Decorate Your Own Flip Flops Craft  
  (Riverbender.com Community Center) 2-4 p.m.

- **Wednesday, June 20, 2018**  
  Performer: Tommy Wizard (Riverbender.com Community Center) 3-4 p.m.

- **Wednesday, June 27, 2018**  
  Sharpie Tie-Dye Beach Bags (Riverbender.com Community Center) 2-4 p.m.

- **Wednesday, July 4, 2018**  
  Library closed in observance of Independence Day.

**Friday, July 6, 2018**  
Last day to turn in Reading Sheets

- **Wednesday, July 11, 2018**  
  End-of-the-Summer-Reading Party – Luau Party and Airbrush Tattoos 2-4 p.m.

To register for any of our spring programs, please call (618) 433-2872.  
Registration for summer programming starts on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at our Alton Square location.

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**Super Hero Story Time at Hayner Library in the Alton Square Mall**
**Patrons Benefit from High Speed Internet**

In October 2017, patrons using the public computers at all Hayner Library locations began to notice a significant increase in the speed of the network—all thanks to the installation of a new Internet fiber connection. The installation, which began in late October and took three months to complete, required extensive network upgrades at the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall as well as both downtown locations.

The Assistant Director of Information Technology at Hayner Library was able to secure funding for this project through the E-rate program administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission. The E-rate program provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

The installation of the new 50Mb Internet connection now allows patrons to access the Internet at significantly higher speeds. It also allows library staff to access the Polaris circulation software without delays in service or a constant need to restart the program—issues that had previously been a problem due to a lack of bandwidth available at the libraries.

The Hayner Public Library District is committed to providing patrons with free access to technology. There are a combined 50 public computers available for patron use at all three Hayner Library locations. Patrons may access the public computers during regular library hours; patrons can register for computer use using either a library card or current non-expired driver’s license or state ID card.

**Genealogy & Local History Audio Tour Updated!**

Have you ever wondered why our library district is named after Jennie D. Hayner? Did you know that we almost lost our entire collection to the Quincy Public Library in 1865? Want to learn the history behind the beautiful oil paintings in the Genealogy & Local History Library, some of which we’ve owned for over 100 years? Come listen to our audio tour!

We have ten handsets loaded with the audio tour and historic photographs. The handsets are easy to use, with adjustable volume and a printed instruction sheet.

The tour includes sections on Hayner Library history, the Hayner family, the original building, our most important works of art, and stories related to the local history displays. Our current displays are Hayner Library History, the Haskell Playhouse, Alton Railroads, Elijah Lovejoy, Western Military Academy, artist Agnes Millen Richmond, Monticello Seminary, Illinois Glass Company, and historic Alton postcards.

A few interesting facts from the tour:

In 1867, Ralph Waldo Emerson, whose brother William was practicing medicine in Alton at the time, gave a very well-attended and -received lecture titled “American Culture” to benefit the library.

Alton native Agnes Millen Richmond’s paintings were featured at the 1915 World’s Fair Panama–Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

Elijah Lovejoy’s son Edward (1836-1891) worked in the newspaper business for a time, where he wrote articles defending the rights of Japanese Americans and attacking the denial of civil rights when a school district refused to integrate African Americans.

There was an intense football rivalry between Alton High School and Western Military Academy. They first played against each other in 1904. Alton was winning 6-0 when the game ended early due to lightning. The next weekend, a fight broke out between the Alton High players and Western cadets. When Western officials were unable to stop the fight, the cadet corps was locked up in their quarters for the remainder of the afternoon. The two teams didn’t meet on the football field again until 1907.

**Lifespan Linked to Reading Habits**

According to a study conducted by researchers at Yale University School of Public Health, reading as little as 30 minutes each day may be linked to longer life. The researchers gathered data from 3,635 people over the age of 50 who had participated in a national Health and Retirement Study. Participants answered questions about their reading habits, and the Yale team compared this information to their physical health over a 12 year follow-up period. In short, the results showed that the more a person reads, the more likely they are to live a longer life. Overall, readers lived about two years longer than non-readers!

-MaryJane’s Farm Magazine December-January 2018, pg. 30
Join us for our Spring 2018 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they’re all free of charge. All programs do require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.

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

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

Bow-wow Pow-wow
Note: This program is held the second Saturday of each month at the Hayner Alton Square Library, 132 Alton Square Mall, Alton, Ill.
Saturday, April 7
Saturday, May 5
Saturday, June 9
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 Strongmatt and His Swingin’ Band
The Sound of Western Swing and the Music of Legendary Fiddler Wade Ray
Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
Western Swing is a music that continues to influence musicians across the planet and southwestern IL 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 was well known in the St. Louis area for his KSD Radio road shows. Fiddler, vocalist, and historian Dennis Strongmatt 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! 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 and Collaborating on Social Media
April 12 & 19
Ancestry.com: the Forest and the Trees
May 10 & 17

Family Search: Records, Books, and Family Tree
June 14 & 21
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. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions Workshop
This class meets Wednesday mornings for seven weeks.
April 18, 2018 – May 30, 2018,
9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Please note: This class will take place in the Multipurpose Room at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.
This free seven-session workshop is designed to empower adults who are living with chronic conditions like heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, depression, emphysema and other health conditions. Participants will discover strategies to improve their quality of life while managing the symptoms of their condition. Anyone caring for someone with a chronic condition or wanting to learn more about managing chronic conditions may also register. A free informational book and CD will be provided to those who attend. Class size is limited. To register, please call 1-800-392-0936.

Color Me Stress Free
Thursday, April 19
Thursday, June 21
5 p.m.–7 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.

Timothy P. Townsend
“The Illinois Freedom Project: ‘For a Vast Future Also’”
Wednesday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.
To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton.
The Illinois Freedom Project was undertaken by staff at Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Old State Capitol State Historic Site, with many community partners, to investigate the places that best represent the inspiring stories of the move from slavery to freedom in Illinois. Historians, youth mentors, videographers, web designers, and others were asked to participate, with the goal of teaching history and inspiring youth by presenting stories of victory through adversity. Timothy P. Townsend is the historian at Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Illinois and the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis, Missouri. Tim will discuss the background of the project as well as plans for how the project will reach young people in Illinois. Seating is limited. Register at 1-800-613-3163.
Limited Edition
*The Great American Songbook*
**Sunday, April 29, 3:00 p.m.**

*Note: This program will be held at the Evangelical United Church of Christ, 1212 Homer Adams Parkway West, Godfrey (the corner of Route 3 and Pierce Lane where Delmar intersects with Route 3). There is plenty of easy parking.*

Limited Edition is enjoying its fourteenth season under the direction of Susan Parton Stanard. It serves as Lewis & Clark Community College’s musical ambassadors to the bi-state area. The twelve voices mixed ensemble has prepared an afternoon’s entertainment with songs from the Great American Songbook, the big band era, Broadway and pop. You will enjoy songs from composers such as Johnny Mercer, George and Ira Gershwin, as well as tunes popularized by artists such as Ella Fitzgerald and Queen. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

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**Steve Davis**
*Elvis! Live!*
**Tuesday, May 8, 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! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

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**The Scott Laytham and Karl Holmes Duo**
**Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.**

Scott Laytham’s skills as a musician, arranger, and composer are well known in the St. Louis area. Besides his live performances, Scott has also produced music for both local and national radio and television ads. For live shows, Scott has his hands full. He plays keys, guitars, and sings and also runs the light show and sound system. Karl “Trickee” Holmes is one of the best vocal impressionists in the country. Some of his impressions include Louis Armstrong, Al Green, Ray Charles, Barry White, Michael Jackson, Prince, Marvin Gaye, Nat King Cole, Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Johnny Mathis, and the Temptations (he performs all five Temptations voices by himself). You must see it and hear it to believe it! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

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**Switchback**
**Sunday, June 3, 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, IL.*

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. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

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**Jonathan Len – Formerly of Blend**
*A Cappella ’50s at Its Best*
**Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Don’t miss this great night of entertainment. A Cappella doo-wop performer, Jonathan Len, formerly the lead singer of the immensely popular group Blend, brings back the hits of the ’50s and ’60s with a twist of fun. He mixes in some favorite country classics and spices everything up with his humor, nostalgia and showmanship!

Register at 1-800-613-3163.
Nonfiction

Abrams, Dan. Lincoln’s Last Trial: The Murder Case That Propelled Him to the Presidency

Baier, Bret. Three Days in Moscow: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of the Soviet Empire

Banks, Tyra. Perfect Is Boring: To Find a Real Relationship in a Life of Love, Family, and Food

Bittman, Mark. How to Grill Everything: Simple Recipes for Great Flame-Cooked Food


Bragg, Rick. The Last Muse: Venice: Ernest Hemingway and His Italy: My Recipes for La Dolce Vita

Chabon, Michael. Pops: Fatherhood in Pieces

Coles, Joanna. Love Rules: How to Find a Real Relationship in a Digital World


De Laurentiis, Giada. Giada's Italy: My Recipes for La Dolce Vita

Del Felix, Jime. West Like Lightning: The Brief, Legendary Ride of the Pony Express

Di Robilant, Andrea. Autumn in Venice: Ernest Hemingway and His Last Muse

Earhardt, Ainsley. The Light Within Me: An Inspirational Memoir

Ehrenreich, Barbara. Natural Causes: An Epidemic of Wellness, the Certainty of Dying, and Killing Ourselves to Live Longer

Feek, Rory. Once Upon a Farm: Lessons on Growing Love, Life, and Hope on a New Frontier

Fisher, Todd. My Girls: A Lifetime with Carrie and Debbie

Gaines, Joanna. Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering

Goldstone, Nancy. Daughters of the Winter Queen: Four Remarkable Sisters, the Crown of Bohemia, and the Enduring Legacy of Mary, Queen of Scots

Gundry, Steven R. The Plant Paradox Cookbook: 100 Delicious Recipes to Help You Lose Weight, Heal Your Gut, and Live Lectin-Free

Hargrove, Brantley. The Man Who Caught the Storm: The Life of Legendary Tornado Chaser Tim Samaras

Hernandez, Keith. I’m Keith Hernandez: A Memoir

Hersh, Seymour. Reporter: A Memoir

Hilburn, Robert. Paul Simon: The Life

Hogan, Andrew. Hunting El Chapo: The Inside Story of the American Lawman Who Captured the World’s Most-Wanted Drug Lord

Itzkoff, Dave. Robin (Robin Williams biography)

Jamison, Leslie. The Recovering: Intoxication and Its Aftermath

Junor, Penny. The Duchess: Camilla Parker Bowles and the Love Affair That Rocked the Crown

Knight, Michelle. Life After Darkness: Finding Healing and Happiness After the Cleveland Kidnappings

Kurlansky, Mark. Milkh! A 10,000-Year Food Fracas

Kurson, Robert. Rocket Men: The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man’s First Journey to the Moon

Lawless, Kristin. Formerly Known As Food: How the Industrial Food System Is Changing Our Minds, Bodies, and Culture

Lipska, Barbara K. The Neuroscientist Who Lost Her Mind: My Tale of Madness and Recovery

McNamara, Eileen. Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World

Metz, Chrissy. This Is Me: Loving the Person You Are Today


Myers, Amy, M.D. The Autoimmune Solution Cookbook: Over 150 Delicious Recipes to Prevent and Reverse the Full Spectrum of Inflammatory Symptoms and Diseases


Rappaport, Helen. The Race to Save the Romanovs: The Truth Behind the Secret Plans to Rescue the Russian Imperial Family

Renton, Claudia. Those Wild Wyndhams: Three Sisters at the Heart of Power

Rivera, Geraldo. The Geraldo Show

Roker, Al. The Tragic Epic of the Johnstown Flood

Sanger, David E. The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age

Sedaris, David. Calypso

Smith, Ian K. The Clean 20: 20 Foods, 20 Days, Total Transformation

Stark, Peter. Young Washington: How Wilderness and War Forged America’s Founding Father

Wiehl, Lis. Hunting Charles Manson: The Quest for Justice in the Days of Helter Skelter

Winchester, Simon. The Perfectionists: How Precision Engineers Created the Modern World

Wohlleben, Peter. The Weather Detective: Rediscovering Nature’s Secret Signs

Fiction

Albert, Susan Wittig. Queen Anne’s Lace

Andrews, Mary Kay. The High Tide Club

Atkins, Ace. Robert B. Parker’s Old Black Magic

Backman, Fredrik. Us Against You

Baldacci, David. The Fallen

Bell, Ted. Overkill

Bond, Larry. Arctic Gambit

Brown, Dale. The Moscow Offensive

Brown, Rita Mae. Probable Claws: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery

Cameron, Stella. Whisper the Dead

Carr, Robyn. The Family Gathering

Clark, Mary Higgins. I’ve Got My Eyes on You

Clinton, Bill. The President is Missing

Connolly, John. He: A Novel

Connolly, John. The Woman in the Woods

Coulter, Catherine. The Sixth Day (A Brit in the FBI)

Cussler, Clive. The Gray Ghost

Dalley, Janet. My Kind of Christmas

Dallas Sandra. The Patchwork Bride

Deaver, Jeffery. The Cutting Edge

Dekker, Ted. The 49th Mystic

Delinsky, Barbara. Before and Again

Dickey, Eric Jerome. Bad Men and Wicked Women

Dodd, Christina. Dead Girl Running

Dray, Stephanie. My Dear Hamilton

Evans, Richard Paul. The Forgotten Road

Frank, Dorothea Benton. By Invitation Only

Frazier, Charles. Varina

Freeman, Brian. Alter Ego

Giffin, Emily. All We Ever Wanted

Graham, Heather. Fade to Black

Griffiths, Elly. The Dark Angel

Grimes, Martha. The Knowledge

Haines, Carolyn. Charmed Bones

Hilderbrand, Elin. The Perfect Couple

Hillerman, Anne. Lost Creed

Hillerman, Anna. Cave of Bones

Hooper, Kay. Hold Back the Dark

Jewell, Lisa. Then She Was Gone

Johansen, Iris. Shattered Mirror (Eve Duncan)

Kava, Alex. Lost Creed

Kenyon, Sherrilyn. Death Doesn’t Bargain

King, Laurie R. Island of the Mad (Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes)

King, Stephen. The Outsider

Kingsbury, Karen. To the Moon and Back

Koontz, Dean. The Crooked Staircase: A Jane Hawk Novel

Lewis, Beverly. The Road Home
Benjamin Godfrey Book Receives International Award!

Our very own Seymour Bluffs and Benjamin Godfrey book has received an international award! The book was entered as a Group Project in the Industrial Arts/Technology Prepress division of the Gutenberg Awards and took second place. Local author Phyllis Bechtold and Genealogy & Local History Library Manager Lacy McDonald wrote and edited Seymour Bluffs and Benjamin Godfrey last year, and Lexa Browning-Needham’s Alton High School Graphic Communications students created the illustrations, Blippar app content, and page layout. The Gutenberg Awards are sponsored by the Graphic Communications Education Association and entries are scrutinized for page layout and design difficulty, the use of graphics, typography, difficulty, and presentation. Austin Curvey, Jake Edelen, Julianna Fair, Shaw Smeltzer-Baer, Anna Summers, Chance Stice and Tristan Wuellner were extremely dedicated, and spent time in and out of the classroom working on the project. This award celebrates the time and energy they put into the book.

Seymour Bluffs and Benjamin Godfrey can be checked out in the Alton Square and Downtown libraries (call number: EB GODFREY) and read anytime in the Genealogy & Local History Library (IR B GODFREY). Come check out the students’ award winning work!

Two in One

Do you know that these authors are the same person?

- Romance novelist Jayne Anne Krentz also writes under the names Jayne Castle and Amanda Quick.
- Ruth Rendell is the author of the best-selling Chief Inspector Wexford series. She also writes stand-alone psychological crime novels under the pseudonym Barbara Vine.
- Acclaimed romance novelist Nora Roberts also writes romantic suspense books under the name J.D. Robb.
- The name Agatha Christie immediately brings to mind mystery novels—which is probably why she wrote romantic fiction under the name Mary Westmacott.
- Alice Addertongue, Anthony Afterwit, the Busy-Body, Caelia Shortface, Martha Careful, and Silence Dogood are just a few of the pseudonyms used by Benjamin Franklin.
Congratulations, Class of 2018!

Now, What are You Going to Do With Your Life?!?

The next stage in your life will be an adventure that can be exciting but also very stressful. Attending college, job hunting and living on your own is a lot to manage! Here are a few tips to help ease your transition.

College Life

• Toto, I have a feeling we’re not in high school anymore! —Unlike your high school teachers, your college professors are not going to hound you about homework or remind you over and over about upcoming tests. Sounds like a dream come true, huh? Well, miss a few assignments and flunk a few tests, and that dream will become a nightmare! Get organized and take responsibility for your own schoolwork.

• Take care of yourself. —Living away from your parents in a dorm or starter apartment can be just as overwhelming as it is exciting. Your education, finances, social life, schedule, as well as your physical and mental health, will be your own responsibility. Don’t give up the moment you feel stressed for the first time; give yourself time to adjust to your new life, and seek help from family, friends or professionals, if needed.

Job Application Tips

• Your first impression does not happen at an interview. It begins when you pick up the job application. Remember to dress nicely, be well-groomed, bring your own pen, and be polite.

• If possible, take the application home so you can take your time, print neatly, and double check your information.

• Try to fill in as much information as possible. Write “N/A” in areas that don’t apply to you rather than leaving a section blank.

Resume Tips

• Stick to the more traditional Times New Roman font with a 9-12 point font size.

• You may think you don’t have enough experience to list on a resume but you can always list your academic achievements such as a high GPA, any academic awards, or that you’ve taken a specialty course related to the job for which you are applying.

• Remember to proofread. Then, go back and proofread again. And when you think your resume looks good, have somebody else proofread it!

Job Interviews

• Arrive a few minutes early. Never be late.
  —Bernadette, Executive Director, The Hayner Public Library District

• One of the biggest things I look for is a candidate who has done his or her homework. It’s important to do research on the organization to which you are applying and be able to demonstrate that you understand the value of that organization.
  —Lacy, Manager, Genealogy & Local History Library

• A follow-up thank you note is always appreciated, and may even be the deciding factor if I have multiple qualified candidates.
  —Sue, Assistant Director, Human Resources

• Turn off your cell phone. Turn it off completely; even the vibrate setting can be distracting.
  —Mary, Assistant Director, Circulation and Strategic Services

Be sure to visit any Hayner Library location for more information about preparing for college and employment. Our libraries are equipped with study rooms, computers, resume templates, and book topics covering resumes, employment opportunities, career outlook statistics, college reviews, financial aid, study guides and more! Also be sure to visit the Online Resources section of our website (www.haynerlibrary.org) for more information pertaining to education and employment. Good luck!

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Please Indulge My Reminiscence

Growing up (and long before I was employed at Hayner Library), my family and I were frequent visitors to the children's library which, at that time, was located in the Hayner Library building at 401 State Street, Alton. During one particular visit, I noticed a set of stairs behind the Circulation Desk leading downward into the unknown. Being five years old at the time, I was under the impression that my mother knew the answer to every question on the face of the Earth—so naturally I asked her where the stairs led. While my mother is smart, it turns out she does not know the answer to every question, and she did not know the answer to this one. But, not wanting to disappoint me, she did what every mother does at one time or another—she thought on her feet and made something up! She told me that the stairs led to the area where they made the books!

In 2005, I was lucky enough to be hired by The Hayner Public Library District; I worked part-time as a Page at the Alton Square Library where I spent my time shelving books and keeping the materials in order.

As time progressed, I was promoted to a part-time Library Assistant in the Circulation department. I kept my fingers crossed for a full-time position.

In 2009, I was promoted to full-time status—but there was a catch. My time would have to be split between working in the Circulation department as well as the Technical Services department. The Technical Services department is housed in the lower level of the former children's library. There are a number of tasks to perform, but my main job is processing new materials in order to make them ready for the shelves. Wow! My mother wasn’t far off in her description!

While I periodically help at the circulation desk when needed, I eventually moved exclusively to the Technical Services department where I “make the books.”

We would love to hear your own personal library memories. You may email your memories to memories@haynerlibrary.org. Please include your name and contact information (email and telephone number).

Theresa McDonald

Benjamin Franklin, Librarian

Being a founding member of one of the first lending libraries in the nation can get lost in Benjamin Franklin's list of accomplishments. However, Franklin's involvement in the development of libraries in the United States is quite interesting.

In the 1730s books were rare and highly expensive and public libraries, as we know them today, did not exist. This problem was especially troublesome to the members of the Junto Club, a philosophical group who would meet to discuss a wide range of important issues of the day. As intellectual as their group was, they had only a few books amongst them to which they could refer when they needed to settle debates or enrich their knowledge. Therefore, on July 1, 1731, the Junto Club outlined an idea to form a subscription library, which would eventually be called The Library Company, in which the 50 members would invest 40 shillings each towards the purchase of new books. The members agreed to give another 10 shillings each year thereafter towards the purchase of additional books. Franklin initiated the expansion of The Library Company collection by offering memberships to the locals of Philadelphia who might otherwise not have access to books. The idea spread like wildfire when visitors to Philadelphia became impressed by the intelligence and sophistication of the locals. And the rest, as they say, is history.