Hayner Library Databases Provide Help to All Ages

Hayner Library has a wide array of online resources to help teachers, students, and anyone interested in topics for research or for self-improvement. Library databases, sometimes called online resources or online databases, are organized collections of electronic information that allow you to search for a particular topic, article, or book in a variety of ways (e.g., keyword, subject, author, title). When you search one of these databases, you are not searching the Web; you’re searching pre-selected material that is the equivalent of what you might find on a library shelf in print format.

Subscription databases consist of published journals, magazines, documents, newspapers, books, image collections, and more. Hayner Library has purchased subscription access to a variety of online databases. These resources are accessed online through the Hayner Library website at www.haynerlibrary.org.

Why do libraries subscribe to databases?

• To help students doing research papers by providing accurate, authoritative articles on a wide variety of topics. Each article found is cited and can be converted to a selected citation style (MLA, APA, etc.), making it easy for students to copy and paste the citation into their papers.
• To offer access to thousands of articles from hundreds of journals and magazines, many more than a library could physically have on hand.
• To offer patrons a quick, easy way to obtain reliable information on topics of interest. Hayner Library subscribes to more than 20 subscription databases. Some of these databases are as follows:
  • Biography Reference Center is a comprehensive collection of full-text biographies.
  • Literary Reference Center offers book summaries, author information, and more.
  • Academic Search Premier offers peer-reviewed, full-text journal articles from many academic areas, including biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, and religion.
  • History Reference Center offers articles, images, videos, and primary source documents on American and world history.
  • Science Reference Center includes biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, environmental science, health, medicine, life science, physics, scientists, and technology.
  • Points of View Reference Center provides students with a series of controversial essays that present multiple sides of a current issue.
  • Auto Repair Reference Center has repair information for model years 1954 to 2010.
  • Novelist Plus is a reader’s advisory for fiction and nonfiction. Novelist K-8 Plus is designed for teachers and kids. Features Grab and Go book lists, Picture Book Extenders.
  • ConsumerReports.org provides the most current reviews of consumer products.
  • Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center offers detailed “how-to” instructions and creative ideas for hobby enthusiasts provided from leading hobby and craft magazines.
  • Home Improvement Reference Center has articles, videos, and images to help homeowners tackle home repairs safely.
  • Legal Information Reference Center provides full text for many of the top consumer legal reference books and contains thousands of legal forms.

These reliable, accurate information sources are free with your Hayner Library card number. You can access them from home or within the library at www.haynerlibrary.org by clicking Online Resources on the home screen.

To learn more about Hayner Library databases and how to use them, attend the Database Class/Library Tour held on Saturday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall. This class is free of charge but does require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. For group database classes and library tours, please contact Sharon Windham at 433-2861.
Staff Development Day

On April 11, all Hayner Library locations were closed so that staff could attend our annual Staff Development Day event. This is a day set aside to bring the entire staff together for educational and skills development presentations and activities. This year’s agenda featured three keynote speakers.

Detective Dustin Christner of the Alton Police Department presented a session on Workplace Safety highlighting considerations and the appropriate actions staff must take in a threatening situation to protect both themselves and our patrons.

Anne Craig, Director of the Illinois State Library, presented “The Community as Collection: The Future of Illinois Libraries.” Her talk focused on the need to follow the community’s lead in developing the best services that libraries can offer. Today’s world is divided into users “before” and “after” the Internet. The “before” group are those people who remain in a world largely without technology. Libraries must address the needs of both these groups, making sure that services are relevant, convenient, and useful. There is also a need to provide guidance in the area of self-service, a growing sphere of interest for patrons today.

Chris Dawdy, SHARE staff Services Manager, Illinois Library Heartland System, discussed Zinio, a new product offering for library patrons. Zinio offers a digital database of over 100 popular magazines for patrons to check out onto their computers, tablets, or smartphones. This service will be available through The Hayner Public Library District online catalog starting in August 2014.

The event was held at the Riverbender.com Community Center, the space generously donated by owner John Hentrich.

In memory of my dear friend, Dr. Ned DuVivier

Dr. Edward DuVivier of Alton passed away on May 21, 2014. He was a retired Alton pediatrician and a volunteer at Hayner Library for twenty years.

Our life is a long journey. Along the way we meet people who change us in the best way. They have something to teach us about life. Dr. Ned was one of my best teachers. He taught me how to grow old with dignity. He taught me we are never too old to learn. He showed me how to accept getting older. He understood why our bodies do what they do. He taught me to look at aging as one of life’s many roads we must take on our journey.

When Dr. Ned retired from being a pediatrician, at 70 years old, he called me at the library and asked if he could deliver books for me. He was one of the first volunteers to deliver books for Hayner. He came every week to pick up boxes of books to go to nursing homes and senior high-rise apartments. He volunteered for me for twenty years.

Dr. Ned was a huge advocate for AARP. He fought for senior citizens. He made many trips to the capital in Springfield to stand up for the rights of seniors. At 90, his eyesight began to fail, and he had to quit volunteering for us.

I stayed in contact with him these last few years. I would see him at church every Sunday, moving slowly but always ready for a kiss and hug from me. Even though his body slowly down, his brain kept working and was always ready to learn something new. If I had a problem, I knew I could go to him and he would give me good advice.

My last visit with him was this winter. My granddaughter, Brooklyn, and I made cookies and delivered them to a few friends who were under the weather. We stopped by Dr. Ned’s. He was in his wheelchair reading. He looked up and saw Brook and right away wanted to know all about her. He had so many questions for Brooklyn. He talked with her as if he had known her forever.

He wanted to know about her school, what she liked best in school. He talked with her as if he had known her forever. He wanted to know about her school, what she liked best in school. He talked about where she lived. He asked if she played sports. We left him with a kiss and hug from both of us.

So when you meet those special people on your journey, take time to listen to them. They will touch your life in ways you never dreamed possible.

I will always have Dr. Ned’s lessons tucked away for ready reference. I am so happy to have known this kind and gentle man . . . Ned.

Stephanie Munson
Volunteer Coordinator

Congratulations to Michelle

Our Facebook Contest Winner is Michelle Murray. Michelle has lived in the Godfrey area since 2007 and is an avid library patron. She frequents the Mommy & Me Story Times at Alton Square with her two young sons.

“I really like the library; I’m here all the time. Reading is so important to me.”

See What’s Coming Out in DVD!

Curious about what new DVDs we’re adding to our collections? Now it’s easier to keep current on new releases. At each circulation desk, we can provide you with a catalog featuring the jacket covers of our latest additions. Just page through the catalog and order the titles you are interested in. Ask for the book at the circulation desks of the Downtown Library and the Alton Square Mall Library.

Did you know that you can access our card catalog on your mobile device by visiting The Hayner Public Library District’s website? Key “Hayner Public Library” into your favorite mobile search engine and browse our collection by clicking on “search the catalog.” You can also find our catalog by visiting www.illshareit.com on your smartphone or tablet and entering your ZIP code. Because of the accessibility and ease of use of these websites on mobile devices, Hayner will no longer be supporting the BOOPSIE app after June 28, 2014. Patrons will still be able to check availability and place requests on any item while using these catalogs.
Hayner Library Supports Summer Jazz Series

The Hayner Public Library District, in partnership with the North Alton—Godfrey Business Council, Greater Gateway Association of Realtors, Andy's Auto Body, Senior Services Plus, Liberty Bank, Strategic Consulting, Inc., and Tony's North of Jerseyville, will provide sponsorship for the “Expressions—a Musical Experience” (formerly Jazz in the Park) Concert Series to be held May through September 2014.

All the concerts are free of charge and will be held at Alton Senior High Performing Arts Auditorium except the August 13 concert, which will be held at Hatheway Cultural Center, Lewis & Clark Community College. These programs of various jazz performances are a great way to spend a summer evening.

All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. The remainder of the summer schedule includes:

- July 9: “A Tribute to the Rat Pack” featuring the Little Big Band and vocalist Steve Shininger
- August 13: “Sentimental Journey Dance Band”
- September 10: “St. Louis Symphony Ensemble”
- September 24: “Shades of Blue Jazz Big Band” featuring the world-renowned jazz ensemble from Scott Air Force Base.

For more information, call (618) 779-9735.

STEM Learning @Hayner Library

Meet with Dr. Brad Noble for an open discussion on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) on Wednesday, September 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room at Hayner Library Alton Square.

Dr. Noble is an Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at SIUE. A native of Illinois, he obtained a B.S. and an M.S. from SIUE before he earned his Doctorate of Science from Washington University in St. Louis. His areas of expertise include embedded systems, network engineering, signal processing, interfacing, and the design and fabrication of innovative circuitry. Since joining the faculty at SIUE in 1996, Dr. Noble has taught seventeen different subjects, three of which he developed. He is the recipient of the SIUE 2007–2008 Teaching Excellence Award and, most recently, the 2011 SIUE Alumni Association Great Teacher Award.

Getting students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, and improving STEM education is a national priority. STEM education fosters a love of science by encouraging and inspiring learners to understand how we relate to science in our everyday lives. Hayner Public library is pleased to provide an opportunity for the community to meet with STEM professional Dr. Brad Noble for an open discussion on these science topics.

To support STEM learning, The Hayner Public Library District has enhanced its science collection through a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library from funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The project, called Select Science, features new STEM books showcased in displays throughout the Hayner libraries. Come join us for an interesting discussion, and check out some new science books!

Reported by the Illinois Library Association, March 2014

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. In first quarter 2014 the IMLS released a preview of the 24th Annual (FY 2011) Public Library Survey.

Some of what was reported:
- In fiscal year 2011 (FY 2011), there were 8,956 public libraries in the United States, which served 299.9 million people (95.3% of the US population).
- [The Hayner Public Library District serves a population of over 49,000 people. This includes Alton, Godfrey, and Foster townships. Of this 49,000 over 26,000 have a library card.]
- There were 1.53 billion in-person visits to public libraries, the equivalent of more than 4.2 million visits each day (not including virtual visits).
- [The Hayner Public Library District averages over 35,000 in-person visits to its library locations per month.]
- Attendance at public library programs increased for the eighth year with 89 million people attending 3.81 million programs.
- [The Hayner Public Library District had an attendance of over 10,000 people to library programs in fiscal year 2013.]
- There were 341.5 million usage sessions on public access Internet computers at public libraries, a decrease of 7.2% since FY 2006.
- [There were over 75,000 in-house usage sessions on the public access Internet computers in The Hayner Public Library District in FY 2013. This does not include remote access sessions.]
- There were 3.8 million programs offered at public libraries, an increase of 46.7% since FY 2004. Most programs (70.0%) were targeted to children.
- [The Hayner Public Library District offered over 300 free library programs in FY 2013.]
- There were 261,413 public access Internet computers available at public libraries throughout the United States, a 1-year increase of 6.8% and 10-year increase of 86.2%.
- [The Hayner Public Library District has 95 Internet computers available for free public access.]
- Public libraries have seen a decrease in the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff since the recession. There were 137,103 FTE staff—11.4 FTEs per 25,000 people. This is a decrease of 5.5% since FY 2008.
- [The Hayner Public Library District employs 28 full-time staff and 32 part-time staff.]
- The number of public librarians has remained stable over 10 years, averaging 4.0 public librarians per 25,000 people. Librarians comprise one-third of the overall public library staff.
- [The Hayner Public Library District employs 4 MLS-qualified librarians.]
Our Local History — The Great River River Road

Warmer weather is finally here. Time to get out the shorts and tee shirts, dust off our bikes (motorized as well as chain-driven) and hit the Great River Road for some fun in the sun! Most of us have driven down, ridden over, or walked along that beautiful stretch of pavement, but do you know the history of this scenic highway? Here are some amazing facts!

Beginning at the headwaters of the “Big Muddy” in Lake Itasca State Park, Minnesota, the Great River Road ends at the mouth of the “Old Man” in Venice, Louisiana, giving it nearly 3,000 miles of highway through ten states. The Great River Road winds its way through all sorts of terrain, coursing across state parks and through vibrant metropolises. It runs alongside lush prairies, thick forests, and towering limestone bluffs. Few realize that this beautiful “highway” is not one stretch of continuous road, but segments of designated routes that follow the Mississippi River. The road changes direction often, crosses over the river in many places, and lingers in small towns and down dusty paths other roads have forgotten.

The construction of the 13-mile strip between Alton and Grafton began as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project in 1940. WPA was a national work relief program aided by state and local governments to generate jobs for the unemployed between 1935 and 1943. The road was officially named the McAdams Memorial Highway, in honor of John D. McAdams, the man responsible for its inception. The opening of this expanse of road in 1964 brought the small touristy villages and towns between Alton and Grafton together and made traveling to them a pleasant experience.

Clifton Terrace Park is a charming little rest area off the Sam Vadalabene Bike Trail. The small park boasts a playground, memorial trees, and a stone kiosk with the story of the Christofp Louis Stiritz family. Visitors at the park can also get a glimpse inside the remnants of the family’s underground wine cellar.

Elsah, a quaint, charming, and quiet little community nestled between the towering bluff walls of Mt. Radiance and Mt. Pisqua, is rich in history, architecture, and beauty. In 1975 the entire village was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Sometimes referred to as “a town that time forgot,” this little hamlet dances to a much slower life.

Chautauqua is a small private community near Elsah. During the late 1800s it was a summer resort destination for the upper classes and only accessible by steamboat.

Most travelers along this stretch of the Great River Road are destined for the river town of Grafton. Located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, the town is full of character and appeal. Founded in 1836, the community provides an indulgence of entertainments packed together in a small walkable area. Visitors find enough attractions to satisfy all ages, from antique shopping and parasailing to fish sandwiches and wine.

Leaving Grafton, a stretch of the Great River Road loses sight of the water as the highway begins to tighten, with disarranged curves and more frequent glimpses of wildlife. The Marquette Monument, a large white cross made from a solid piece of dolomite, sits along a bluff between Grafton and Marquette State Park. This monument was constructed in 1929 to honor the site where European explorers Marquette and Joliet crossed the river to enter into the present state of Illinois in 1673.

If you do not take the Brussels Ferry across the Illinois River into Calhoun County, the Pere Marquette State Park comes into view. This is a magnificent 8,050-acre park with attractions such as miles of hiking trails and an impressive limestone and timber lodge built during the Great Depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The park is also the residence of Native American burial mounds, a substantial visitor center, picnic areas, and a campground.

Continue on until you reach the small town of Kampsville, and you have completed the entire ride along our area’s portion of the 3,000-mile Great River Road. The 50-mile span between Alton and Kampsville received national recognition in 1998 by the Federal Highway Administration when it was designated a “National Scenic Byway,” making it one of only 21 roads in the United States with this title.

To learn more about this remarkable road or the history of the area in which we live, visit the historic Illinois Room in the Genealogy & Local History Library at the 401 State Street location.

New in Our Illinois Room

The Africa News Cookbook (patron donation) IR 641.5 AFR
Bitter Brew IR 338.76634 KNO
Black Pioneer Cookbook – Alton Museum of History & Art (donation from the Museum) IR 641.59 BLA
Children of Orphan Trains from New York to Illinois and Beyond IR 362.734 CHI
Continental Drug Company Alton, Illinois IR 977.386 CON
Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800 (patron donation) IR 974.4 EAR
Eastern Kentucky References (patron donation) IR 976.9 JAC
Echo: Monticello College Bulletin, Final Edition (patron donation) IR LOCKED CASES 378.77386 ECH
Free Black Communities and the Underground Railroad IR 973.7115 LAR
Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire (patron donation) IR 974 NOY
Handbook of the Collection – Saint Louis Art Museum, Inc. (donation from the Saint Louis Art Museum docents) IR 708.73 SAI
Lincoln Lore: Titles of Bulletins and Indexes for Bulletins One to Five Hundred April 15, 1929, to November 7, 1938 IR B LINCOLN FWI INDEX
Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty (patron donation) IR 355.1 COL

Medical Care in Pioneer Illinois IR 362.109773 CRE
Noteworthy Recipes – Alton Band and Orchestra (patron donation) IR 641.5 NOT
Searching for John Ball (patron donation) IR 973.781 HAN
St. Anthony’s Hospital Alton, Illinois IR 725.130977386 STA
St. Mary’s Church Alton, Illinois 1994 Church Directory (patron donation) IR 282.977386 STM
Start to Finish Soups and Desserts: My Just Desserts Cookbook IR 641.5 BAD
The Surnames of Ireland (patron donation) IR 929.42 MAC
Veterans of Madison County and Surrounding Areas, Books #7 and #8 IR 977.3865 VET
African American Allegiance in the Revolutionary War

Throughout the course of American history, African Americans have had a long, hard struggle in the fight for freedom. Not many people realize this struggle stretched all the way back to the Revolutionary War (1775–1783). Both slaves and freemen fought during this war with the hope of gaining freedom for their people while making a monumental change in history.

The well-known painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware on Christmas Day in 1776, by German American artist Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze, shows a black patriot helping to row the boat. Historians dispute the question of whether this figure represents any one particular person or patriot, but the artist’s choice to include an African American figure is historically important in that it supports the significant role they played in the American Revolution.

African American men served in a wide range of positions while helping to carry on the war. Positions included combat soldiers, spies, laborers, and cooks. Free and enslaved blacks served alongside white patriots as well as serving in all-black militia units of the Continental Army and the Navy.

They not only served with American forces as patriots of the Continental Army, after Great Britain promised freedom for all African Americans who enlisted for wartime service, many risked death as they made their way to the English lines to enlist with the British Army. After the war’s end, these eager Loyalists were surprised to find that this was nothing more than an empty promise.

It is no surprise that not all African American males were eager to enlist and serve an administration that denied them the right to free citizenship, and some did not enlist by their own choice. Some states allowed a slave owner who had been drafted to send a substitute in his place. With little hesitation, many of these men sent slaves to be their replacements during the war.

African Americans were part of many key events during the war. As early as April 1775 black Minutemen were fighting at Lexington and Concord, they participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and many died during the harsh winter at Valley Forge.

Black troops fought in most of the major battles, their devotion and loyalty earning them honor and praise from their commanders. Some have been recognized in other ways throughout history. In October 1968, Peter Salem, an African American patriot of the American Revolutionary War, was depicted on a postage stamp, portraying his valor during the Battle of Bunker Hill.

African American genealogy can be challenging to say the least, but it is not impossible. When you know where, and more importantly how, to search, it can become less confusing. The book Forgotten Patriots, published by the Daughters of the American Revolution, identifies more than 5,000 men, either slave or freemen, who may have been patriots during the Revolutionary War. In 2010, this book was honored with the prestigious Donald Lines Jacobus Award from the American Society of Genealogists.

The Hayner Public Library District Genealogy & Local History Library has a copy of this book, along with others in the collection that may help locate African American Revolutionary War patriots in your ancestry. The library is located at 401 State Street, and the staff will be happy to assist you in all areas of your genealogical research!

During our last “Friend-Raiser” program hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, the Ninian Edwards Chapter of the DAR donated a three-volume set of books relating to women in the Revolutionary War era. Like African American research, records for women (particularly during this time) can also be hard to locate, so we are extremely pleased to be able to offer these books as part of our historic Illinois Room collection.

—Pam Bierman

Branching Out Classes 2014–2015

Following the success of the 2013–2014 Branching Out classes, the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library in Alton, Illinois, is continuing the program this year. These classes include many aspects of genealogical research and are suitable for the beginner as well as the more experienced researcher.

There are twelve classes in all, and you can come to one class or as many as you like. The classes will be taught on the second Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. with the same class offered on the following Saturday at 10 a.m. This gives you the opportunity to attend whichever one of the two days is most convenient. Class size will be small, and seating is limited, so reserve your seat early. Be sure to specify which class and day you want to attend.

Each session will last for approximately one hour, depending on how many questions are asked. We will share tips and tricks with you, so be sure to bring your questions. Remember, you can always schedule an appointment for more in-depth research. There is never a charge for an appointment, and we are happy to help.

Each class will have handouts for you to keep and refer to later as you go through your research. The classes will cover beginning genealogy and the Illinois Room, Heritage Quest Online, Newspaper Archive research, the census, courthouse research and vital records, city directories and maps, the Family Search website, organizing your family history, military research, Ancestry Library Edition, property research, and immigration and naturalization. All classes will take place at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street. Make sure to check the Special Events section of each newsletter to see what classes will be offered that quarter. We look forward to seeing you in class!
Join us for our summer 2014 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: We are in a new location for our performance events. 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, July 12
Saturday, August 9
Saturday, September 13
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!

Mark Glenshaw
Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight
Tuesday, July 8, 6:30 p.m.

Mark H. X. Glenshaw is an award-winning, amateur naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of a mated pair of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park in St. Louis, Missouri, since December 2005. During this time, he has observed and documented a vast range of behaviors including hunting, mating, nest-site selection, and rearing of young. He shares his work on his blog, Forest Park Owls, http://forestparkowls.blogspot.com/. His work has been featured in The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Magazine, St. Louis on the

Air on KWMU 90.7, KTVI Fox 2, The West End Word, and Show-Me Missouri. He frequently leads tours, called owl provos, of the owls’ territory for interested individuals and small groups as well as for formal events and groups such as the St. Louis BioBlitz, Wonders of the Outdoor World–St. Louis, Missouri Department of Conservation, Fontbonne University, and Washington University in St. Louis. Mark also regularly gives talks on the owls and his work with them and has done so for several Audubon Society chapters in Missouri and Illinois, the Webster Groves Nature Study Society, and Missouri Nature & Environmental Photographers, as well as schools and public libraries in the St. Louis area, among others. He was awarded the Citizen Scientist Award for the 2006 St. Louis BioBlitz by the Academy of Science–St. Louis. Mark is a certified Missouri Master Naturalist and a volunteer for Forest Park Forever.

Mark’s talk, Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight, will cover how he found these owls, basic facts about the species, and the various behaviors he has been able to see and document with photos and videos to illustrate these behaviors. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Switchback
Sunday, July 13, 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,”

Rick Pickren
Songs of Love and Romance
Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

Singer-songwriter-actor Rick Pickren is a descendant of Buffalo Bill Cody. He is a two-time winner of the Marlboro Country Music Round-Up and has shared stages with Merle Haggard, the Judds, Dolly Parton, and others. Rick has also costarred in feature films including Major League and While You Were Sleeping, and on television in ER and Early Edition. Sing along with Rick to classic love songs like “Love me Tender,” “Annie’s Song,” “You Are My Sunshine,” “Crazy,” “Make the World Go Away,” and many more. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Ron Wenzel
Vonnegut’s Ghost – Book Signing
Saturday, July 26, 1:00 p.m.
Note: This program will be held in the Multipurpose Room of the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall.

Experience the book the Riverbend is buzzing about! There’s trouble in “Almost” Illinois, when electricity appears gone forever and ghosts of famous people are appearing around town. In one of 24 stellar reviews on Amazon, Alton resident Ruth Bell wrote that Vonnegut’s Ghost is “a most excellent book . . . like great classic literature, yet it is fun to read and difficult to put down . . . .” The characters are
realistic and feel like people I know.” Local author Ron Wenzel will sign copies of his book from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. after a reading from the first chapter at 1:00 p.m. Join us!

**Dennis Northcott**  
Civil War Eyewitnesses  
**Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 p.m.**  
Join Missouri History Museum associate archivist Dennis Northcott for a look at the Civil War through the eyes of those who witnessed this turbulent period in our history. Hear firsthand accounts of the war on the battlefield and the home front from letters, diaries, and other documents in the Missouri History Museum Archives. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Branching Out**  
*Note: Branching Out classes are held the second Thursday of each month with the same class offered on the following Saturday. All classes will take place at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street.*  
Beginning Genealogy and the Illinois Room  
**August 14 or August 16, 2014**  
**Heritage Quest Online**  
**September 11 or September 13, 2014**  
**10:00–11:00 a.m.**  
These classes include many aspects of genealogical research and are suitable for the beginner as well as the more experienced researcher. For more details, see the article on Branching Out contained in this issue of the newsletter. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass**  
**Tuesday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.**  
George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass is one of the most versatile performing groups in the area as they blend their fiery Bluegrass roots with some traditional Irish and Louisiana Cajun. Their “Cajun Set” has won raves from crowds throughout the Midwest. This five-piece musical group’s enthusiasm, top-notch musical ability, wit, and humor are always evident during their performances. George, the group’s leader and founder, has won more than 150 first-place fiddling championships, played for two Presidents, and performed at the Grand Ole Opry. George’s musical philosophy is to always “leave ’em wanting more” . . . and they always do! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Ralph Bowles**  
Changing Funeral and Burial Customs  
**Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.**  
*Note: To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton.*  
To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton. Ralph Gent Bowles of Gent Funeral Home in Alton will discuss changes in funeral and burial customs over the last fifty years. Ralph has been a licensed funeral director/embalmer in Alton for 26 years, and his grandfather, Ralph A. Gent, started Gent Funeral Home in 1935. Seating is limited. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Miss Jubilee**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 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.*  
Miss Jubilee has been entertaining audiences around St. Louis and beyond since the beginning of 2007 with their exciting blend of authentic Hot Jazz, Swing, Rhythm & Blues, and R’n’ R spanning the 1920s–1950s. Fronted by a high-energy female vocalist and backed up by a swingin’ horn-fueled rhythm section, Miss Jubilee is a favorite among Swing Dancers and fans of all ages who enjoy uplifting and energetic music! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Bill & Kate Isles**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m.**  
Bill & Kate Isles are a nationally touring singer/songwriter duo based in Duluth, Minn. In 1993 Bill was a rare survivor of sudden cardiac arrest. Instead of ending his life, it jump-started his creative energies, resulting in a 150-show-per-year itinerary, presenting his profoundly meaningful songs. He is joined by his wife, cowriter, and musical collaborator, Kate. Her gentle presence, luscious vocals, and intuitive harmonies have endeared her to audiences. Words like “transcendent” and “mesmerizing” and “slapstick” are among the descriptions of their concerts, and fans of all ages tell of listening to their albums over and over again. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Annette Harrison**  
**The Founding of St. Louis**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m.**  
In this exciting historical storytelling program you will be taken back in time to 1764 when Pierre Laclede declared that “St. Louis will become one of the finest cities in America.” Meet the founding families, including a 14-year-old who supervised the building of this early French settlement west of the Mississippi. Learn about the multicultural community that allowed the daughters of a freed slave, a Native American, and a French settler to be best friends! Register at 1-800-613-3163.
Alton Square

Movers and Shakers Story Time — Come join us for this fun and interactive story time for 3–5-year-olds. Meeting dates are Mondays, August 11, August 18, September 8, September 15, and September 22, 2014, at 10 a.m. Limited space is available. Please register at 433-2881.

Mommy and Me Story Time — This story time is exclusively for the little ones ages birth–2 years old accompanied by an adult. This 30-minute story time includes themed stories, songs, finger plays, and manipulative. Meeting dates are Wednesdays, August 13, August 20, August 27, September 3, September 17, and September 24, 2014, at 10 a.m. Please register at 433-2881.

Spanish Story Time — Come join us in the KidsSpace at Hayner Public Library at Alton Square for Stories with Hector. Hector Lozano, from Hayner Public Library’s downtown location, will be assisting us for this special story time. This 45-minute activity is a lively combination of books, finger plays, and songs in both English and Spanish for preschool children ages 3–5. Hector will be here at 10 a.m. on the following Mondays: August 25 and September 29, 2014. Please register at 433-2881.

Legos @ Your Library — Bring your imagination and join us for an hour of building and creating Lego masterpieces. The library will supply the Legos, or feel free to bring your own. Legos stay at the library and will be displayed between sessions. Legos @ Your Library will meet in the KidsSpace the second Thursday of each month. Meeting dates are: Thursdays, August 14 and September 11, 2014, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please register at 433-2881.

Special Events

Mario Kart Gaming Tournament — Come join us and Big Screen Games for a fun morning of Mario Kart. Big Screen Games will host a video gaming tournament on Wednesday, August 6, 2014, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. This tournament will be for kids ages 5–12 years of age and will be held in the Performance Room (on the east side upper level) at Alton Square. Registration is required to attend this event! To register call 618-433-2881.

Downtown

Evening Story Time — Kids can wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal to Hayner Library downtown KidsSpace for stories, puppets, and finger plays before bedtime. For ages 2–5. This story time meets at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, August 11, August 18, August 25, September 8, September 15, September 22, and September 29, 2014. Please register at 462-0677, Ext. 2836.

Mary Kay’s Story Times — Come join Ms. Mary Kay for an hour of fun and play! This story time encourages children to participate in songs, stories, finger plays, and crafts. Ages 3–5 years. Meeting time is 10 a.m. on Thursdays, August 14, August 21, August 28, September 4, September 11, September 18, and September 25, 2014. Please register at 462-0677, Ext. 2836.

After-School Fun — Kids, come join us for After-School Craft at Hayner Public Library downtown KidsSpace. The craft will be for children ages 5–10 years of age. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, August 19 and September 23, 2014. Please register at 462-0677, Ext. 2836.

Teen Advisory Council

Are you looking for an opportunity to participate in some really rewarding activities with other teens? If so, this is the group for you! Join us once a month in the Teen Library located at Riverbender.com Community Center. Help brainstorm projects, suggest new purchasing ideas, and aid in making the library a place that teens enjoy. Meeting dates are to be determined. Please call for dates. If interested in joining, call Shannon at 433-2872.

Teen Movie Nights @ Riverbender.com Community Center

Come join the fun after school for Teen Movie Nights @ Riverbender.com Community Center. Each month Hayner Library will host a movie event exclusively for teens. The movie will be a PG-13 new release. Pizza is on the menu! Movie dates will be determined. Movies start at 4 p.m. To register or for dates call Shannon at 433-2872.

Teen Book Club

Hey, Teens! Come join Hayner Library’s new “Teen Book Club.” Once a month get together with other teens to share your thoughts and opinions about that month’s read. As always, snacks will be provided. Meetings will be held at Riverbender.com Community Center Library at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to get dates call Shannon at 433-2872.
**Free Computer Tutorials**

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

**PC Basics (Class limit: 10)**  
*Friday, July 11, 10:00–11:30 a.m.*  
*Friday, August 8, 2014, 10:00–11:30 a.m.*

Introduction to personal computing. For those who need to come into the world of computers, this is the class for you! Overcome your fears and gain the skills that can get you ready to use a computer more competently.

After this class you will be able to:
- Identify basic computer components and operating system features
- Execute basic mouse techniques
- Perform basic keyboard strokes and functions
- Identify and navigate the features of the Desktop
- Open and exit software programs
- Identify and navigate the various toolbars of the Windows environment

*If you already use your computer and mouse, this class is not for you.*

To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, and the number in your party.

**Database Class/Library Tour (Class limit: 10)**  
*Saturday, September 20, 2014, 10:00–11:00 a.m.*

Introduction to Hayner’s subscription databases.

**Internet Basics (Class limit: 8)**  
*Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 6:30–8:00 p.m.*

This class is designed for individuals with little to no experience using the Internet or who feel confused or overwhelmed when attempting to navigate the Web. The class will teach you how to:
- set up an e-mail account
- use basic e-mail features
- identify and utilize the main functions of a Web browser
- use a search engine to locate desired information

Having a basic familiarity with how to use a mouse and keyboard beforehand or prior attendance of a PC Basics course is required.

To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, and the number in your party.

**Facebook Revealed (Class limit: 10)**  
*Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 6:30–8 p.m.*

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

Patrons must have a valid e-mail address to participate. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Social Media Basics (Class limit: 15)**  
*Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 6:30–8:00 p.m.*

We’ll start with an overview of Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest; what they are and what they do. We’ll discuss pitfalls of social media and what you should avoid doing with each site. We will try to set up an account on at least one site and cover a brief overview of how to upload photos to each site, as well as one on how to interact with other users. Patrons must have a valid e-mail address to participate. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

** despair Help – 3M Cloud Library and OverDrive eBooks**

Get eBook help for the 3M Cloud Library eBooks and for OverDrive eBooks! Now with the addition of 3M Cloud Library eBooks, you will have more eBooks to choose from!

For help downloading these eBooks to your reader from the library catalog, Reference Librarian Jean Shimunek will conduct a class on Saturday, September 27, on the basics of downloading eBooks.

The class will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The process of downloading eBooks will be demonstrated on multiple platforms, including the Nook, Kindle Fire, and iPad.

This class is free of charge but does require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, and the number in your party.

**Exploring Pinterest and Twitter (Class limit: 10)**  
*Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 6:30–8:00 p.m.*

Starting with the creation of accounts, we will then explore the uses and benefits of both sites, including sending Tweets and Pinning to a Board, uploading a Pin, and the art of “Following” people. Patrons must have a valid e-mail address to participate. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Herbie’s Game**

*Herbie’s Game*, by Timothy Hallinan, is a lighthearted crime fiction tale. It is about a career house burglar, Junior Bender, who is hired by a crime boss named Wattles to recover an important document that was stolen from his office safe. This list contains the names of those that Wattles uses in what he calls his disconnect, which is a very convoluted chain of communication. It is designed to ensure that the assassinations and other crimes he orders are not traced back to him. So, with that in mind, it is very important that this list does not fall into the wrong hands.

This assignment sends Junior on a wild caper where he meets all sorts of colorful characters and finds out a lot about his own past and ends up questioning the choices he has made in his life.

Hallinan is schooled in all of the great popular crime mystery authors. While the Elmore Leonard, Donald Westlake, and Chandler influences are quite obvious, there is also quite a bit of Damon Runyon in there as well.

This book is very engaging, and I think it is a great summer read; one to have on your lap at the beach or up at the lake.

—Whit Howland  
Library Volunteer
Nonfiction—
Barbree, Jay. Neil Armstrong: A Life of Flight
Dean, John W. The Nixon Defense: What He Knew and When He Knew It
Dudgeon, Piers. Maeve Binchy: The Biography
Evans, Colin. The Valentino Affair: The Jazz Age Murder Scandal That Shocked New York Society and Gripped the World
Food Network Magazine. Sweet: Our Best Cupcakes, Cookies, Candy, and More
Grant, Lee. I Said Yes to Everything
Halber, Deborah. Grant, Lee. I Said Yes to Everything
Halber, Deborah. The Skeleton Crew: How Amateur Sleuths Are Solving America’s Coldest Cases
Halper, Daniel. Clinton, Inc.: The Audacious Rebuilding of a Political Machine
Harvey, Steve. Act Like a Success, Think Like a Success: Discovering Your Gift and the Way to Life’s Riches
Kieffer, Katie. Let Me Be Clear: Barack Obama’s War on Millennials, and One Woman’s Case for Hope
Levitin, Daniel J. The Organized Mind: Thinking Straight in the Age of Information Overload
Lewis, Damien. The Dog Who Could Fly: The Incredible True Story of a WWII Airman and the Four-Legged Hero Who Flew at His Side
Macintyre, Ben. A Spy Among Friends: Kim Philby and the Great Betrayal
Mills, Marja. The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee
Morton, Michael. Getting Life: An Innocent Man’s 25-Year Journey from Prison to Peace
Nolte, Nick. Rich Man, Poor Man: A Memoir
Rappaport, Helen. The Romanov Sisters: The Lost Lives of the Daughters of Nicholas and Alexandra
Rivers, Joan. Diary of a Mad Diva
Robertson, Phil. unPHILtered: The Way I See It
Schmidt, Eric. How Google Works
Scottoline, Lisa, and Francesca Serritella. Have a Nice Guilt Trip
Sheehy, Gail. Daring: My Passages: A Memoir
Swanson, Doug J. Blood Aces: The Wild Ride of Benny Binion, the Texas Gangster Who Created Vegas Poker
Tomlinson, Chris. Tomlinson Hill: The Remarkable Story of Two Families Who Share the Tomlinson Name—One White, One Black
Ward, Geoffrey, and Ken Burns. The Roosevelts: An Intimate History
Waters, John. Carsick: John Waters Hitchhikes Across America

Fiction—
Adler, Elizabeth. Last to Know
Bohjalian, Chris. Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands
Box, C. J. Shots Fired: Stories from Joe Pickett Country
Brooks, Terry. The High Druid’s Blade: The Defenders of Shannara
Brown, Sandra. Mean Streak
Burke, James Lee. Wayfaring Stranger
Cain, Chelsea. One Kick
Castillo, Linda. The Dead Will Tell
Coelho, Paulo. Adultery: A Novel
Coleman, Reed Farrel. Robert B. Parker’s Blind Spot (Jesse Stone)
Coulter, Catherine. The Lost Key
Coulter, Catherine. Power Play: An FBI Thriller
Cussler, Clive. The Eye of Heaven
Deveraux, Jude. For All Time
Follett, Ken. Edge of Eternity
Garlock, Dorothy. Take Me Home
Garwood, Julie. Fast Track
Goodwin, Daisy. The Fortune Hunter: A Novel
Gregory, Philippa. The King’s Curse
Griffin, W. E. B. Deadly Assets
Grippingo, James. Cane and Abe
Hannah, Sophie, and Agatha Christie. The Monogram Murders: The New Hercule Poirot Mystery
Harbison, Beth. Driving with the Top Down
Harkness, Deborah. The Book of Life
Hoag, Tami. Cold Cold Heart
Hurwitz, Gregg. Don’t Look Back
Johansen, Iris. Sight Unseen
Jance, J. A. Remains of Innocence
Kellerman, Faye. Murder 101: A Decker/ Lazarus Novel
Kellerman, Jonathan. The Golem of Hollywood
Koontz, Dean. The City
Krueger, William Kent. Windigo Island
Macomber, Debbie. Love Letters: A Rose Harbor Novel
Maron, Margaret. Designated Daughters
McCullough, Colleen. Bittersweet
Moriarty, Liane. Big Little Lies
Mosley, Walter. Rose Gold: An Easy Rawlins Mystery
Moyes, Jojo. One Plus One
Muller, Marcia. The Night Searchers
O’Dell, Tawni. One of Us
Parker, T. Jefferson. Full Measure
Patterson, James. Burn
Patterson, James. Private Down Under
Patterson, Richard North. Eden in Winter
Preston, Douglas. The Lost Island: A Gideon Crew Novel
Reichs, Kathy. Bones Never Lie
Robards, Karen. Her Last Whisper
Rosenfelt, David. Hounded
Rucka, Greg. Bravo
Siddons, Anne Rivers. The Girls of August
Silva, Daniel. The Heist
Steel, Danielle. A Perfect Life
Taylor, Brad. Days of Rage
Thor, Brad. Act of War: A Thriller
Todd, Charles. An Unwilling Accomplice
Vreeland, Susan. Lisette’s List
White, Randy Wayne. Haunted
Wiggs, Susan. The Beekeeper’s Ball
Wood, Sherryl. Swan Point
Woods, Stuart. Cut and Thrust
John Gibbons started volunteering for Hayner in 2005, though he had put in numerous hours in the Genealogy Library before he became my Jack-of-all-trades volunteer.

He originally worked in the so-called “Mouse Hole,” an area in Hayner’s storage building, which was the old Hudson Jewelry Store next to the downtown library. We processed and discarded old books, getting ready for our big move into the Alton Square Mall library. John came down every day, Monday through Friday, to work with me and other volunteers. He kept statistics for us and processed the books.

John also volunteered to help me with Operation Soldiers. We received hundreds of donations for our soldiers overseas, which we boxed and mailed. Through the generous contributions of our community and Hayner’s wonderful volunteers, we sent more than 300 boxes to the soldiers.

John then helped tag hundreds of books with sensor tags. The next big job for him was helping us move books from downtown to the new library downstairs at Alton Square. John never turned me down for any project that I needed help with.

I knew how much he loved genealogy, and with the new genealogy building, we were going to need volunteers to help at the desk. John was a perfect match. He not only helps the librarians, but he also is working on Alton parochial schools and their historical trails. He has used the Alton Telegraph to find information and pictures about schools. He has finished with St. Patrick’s School and is now working on St. Matthew’s School. He also has done the family histories of the Gibbons, Fritsche, Rynders, and Berghoff families. Along with the family history books, he also wrote a thesis on the legend of the Piasa Bird. These can be found in our Genealogy & Local History Library.

Now I am sure you can understand why I call John my Jack-of-all-trades volunteer. Maybe I should call him my John-of-all-trades!

John grew up in Alton, living on Virginia Avenue with his parents and siblings. He tells me he had a very normal childhood. He had a paper route, cut grass, and played in the fields of St. Anthony’s Hospital. He walked to school, built model airplanes, and really enjoyed street sports. He feels lucky that his childhood was in simpler times. There were families with lots of children to play with in his neighborhood, and the kids made their own fun.

John went to St. Mary’s grade school in Alton. He was a good student. He loved music and attributes his love for choral music to Sister Theona, his music teacher.

John thought he wanted to be a priest. During his youth, if you chose to go into the priesthood you started preparing in your first year of high school. He was sent to the Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio. After seven years he decided not to become a priest.

He came back to the Alton area and spent two years at St. Louis University. He graduated in 1959 with a degree in English and a minor in philosophy. In 1990 he went to Lewis & Clark College and received a library technician degree. He actually interned a semester for Hayner Library.

John was in the service from July 1959 to December 1962. He was in the Reserves from January 1963 to September 1967. He is a graduate of Officer Candidate School and served as Air Intelligence Officer for Attack Squadron 42 (VA-42) at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

John went to work for McDonnell Douglas in 1963. His jobs included editing Engineering Flight Test reports; acting as an administrator for contracts and pricing; and working in the Law Department–Government Regulations. He retired in 1998.

For relaxation John reads novels and works on genealogy. He and Barbara both enjoy going to the St. Louis Symphony and Alton Little Theater. One of the most special experiences in his life was singing in St. Ambrose Parish adult choir for 30 years. It gave him great joy but also gave him one of the saddest times in his life. He had to step down from the choir when his tenor voice stopped working the way he thought it should.

One of John’s greatest honors was being elected president of the old Riverbend United Way. It was a position he took great pride in. I think whatever John does, whether it is work or family or volunteering in his community, he gives it his all!

I asked John what advice he would give for living a good life. He told me to know yourself, your strengths and your weaknesses. A good life to John is to have been faithful to the promises you have made and have provided for the needs of your family, all with a solid moral and religious basis.

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The last thing that I asked John was what he liked about volunteering for Hayner Library. He said, “Good books, good people.”

We are so lucky to have John Gibbons as a volunteer.

Stephanie Munson
Volunteer Coordinator
Select Science Books Have Arrived!

The new Select Science books have arrived at Hayner Public Library! Select Science is a library program emphasizing interest and resources in the sciences with books purchased through a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library. Area educational and science organizations as well as the staff at the library all contributed suggestions for new books.

Local organizations such as the National Great Rivers Museum, Army Corps of Engineers, Alton School District, the Center for American Archeology, and The Nature Institute each contributed suggestions for books that bring real-life applications of biology, ecology, chemistry, and engineering, to name a few, that pertain to the many scientific endeavors in which the Riverbend area is involved.

According to Hayner Reference Librarian Jean Shimunek, and Assistant Director Katie Schrimpf, the Select Science books also include books on technology and engineering, math, AP study guides for math and biology, SAT and ACT math subject test books, a set of pro and con books on the future of renewable energy, a set of books on the issues of the environment, electronics, makerspace books (tinkering), and more.

Two exciting sets of books, Core Concepts, involve the basic blocks of science. Not only do they conform to Common Core State Standards initiatives, they are intriguing and well written with great illustrations and examples for projects. Shimunek expects that these books will interest not only students, but many adults.

Come to the library to explore the new books in the Select Science collection, on display throughout the libraries. Although all the books have not yet been delivered, many are available for checkout now!

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