**Hayner to Hold Trivia Night!**

Join us for a night of fun and friendly competition when The Hayner Public Library District holds its inaugural Trivia Night on Saturday, July 25, 2015. The doors will open at 6 p.m., and Trivia will begin at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium of Marquette Catholic High School, 219 E. 4th Street, Alton, Ill.

Tickets are only $10 per person, with a maximum of 8 players per table. Soda, popcorn, and water will be provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks but no drinks, please. There will be a cash bar, 50/50, a silent auction, and games.

Sponsorships are also available at the following levels:
- **Round Sponsor**: $250 (name mentioned and logo displayed on screen during one round)
- **Table Sponsor**: $100 (name and logo displayed on signage at one table)
- **Refreshment Sponsor**: $50 (name and logo displayed on signage near refreshment table)

Join us on the 25th. Reserve your table now, though walk-ins are welcome. For more information on the event, sponsorship, or to make reservations, call 618-433-2871.

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**Hayner Raffles iPad Air!**

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, from July 1 through August 14, The Hayner Public Library District will be raffling off an Apple iPad Air 2 tablet Wi-Fi + cellular 128 GB-Gold, retail price $829.

The iPad Air 2 is the thinnest, lightest, most powerful Apple tablet in the Apple product line.

Raffle tickets are only $10 apiece, 3 for $20, and will be sold at the Hayner Library Downtown, 326 Belle Street, Alton, and the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall. Cash or check only, please.*

The winner will be drawn at the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall at 10 a.m. on August 14. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Support the library district—buy tickets for yourself and as gifts for family and friends.

*You must be 18 years old or older to purchase raffle tickets.

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**Telescopes Now Available for Checkout!**

You can now check out an Orion StarBlast 4.5” Reflector telescope from either the Hayner Downtown Library or the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall. The library, through an agreement with the St. Louis Astronomical Society, acquired two of the telescopes in May.

Supplementing the library’s purchase, two Alton astronomers and St. Louis Astronomical Society members, Mr. Eddie Agha, staff astronomer at The Nature Institute, and Mr. Steve Sands, staff astronomer for the Watershed Nature Center, have each purchased a telescope to donate to the library collection, as has Ms. Patti Brown, Education Director at The Nature Institute, bringing the total number of available telescopes to five.

Each telescope captures the equivalent amount of light of 250 human eyes. Each has a zoom eyepiece, which gives a range of magnifications from 20 power to 60 power and provides a large field of view spanning from one degree to over two degrees. You will be able to obtain clear observations of the craters on our Moon, Jupiter and its moons, Saturn and its rings, and the brighter star clusters and nebulae.

The telescopes may be checked out for up to seven days by adult Hayner Library card holders. A picture ID must also be presented. A refundable $50 deposit is required for checkout. The telescopes come with a learning kit and everything you need to start your stargazing adventure. Enjoy the great outdoors and night skies with your family and friends.
**Telescope Workshops Available**

Executive Director Bernadette Duvernoy is proud to announce a partnership between The Hayner Public Library District and The Nature Institute Astronomy Association. The Association will host astronomy workshops and activities every third Thursday in the Talahi Lodge at The Nature Institute at 2213 South Levi Lane, Godfrey, Ill.

Starting July 16 at 8:30 p.m., the public will now have a chance to learn more about constellations, stars, the moon, and many other aspects of astronomy. Be sure to come to the library and check out some books to brush up on your knowledge.

Please note that the workshops are subject to time changes because of sunset. Call 1-800-613-3163 today to reserve your spot.

Ms. Duvernoy would also like to thank Eddie Agha, Steve Sands, Patti Brown, the St. Louis Astronomical Society, and all their volunteers for all their hard work and for donation of the library’s telescopes.

**Senior Services Plus Presentation**

Attend the presentation “Learning to Recognize and Resolve Barriers That Prevent Consumers from Accessing Services,” which spotlights Senior Services Plus’s outreach into surrounding counties, including congregate dining sites, fitness class offerings, homecare services, “Taking It on the Road” with Information & Assistance, and the organization’s partnership with the Foster Grandparent Program. The agency’s “Pathway to Wellness” Campaign will also be discussed by Development Coordinator Emily Sutton. This program will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall on Thursday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Services Plus is a nonprofit organization that has been providing services to seniors for over 42 years. Headquartered in Alton, Illinois, Senior Services Plus provides services to the entire St. Louis area in Illinois and Missouri. The agency’s services include: Home Care, Meals on Wheels, Wellness Center, Transportation Services, Events & Activities, Travel Program, Foster Grandparent Program, Care Transitions, and Information & Assistance.

**Take Our Survey Online**

In a previous newsletter, we published a patron survey to solicit your input on how library services meet your needs. We received many responses and many helpful suggestions. This survey is now online. We want to hear from you. It only takes a few minutes. Just go to www.haynerlibrary.org and click on Survey. Thanks!

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**Spotlight on a Fine Alton Lady**

A dedicated leader; industrious; conscientious; award winner; devoted teacher; artist; and a friend of many; these are all titles that have been conferred upon a lady who, among many other things, is remembered most for her love of proper English and of theater.

Dorothy E. Colonius was born September 1, 1906, in Alton. She was the daughter of George and Minnie (Heide) Colonius. Her father was a hard-working businessman who stayed active in civic and social affairs. Her mother, at the time of her death, was one of the oldest members of Grace Methodist Church and for many years had taken an active role within the church ministry. Most likely it was Dorothy’s parents who introduced the importance of public involvement to their daughter while supporting her efforts in becoming a strong, independent woman.

Dorothy began her long and successful career during an era when a woman’s seeking a profession was not widely encouraged. It was fortunate for the city of Alton that society’s idea of women staying home and keeping house would not stop Dorothy or slow her down in her vocational pursuit.

Dorothy was an educated woman who attended not just one university, but three. Her years of education included studies at Shurtleff College in Alton, the University of Chicago, and the private, Ivy League, Cornell University in New York. In 1931 she received a master’s degree in English. With degree in hand, she returned home and began her career, a career that included many years of supervising the Alton High School English Department.

In 1952 she was presented a fellowship through the Ford Foundation established by the late automobile tycoon. This fellowship allowed her to travel the United States touring professional, top-ranked theaters.

In 1960 she was chosen and presented with Alton High School’s Teacher of the Year award. It was a love of teaching that kept Dorothy active after her retirement in 1967. After many successful years at Alton High School, she returned to teach another two years at Marquette Catholic High School.

She was also deeply involved in local clubs and organizations. She stayed active with the Madison County Retired Teachers Association, served as president of the Alton Women’s Volunteer League, and the Upper Alton Women’s Club during the ’70s. She was also a frequent guest speaker for many other social clubs throughout the area.

A tireless advocate of thespianism, she will always be known as the guiding light in the establishment of the Alton Little Theater in November of 1933. Dorothy not only founded the theater, she committed herself to all areas of the undertaking. She was an actress, a producer, a writer, and also the business leader.

As each year passes into another, her many contributions to the theater will never go unappreciated. In 1972 the lobby of the Alton Little Theater at 2450 Henry Street was remodeled and formally dedicated “The Dorothy Colonius Foyer.” For over 40 years she labored through countless obstacles and against formidable odds while working at the helm. She surrendered her time and tendered her talents to keep the doors open and the ticket holders entertained. Today, due to Dorothy’s efforts, the Alton Little Theater continues to be one of the longest-running successes of any such group in the United States.

Dorothy E. Colonius died at St. Anthony’s Hospital in the early morning of Sunday, September 16, 1979. She was 73. With her passing, she left a legacy that is remembered and honored each time the theater doors are unlocked and with every satisfied clap of hands.

—Pam Bierman
**New in Our Illinois Room**

Abraham Lincoln in Illinois (from Illinois State Archives) IR B LINCOLN
America Looks West, Lewis and Clark on the Missouri IR 917.8043 AME
Catholic Marriages 1792–1863 St. Charles County MO IR 929.377839 COL
Duty, Honor and Country (37th Illinois Infantry) IR 973.7473 BLA
First Presbyterian Church Cookbook IR 641.5 FIR
Genealogy Standards 50th Anniversary Edition IR 929.1 GEN
German Immigration into Pennsylvania IR 929.1 DIF
History of the Second Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry IR 973.7473 HIS
Journal of Rudolph Friederich Kurz IR 381.4568 KUR
Letters Concerning the Riggin Family IR 977.386 LET
Migration, Emigration, Immigration IR 929.1072073
The Negro in Illinois: The WPA Papers IR 977.30493 NEG
Pilgrim Fathers of New England (patron donation) IR 974.4 MAR
Stealing Indian Women: Native Slavery in the Illinois Country IR 977.300497 EKB
Southern Illinois: A Photographer's Love for the Countryside IR 973.73 TRO
Sustainable Genealogy: Separating Fact from Fiction in Family Legends IR 929.1072 HIT
Treasures of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library IR 026.973 TRE
Twenty newspaper columns that deal with Illinois history by John J. Dunphy IR 977.386 DUN
The Uprooted: The Epic Story of the Great Migrations That Made the American People IR 304.873 HAN

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**Thank You to Our Corporate Grantors!**

A huge thank you is due to our corporate partners! Target, Dollar General, Best Buy, Walmart, and Monsanto continue to invest in the local community through grants to our library. Over the past year, The Hayner Public Library District has received more than $7,000 in grants for early childhood reading, youth literacy, teen technology skills, and information on healthy eating for all ages.

Another $6,000 has been awarded for Educational Resources in Science from the Monsanto Corporation.

Target contributed $3,000 this year to the library for our program entitled "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten." This grant enabled the library to purchase more than 150 books, plus incentives and materials to encourage a love of reading early in life.

Dollar General has, for the third year in a row, given The Hayner Public Library District $500 to be used for incentives for the Summer Reading Program. The theme for the summer of 2015 is "Read to the Rhythm," emphasizing music and musical themes in books and activities.

The technology purchased with a $3,000 grant from Best Buy enabled the library to purchase a computer, a large monitor, a video Go Pro camera, and video editing equipment for the library branch located in the Riverbender Community Center. Teens will learn to add music to videos this summer, and the equipment will be available for use by teens to create and edit videos for fun or educational use during regular Hayner/ RBCC library hours. Future plans include some instructional sessions on how to use the equipment and software.

The local Walmart stores have contributed $750 toward the library’s collection on health and food. Books will be purchased for children, parents, and adults on eating healthy and preventing health complications caused by poor dietary habits.

The forthcoming grant from Monsanto will be used to purchase new educational DVDs and science kits for use by teachers, parents, and homeschooled children. Many of these will be available in September.

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**Coming this Fall**

Coming this fall to The Hayner Public Library District is a new family program entitled Armchair Traveler. Held every three months, each program will feature a different culture from around the world. A variety of dancing, food, speakers, or other exciting activities will be on tap at the presentations. Check back with our fall newsletter for more information on this exciting new program.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be a part of one of the Armchair Traveler programs, please contact Sharon Windham at 618-433-2861 or Penny Noble at 618-462-0677, ext. 2848.
New Display at the Genealogy & Local History Library: Upper Alton Pottery of the 19th Century

The first potters of European descent recorded as working in the Alton area were William Pinkard and William Heath. They came to Upper Alton from Ohio with their families and in the spring of 1820 began the manufacture of earthenware pottery, providing dishes, cups, crocks, and other vessels to local settlers.

By 1840, with 23 potters in operation throughout the state, Illinois had become second only to Ohio in ceramic production. Potteries were generally situated near accessible clay sources on the outskirts of towns because of the unpleasant emission of kiln fumes and smoke and the risk of accidental fires. Tributaries of Wood River and Coal Branch Creek served as sources of both clay and water. An exposed coal seam at the head of Hop Hollow also provided excellent clay, and firewood for the kiln could be easily obtained on local land.

Most family potteries had only one kiln, a shop for throwing pots, a drying shed, and a horse-powered pug mill for preparing clay. Early potteries were operated by single families, most of whom were farmers who made pottery on the side. But as demand grew, potters began to specialize and production centers expanded.

Surprisingly, we get a glimpse of what life was like for potters in Upper Alton from Potters’ Examiner and Workmen’s Advocate, a weekly paper first published in 1843 and circulated in the pottery towns around Staffordshire, England. Pottery production had been going strong in Staffordshire since the early 17th century, but by the 1840s things were getting more difficult.

At a time of low wages, oppressive employers, and a high rate of unemployment, the Potters’ Examiner encouraged potters to emigrate to the United States by printing letters from English potters working in the U.S. describing what life was like in their new home. Many Staffordshire potters settled near the Mississippi River. The existence of pottery making and the presence of other Staffordshire people in Alton, Chester, and Nauvoo, Illinois, and in St. Louis attracted other immigrants.

A letter from brothers Walter and Thomas Croxton, who were working as potters at Alton in the early 1840s, offers interesting information about their business:

The first time we drew our kiln, I wish you had been here to have seen the sight. There was such a one that I never expected to see. There were three potsellers, with their wagons, waiting for the ware, as it came out of the kiln. All the ware was drawn, packed, and sold before dinner. The weather is milder now than it was at this time last year, for we were obliged then to cease work, from the frost being so severe; but now we are as busy as we can be. Give our love to my father, mother, brothers and sisters; and tell them all, they must come to us as soon as they can for we want them to be with us. Tell my father that he must not think of farming for the first twelve months after he comes here, as he will do better by potting, for we often want his assistance. If he were with us, we should do much better than we are doing, although we are in good circumstances as could be expected, from our being but young men, and in a strange land.

The popularity of the area’s pottery production is very apparent in local publications at this time as well. An article on Upper Alton in the Alton Weekly Courier from March 1856 mentioned eight potteries employing 100 people, and the 1866 Gazetteer of Madison County noted that

The manufacturing business is very considerable, particularly the potter’s ware, brickmaking, etc. . . . There are from six to eight potteries in constant blast, three of them do salamander work, and one does terra cotta work; all of which is made profitable to the proprietors.

The decline in pottery production in the second half of the nineteenth century resulted from a number of factors, but one of the biggest was the abundance of glass and metal containers being produced. In the Alton area, the Illinois Glass Company had four factories with 450 employees by the early 1880s. In contrast, the Alton City Directory for 1886–1887 lists only four potters.

We currently have a display at the Genealogy & Local History Library of earthenware and stoneware by the potteries Ulrich–Wietfeld (1836–1876), Isaac E. Warnack & Son (1843–1867), George Swettenham (1850–1866), Julius Wilhelms & Company (1855–1887), and W. J. Mahar Stoneware Manufacturer (1875–1888). A map of the pottery locations in Upper Alton, advertisements, letterhead examples, daguerreotypes of the Wietfeld family, and an extremely rare early photograph of John Wietfeld round out the display. We also have a copy of The Potters, Kilns, and Stoneware of Upper Alton, IR 738.37 MAT, by local pottery expert Greg Mathis on the shelf for anyone who is interested in learning more about early potters of the area.

e-Book and e-Audio Help for 3M Cloud Library and OverDrive

For help downloading e-books and e-audios to your e-reader from the library catalog, librarians Jean Shimunek and Miriam Lozano will conduct a class on Saturday, September 19, on the basics of downloading e-books and e-audios.

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

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

➢ Movers and Shakers Story Time — Come join us for this fun and interactive story time for 3–5-year-olds. Children will hear stories, sing songs, and do crafts that reflect the weekly theme. Meeting dates are Mondays, August 17, August 24, August 31, September 14, and September 21, 2015, 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 Thursdays, August 20, August 27, September 3, September 10, September 17, and September 24, 2015, at 10 a.m. Please register at 433-2881.

➢ Spanish Story Time — Come join us in the KidsSpace at Hayner Public Library at Alton Square for Stories with Hector. Hector Lozano, from Hayner Public Library's downtown location, will be assisting us for this special story time. This 45-minute activity is a lively combination of books, finger plays, and songs in both English and Spanish for preschool children ages 3 to 5. Hector will be here at 10 a.m. on the following Mondays: August 31 and September 28, 2015. 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! 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 date in September is: Thursday, September 10, 2015, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please register at 433-2881.

➢ 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 17, August 24, August 31, September 14, September 21, and September 28, 2015. 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 Tuesdays, August 18, August 25, September 1, September 8, September 15, September 22, and September 29, 2015. 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 5–10 years of age. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Please register at 462-0677, ext. 2836.

SPECIAL EVENTS

➢ Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 10 a.m.
Animal Avengers will feature live, exotic wildlife from all over the world that possess unique abilities. Enhanced adaptations for sight, sound, touch, strength, and movement allow these animals to overcome impossible barriers. The audience will be asked to interact with the animals through “hands-on” volunteering, question & answer, and crowd participation activities. All are guaranteed an up-close and personal experience. This program will be held in the Hayner Library Performance Room on the upper level at Alton Square Mall. No registration required.

DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES

➢ Evening Story Time — Kids, come join us for After-School Craft at Hayner Public Library downtown KidsSpace. The craft will be for children 5–10 years of age. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Please register at 462-0677, ext. 2836.

TEENS SPACE

➢ 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. First meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at Riverbender.com Community Center at 4 p.m. 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, and pizza is on the menu! Our first movie will be Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 3:45 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. Our first club date is Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to get dates, call Shannon at 433-2872.

Star Wars Reads Day 2015

Star Wars Reads Day is an international event that celebrates reading and Star Wars. It was launched in 2012 by Lucasfilm. Since then thousands of educational institutions and libraries have celebrated this event.

If you came out to join us for Star Wars Reads Day 2014, you were greeted by characters from the Garrison 501st Legion from Scott Air Force Base and activities ranging from designing your own X-wing fighter, to battling with our homemade light sabers, decorating Star Wars cookies, and much more.

This year we have planned another fun day, including Star Wars Clone Wars light saber duels with Big Screen Games of Edwardsville, costumed characters, Star Wars board games, refreshments, and more. Please come out and join us on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. in the Performance Room at Alton Square. This event is for children ages 6–12 years of age. To register for this event, call 433-2861 or 433-2881.
SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER

Join us for our summer 2015 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they’re all free of charge. All programs do require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.

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

REMEMBER

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 11
Saturday, August 8
Saturday, September 12
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!

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

Dave Foraker
Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.

Well known throughout the St. Louis area, Dave pounds the piano, tells stories, and sings the blues. His music is a blend of standards, blues, jazz, and gospel, with each song “bluesified” by his signature vocal style. His stories are culled from a 50-plus-year career in music, often working alongside some of the legends of R&B and the blues. His goal with every performance is to provide encouraging and enlightening entertainment for all ages. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Dave Foraker
Tuesday, August 18, 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 130 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.

Charlotte Johnson
Early African American Churches in the Alton Area
Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 p.m.

To be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton. Local historian Charlotte Johnson will discuss the history of the Baptist and Methodist churches in the Alton area from 1819 to the late 1930s. Seating is limited. Register at 1-800-613-3163.
**SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER**

**Fiddlin’ Banjo Billy and The Old Time Players**

**Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.**

The Old Time Players is a unique group of dedicated old-time musicians, committed to the preservation of our American musical heritage. This group plays a wide variety of traditional American music, old-time fiddle and dance tunes, and folk songs from our great Western expansion. This was the popular music of the day, and American musical expression continued to grow through such modes as the Minstrel Show, Vaudeville, Burlesque, and Ragtime. These tunes represent over 100 years of our musical diversity and the development of American popular culture. This music is incredibly high-spirited and hard-hitting, yet rhythmically sophisticated. It is energetic and fun. Let us show you how much fun it can be for you! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Maureen Christine**

**You Raise Me Up—Songs That Inspire Us**

**Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.**

Celebrated concert vocalist and national recording artist Maureen Christine has delighted Hayner audiences with her romantic ballads and award-winning compositions. Her singing has been hailed by reviewers as “crystal clear” and “a lovely sweet voice with a beautiful way with ballads.” This program will feature Maureen’s heartfelt renditions of inspiring songs including “Wind Beneath My Wings,” “You Raise Me Up,” “Because You Loved Me,” and “You Light Up My Life.” Maureen will also include classic gems such as “Over the Rainbow,” “A Wonderful World,” “Morning Has Broken,” and “You’ll Never Walk Alone.” Maureen will be accompanied by renowned saxophonist Michael Bazen, who has performed with Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons, Bob Hope, Jerry Lewis, and numerous jazz ensembles and big bands. Don’t miss this wonderful performance! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**The Original Boneheads**

**Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.**

The original Boneheads, a.k.a. The St. Louis Trombone Quartet, was founded in 1998 and has in the years since performed in a myriad of venues to glowing reviews. Each of the players is conservatory trained and experienced in musical settings from symphony orchestras to bar bands. The breadth of musical experience is reflected in the quartet’s song list, which contains marches, jazz and swing, rock, doo wop, classical, R&B, polkas, blues, Americana, and more. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

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**North Alton Godfrey Business Council Summer Music Series**

The North Alton Godfrey Business Council is pleased to announce a talented lineup of musical entertainment for its 9th annual “Expressions–A Musical Experience” series.

These are free public concerts with sounds and appeal for people of all ages, with no reservations required. All performances are held in the beautiful, air-conditioned and acoustically perfect space of the Alton High School Performing Arts Center, 4200 Humbert Road, Alton, Illinois. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.

The next concert, on July 8th, features a longtime area favorite, “Gary Dammer and His Big Band.” Gary’s smooth trumpet solos are complemented by 17 of the area’s finest musicians, together with vocal renderings by Steve Schiniger. This program features an array of Big Band charts and Frank Sinatra arrangements.

The August 12th concert features the Big Band sounds of The Sentimental Journey Dance Orchestra, an 18-piece swinging aggregation playing the charts of Benny Goodman, Harry James, and the Dorsey’s. This group is truly a sentimental favorite of everyone.

The final concert on September 9th sees the return of a five-piece ensemble from the St. Louis Symphony, a proud part of the concert series for the last three years. This will be a combination of education to students in the afternoon, and an outstanding evening performance.

Corporate Sponsors include the Business Council together with the following Council members: Advantage News; Alton Memorial Hospital; Carvers; First Mid-America Credit Union; Freer Auto Body & Accessories; The Hayner Public Library District; Karen Wilson State Farm Insurance; Liberty Bank; McDonald’s Restaurants of Alton, Bethalto, Godfrey, and Hamel; Senior Services Plus; and Strategic Consulting, Inc. The series is a community-inspired event with an appeal to all music lovers. Note the dates on your calendar, come and relax in air-conditioned comfort, and hear great music to soothe the mind and the soul.

For additional information call 618-779-9735 or e-mail jabusch1@att.net.

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**Good news!** The DVDs and audio CDs are back in circulation at the Downtown Library. The DVDs and audio CDs have found a temporary new home near the windows of the Downtown Library. We hope you’ll come and check it out!
Becky Hogan has been a great asset to our Genealogy volunteers. She has researched her family heritage for many years. I have known Becky off and on for years because of her sister, Libby Kelly. Becky started volunteering for us in 2013. You can see her smiling face on Fridays from 11–2 at our Genealogy & Local History Library. She is always ready to help in many ways.

Becky was born and raised in Alton. She grew up in a neighborhood where everyone watched after all the neighborhood children. They had neighborhood picnics. The children would hang sheets on clotheslines and put on a play for everyone. They served Kool-Aid and popcorn. A big treat for the children was going to Wood River swimming pool or taking a trip on the Admiral that cruised up and down the Mississippi. Becky said it was nothing to have a neighborhood Monopoly game go on for three days. The children all looked forward to the Carnival at Northside Park. As teens, Becky and her friends would go to Veith's for a coke and French fries. They would go to Northside Theatre for movies or to the Temple, where dances were held for teens.

Becky has very fond memories of her mother and father. Her mother was a stay-at-home mom and was a very good cook and housekeeper. Her father was a hard worker. He could make anything. He was involved with Northside playground and made all the Christmas decorations for their church. They were not strict parents, but there were rules to abide by. Becky has a sister, Libby Kelly, and there is a five-year difference in their ages. When they were teens they had the usual spats among sisters. She and Libby still have good times together, and she considers Libby her best friend!

After Becky graduated from Alton High School, she started classes at St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton and studied to be a laboratory technician. She worked at St. Joe's until 1962. What I find so interesting is Becky's married life. She married Francis Joseph Hogan, whom she lovingly calls Bud, in 1962. They moved to Rolla, Missouri, so he could continue studying for his ME degree. Becky worked at Phelps County Memorial Hospital.

Bud graduated with his degree and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. He went to Fort Belvoir in Virginia for OCS and then to Fort Polk in Louisiana. Becky worked at the Byrd Clinic and Hospital in Leesville while Bud was serving at Fort Polk. Bud was CO of the 578th Combat Engineers. In 1965 most of the base was sent to Cam Rahn Bay in South Vietnam to build airstrips and ports for the influx of American troops.

Becky came back to Alton to live with her parents. She was seven months pregnant with their son, Hoagy. The baby was a year old when Bud was discharged and came home. Bud started working for Owens-Illinois Glass. Their second son, Patrick, was born in 1968. In 1974 the Hogan family was transferred to Toledo, Ohio. They lived in Sylvania for six months.

Again Owens-Illinois transferred the Hogans, this time to the New Orleans plant. They lived in Kenner, Louisiana. Becky thought New Orleans was a fascinating town to live in. There was Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's, plantations to see, steamboat races, Jackson Square and Café du Monde. One of the best things to do was to go to Tickfaw, Louisiana, and tube down the Tangipahoa River. They would tube so far down and then stop on a sandbar and have lunch.

Becky became very involved with her boys' school those five years that they lived in Louisiana. The Hogan family was then transferred to a plant in Mansfield, Massachusetts, which was 30 miles south of Boston. The Hogans visited many historical sites, such as Lexington/Concord, Plymouth Rock and village, the mansions in Newport, R.I., Cape Cod, and Martha's Vineyard. They watched the Boston Marathon. Two of their favorite vacation spots were in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and in the White Mountains in New Hampshire.

The next transfer was to the plant in Milford, Connecticut. They lived in Madison, a small town on the Long Island Sound with beautiful beaches.

Their last transfer was to a plant in East Brunswick, New Jersey. While living in Somerset, they went to New York frequently. They enjoyed the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. They saw the parade for the Olympians in 1984. They visited South Street Seaport, Battery Park, the Statue of Liberty, and Times Square, where you saw it all, Becky says.

After an accident and rehab, Bud continued to work for Owens-Illinois, and Becky worked part-time in the Personnel Department. They lost their son Patrick in the same accident as Bud's.

On their 25th wedding anniversary, Bud hired a limo and took Becky and their son and daughter-in-law to New York. Their destination was the Twin Towers. With no idea of the devastation in store for the landmarks, they had dinner at the Windows on the World, which was on the 107th floor of the North Tower. Becky says the elevator ride was an event in itself. She says the view of the city is gorgeous. Becky thinks that New York City is not so pretty in the daytime, but when night falls, the city buildings and the bridge all lit up are an amazing sight.

The Brunswick plant was sold, and the Hogan family made one last move, back to their hometown of Alton.

Becky has three great-grandchildren: Joe, who works for the state of South Carolina; Elizabeth, who is at the University of Illinois obtaining her masters in biology; and Shaun, who is at the University of Alabama studying physics.

Becky says she has had a very interesting life, and one good aspect about moving so frequently is that she doesn't collect a lot of stuff! I think Becky could write a book on how to make many moves in your life. She probably has it down to a science.

Her words of wisdom are that one should think positive, laugh with others, and learn to laugh at oneself.

Thank you, Becky, for sharing your time with Hayner Library.

—Stephanie Munson
Computer Class Offerings
Summer 2015

PC Basics • Part 1, July 8, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
• Part 2, July 15, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.*
An introduction to personal computers: Overcome your fears and gain skills to use personally and professionally. After this class, you will be able to identify basic computer terminology as well as the components and operating systems features; execute basic mouse techniques, use the keyboard features, and printer; open and exit software programs; utilize storage media such as CDs and flash drives; and identify and use the various toolbars.
Part 1
• Interacting with the computer, keyboard, and mouse
Part 2
• Windows: Desktop/ Taskbar/Start menu/ Open files/Save files/Flash drive/Print documents
Although the courses are free, registration is requested. Please note the skills taught in each session. You may register for one or more sessions at a time. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, and the name of the section(s) for which you are registering.

Internet Basics • Part 1, July 22, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
• Part 2, July 29, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
An introduction to Web-surfing, e-mail, and online job search and application. This class is designed for individuals with little to no experience in using the Internet. This class will teach you how to set up an e-mail account, use basic e-mail features, use a search engine to locate information and search for employment, and the basics of filling in electronic job applications.
Part 1
• Internet basics/ Searching the Internet/ Creating & navigating e-mail
Part 2
• Review e-mail basics/ Job searches/ Job applications (actual job application does not occur)
Although the courses are free, registration is requested. Please note the skills taught in each session. You may register for one or more sessions at a time. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, and the name of the section(s) for which you are registering.

*If you already use a computer and a mouse, this course is not for you.

Microsoft Word for Beginners • Part 1, Aug. 5, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
• Part 2, Aug. 12, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
This class is for the beginning or novice user of Microsoft Word. It totals 2 progressive sessions, which will teach you to create, save, copy, move, and retrieve electronic files. You will also be able to produce a document using a word processing program, edit it, use spell checker, and use editing features such as bold, italics, etc., to produce a finished product. You may register for both sections or register for each separately, according to your need. Topics that will be covered are listed below for each of the 2 sessions.
Part 1
• Getting Started • Saving Documents/Page Formatting • Spacing/Columns • Printing/ Indenting/Tabs
Part 2
• Using Shapes/Text Boxes • Clip Art/ Formatting Pictures • Templates
Although the courses are free, registration is requested. Please note the skills taught in each session. You may register for one or more sessions at a time. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Please leave your name, phone number, and the name of the section(s) for which you are registering.

Summer 2015 Social Media Classes

Please note: All classes will be held in the Multipurpose Room at Hayner Public Library at Alton Square Mall.

Social Media Basics (Class limit: 15)
Saturday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon
We’ll start with an overview of Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest; what they are and what they do. We’ll discuss pitfalls of social media and what you should avoid doing with each site. We will try to set up an account on at least one site, and cover a brief overview of how to upload photos to each site as well as one on how to interact with other users.
This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring laptops and tablets.

Facebook Revealed (Class limit: 15)
Saturday, August 15, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon
This class will start with the creating of a Facebook account and will then proceed to finding friends, uploading photos and videos, navigating the 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.
This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring laptops and tablets.

Exploring Pinterest and Twitter (Class limit: 15)
Saturday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon
Starting with the creation of accounts, we will then explore the uses and benefits of both sites, including sending Tweets and Pinning to a Board, uploading a Pin, and the art of “Following” people.
This class is presentational only. You do not need to bring laptops and tablets.

Hayner Library Offers Database Class
Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Multipurpose Room,
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall

Students, teachers, learners of all ages! Attend the Database Class for help with exploring the free online databases Hayner Library has to offer for help with school papers, science projects, test taking, and more.

There are databases offering instructions on auto repair and how-to instructions for hobbies and crafts. Along with all these free databases, Consumer Reports online is also available. And now Testing and Education Reference Center is back!

Testing and Education Reference Center offers guidance and research tools on careers and education. Practice testing for the ACT, SAT, AP test, professional license exams, and more.

Come join us and learn how Hayner Library databases can help you in your classroom or in your everyday life. Register at 1-800-613-3163.
**Staff Picks**

**Magic Rises** by Ilona Andrews  
This book is an excellent addition to the Kate Daniels series! Full of magic, fighting, and heartbreak, it’s a book you’ll find hard to put down! —**Teresa H.**

**The Light Between Oceans** by M. L. Stedman  
An excellent and emotional read about good people living with tragic decisions that have an effect on so many characters in the book, and the author is able to make you care about all of them. —**Brenda V.**

**First Grave on the Right** by Darynda Jones  
Charley Davidson is both a private investigator and the grim reaper, helping both living and dead clients. —**Penny N.**

**Them Bones** by Carolyn Haines  
Meet Sarah Booth Delaney, a Southern belle who becomes an investigator under hilarious circumstances. —**Penny N.**

**Secondhand Spirits** by Juliet Blackwell  
When a client of Lily Ivory’s vintage clothing shop is murdered, she must use all the skills at her disposal to find a killer, who might or might not be alive. —**Penny N.**

**It Takes a Witch** by Heather Blake  
Darcy Merriweather finds out she is a witch, moves in with her aunt, and is soon involved in a murder investigation, all within a short period of time. —**Penny N.**

**Here’s Johnny!** by Ed McMahon  
Ed McMahon gives a personal look into the long friendship he had with Johnny Carson. —**Penny N.**

**Live: Barefoot at the Symphony** by Idina Menzel  
(Music CD) Songs include the jazzy “Life of the Party,” the powerful “Asleep on the Wind,” and Ms. Menzel’s signature, “Defying Gravity.” —**Theresa M.**

**Buster Keaton Collection (DVD)**  
This two-disc DVD set contains three of the iconic slapstick star’s films, including his first talkie, *Free and Easy*. —**Theresa M.**

**The Lost Wife** by Alyson Richman  
A beautifully written and inspiring story about first love and the devastating effects of the Nazi invasion in Prague. The story of Lenka and Josef explores the power of love, resilience of the human spirit, hope, and the strength of memories. —**Miriam L.**

**The Thurber Carnival** by James Thurber  
Essays, stories, and sketches from one of the finest humorists of the 20th century.—**Mary C.**

**White Teeth** by Zadie Smith  
Fantastic debut novel. Set in a north London neighborhood, this novel follows the lives of two Army buddies and their children as they navigate cultural identity, religion, and the clash between the old world and the new, the past and the present. —**Mary C.**

**Take the Cannoli: Stories from the New World** by Sarah Vowell  
Smart, engaging, funny, and observant essays from one of the best voices on Public Radio. —**Mary C.**

**Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy** by John LeCarre  
Complex and gripping. The plot will keep you guessing until the very end. Perhaps the best spy novel ever written. —**Mary C.**

**Delights and Shadows** by Ted Kooser  
Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. Tender and poignant, this collection of poems observes and celebrates the beauty in the everyday. —**Mary C.**

**Murder at the Vicarage** by Agatha Christie  
The classic whodunit by the Queen of Crime. This is the first full-length mystery novel featuring the sharp observational skills of Miss Jane Marple, resident sleuth of St. Mary Mead. —**Mary C.**

**Death Angel** by Linda Fairstein  
Mystery, romance, NYC Central Park—what more can you ask for? Death Angel is the 15th in the Alex Cooper series—can’t wait for #16. —**Marilyn S.**

**Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)** by Mindy Kaling  
Mindy Kaling is best known for *The Office* and *The Mindy Project*, but this hilarious memoir also describes her life before network television: the joys and horrors of summer camp, working as a production assistant on a cable TV psychic show, and co-writing and co-starring in an off-Broadway play called *Matt & Ben*, where she played Ben Affleck. —**Lacy M.**

**Me Before You** by Jojo Moyes  
An unlikely love story, complicated family dynamics and a moral dilemma that will suck you into caring about the fate of the heroine. —**Esther G.**

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**Did You Know?**

Londoners who wanted to “elope” in the 1600s and 1700s went to the prisons to get married!  
View Ancestry Library Edition free in Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street.

**Did you ancestor “do time”**?  
*Did he or she spend time in the “insane asylum”?*  
The reasons for institutionalizing people in the past were often quite different than they are now.

**BlackSheepAncestors.com** has U. S. genealogical prison records and insane asylum records as well as U. K. genealogical prison records.  

**Our ancestors followed these rules:**  
1) Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Abel, Richard, Thomas, or William.  
2) Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, or Mae.  
3) Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, never refer to them by those names again; instead, thou shalt call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, and Sally.  
4) Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled or misspelled in various ways: Tipper, Topper, Hopper, Tucker, or Tapper.
NONFICTION

Brown, Brené. Rising Strong
Brown, Leanne. Good and Cheap: Eat Well on $4/Day
Buck, Rinker. The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey
Canfield, Jack. The 30-Day Sobriety Solution: How to Cut Back or Quit Drinking in the Privacy of Your Own Home
Carter, Jimmy. A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety
Casey, Susan. Voices in the Ocean: A Journey into the Wild and Haunting World of Dolphins
Cruz, Ted. A Time for Truth: Reigniting the Promise of America
Dickey, Christopher. Our Man in Charleston: Britain’s Secret Agent in the Civil War South
Finnegan, William. Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life
Gilbert, Elizabeth. Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear
Good, Phyllis. Fix-It and Forget-It Slow Cooker Magic: 550 Amazing Everyday Recipes
Hake, Terrence. Operation Greylord: The True Story of an Untrained Undercover Agent and America’s Biggest Corruption Bust
Karr, Mary. The Art of Memoir
Kennedy, Patrick A. Common Struggle: A Personal Journey Through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction
Le Guin, Ursula K. Steering the Craft: A Twenty-First-Century Guide to Sailing the Sea of Story
Levin, Mark R. Plunder and Deceit
Lunden, Joan. Had I Known: A Memoir of Survival
McCaskill, Claire. Plenty Ladylike
Neff, James. Vendetta: Bobby Kennedy Versus Jimmy Hoffa
Oppenheimer, Jerry. RFK Jr.: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and the Dark Side of the Dream
Posnanski, Joe. The Secret of Golf: The Story of Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus
Prizant, Barry M., Ph.D. Uniquely Human: A Different Way of Seeing Autism
Ramos, Jason A. Smokejumper: A Memoir by One of America’s Most Select Airborne Firefighters
Reich, Robert B. Saving Capitalism: For the Many, Not the Few
Reichl, Ruth. My Kitchen Year: 156 Recipes That Saved My Life
Roker, Al. The Storm of the Century: Tragedy, Heroism, Survival, and the Epic True Story of America’s Deadliest Natural Disaster: The Great Gulf Hurricane of 1900
Rosenfelt, David. Lessons from Tara: Life Advice from the World’s Most Brilliant Dog
Scottoinline, Lisa & Francesca Serritella. Does This Beach Make Me Look Fat?
Seek, Amy. God and Jetfire: Confessions of a Birth Mother
Theroux, Paul. Deep South: Four Seasons on the Back Roads
Thomas, Mathilde. The French Beauty Solution: Time-Tested Secrets to Look and Feel Beautiful Inside and Out

FICTION

Adler, Elizabeth. One Way or Another
Atkins, Ace. The Redeemers
Barclay, Linwood. Broken Promise
Beaton, M. C. Dishing the Dirt
Bell, Ted. Patriot: An Alex Hawke Novel
Bowen, Rhys. Malice at the Palace
Box, C. J. Badlands
Brooks, Geraldine. The Secret Chord
Brown, Dale. Iron Wolf
Brown, Sandra. Friction
Castillo, Linda. After the Storm
Clark, Mary Higgins. Death Wars a Beauty Mask and Other Stories
Coleman, Reed Farrel. Robert B. Parker’s The Devil Wins
Connolly, John. A Song of Shadows
Coulter, Catherine. The End Game
Coulter, Catherine. Nemesis
Cussler, Clive. The Solomon Curse
Dallas, Sandra. The Last Midwife
Difffenbaugh, Vanessa. We Never Asked for Wings
Fairstine, Linda. Devil’s Bridge
Franzen, Jonathan. Purity
Garlock, Dorothy. Twice in a Lifetime
Garrow, Julie. Wired
Grafton, Sue. X Is for...
Griffin, W.E.B. Deadly Assets: A Badge of Honor Novel
Hoffman, Alice. The Marriage of Opposites
Jance, J. A. Dance of the Bones: A J. P. Beaumont and Brandon Walker Novel
Johansen, Iris. The Naked Eye
Johansen, Iris. Shadow Play: An Eve Duncan Novel
Jong, Erica. Fear of Dying

Karon, Jan. Come Rain or Come Shine
Kava, Alex. Silent Creed
Kellerman, Jonathan. The Murderer’s Daughter
Kenyon, Sherrilyn. Dragonhane
Kleypas, Lisa. Brown-Eyed Girl
Lee, Harper. Go Set a Watchman
Lindsay, Jeff. Dexter Is Dead
Lowell, Elizabeth. Perfect Touch
Macomber, Debbie. Silver Linings
Maron, Margaret. Long Upon the Land
McCall Smith, Alexander. The Novel Habits of Happiness: An Isabel Dalhousie Novel
McLain, Paula. Circling the Sun: A Novel
Moyes, Jojo. After You
Paretzky, Sara. Brush Back
Patterson, James. The Murder House
Perry, Anne. Corridors of the Night
Reichs, Kathy. Speaking in Bones
Robards, Karen. The Last Time I Saw Her
Rosenfelt, David. Who Let the Dog Out
Silva, Daniel. The English Spy
Slaughter, Karin. Pretty Girls
Sparks, Nicholas. [Untitled] ISBN 9781455520619
Steel, Danielle. Undercover
Taylor, Brad. The Insider Threat
Thor, Brad. Code of Conduct
Todd, Charles. Pattern of Lies
Woods, Stuart. Naked Greed

Wbodunit?

The Hayner Public Library District is excited to announce a new mystery book club—“Whodunit?! The verdict will come in with the first meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Alton Square location, with Penny Noble hosting the club.

The evidence shows the book club will feature the book Murder in the White House by Margaret Truman. Penny, who is the alleged Customer Service Manager at the Downtown location, has been an avid reader of mysteries for many years and wants to share that murderous passion with the library’s patrons.

Discussions are going to be interesting and lively as participants discuss the good and bad plot-points, writing style of the author, characters who were liked and disliked, and anything else everyone can come up with.

Even if mysteries have never been your favorite genre, read the book and come to the inaugural meeting. Limit for the book club is set to the first 15 people who respond, so don’t miss out on this opportunity. Call 618-462-0677, ext. 2848, to reserve your spot now!
20 More Great Quotes of Mark Twain

Mark Twain is, undoubtedly, one of the greatest writers in U.S. history, and he is also well-known for his rapier wit and brilliant quotes.

This is a list of 20 dazzling quotes of Mark Twain.

1. Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more.
2. An Englishman is a person who does things because they have been done before. An American is a person who does things because they haven’t been done before.
3. Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.
4. Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.
5. Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.
6. Don’t part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.
7. Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are more pliable.
8. Honesty is the best policy—when there is money in it.
9. I didn’t attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying that I approved of it.
10. I have a higher and grander standard of principle than George Washington. He could not lie; I can, but I won’t.
11. I have been through some terrible things in my life, some of which actually happened.
12. I thoroughly disapprove of duels. If a man should challenge me, I would take him kindly and forgivingly by the hand and lead him to a quiet place and kill him.
13. In Paris they simply stared when I spoke to them in French; I never did succeed in making those idiots understand their language.
14. It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly American criminal class except Congress.
15. It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.
16. Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.
17. Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.
18. Often it does seem a pity that Noah and his party did not miss the boat.
19. Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.
20. We have a criminal jury system which is superior to any in the world; and its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don’t know anything and can’t read.

Jamie Frater October 26, 2008, Listverse

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