Things to Know...
About The Hayner Public Library District

MAILING LIST UPDATE
The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, or you would like to be added to or deleted from the mailing list.

HOLIDAYS
The library will be closed for the following holidays:
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 4 & 5

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The Library or a Hamburger?

Just when you think all that personal technology has replaced the need for a trip to the local public library, a new report comes out. A three-year study by PEW Research Center shows half of all Americans went to the public library in person while another 30 percent used a library’s website over the last year.

Mostly it was for the time-honored tradition of checking out a book. The research indicates that our reading habits—especially when you look at our reading habits around books—are still very much centered on print books. The study says the reason there are still more public libraries in the U.S. than McDonald’s restaurants is because libraries have kept up and rebranded themselves as technology hubs. Libraries have developed a model for collaboration. For years libraries has set the standard for working together, sharing resources. The public library is always looking for ways of enhancing customer service. Hayner Library collaborates with 548 libraries in Illinois. At least 68 percent of Americans have an active library card, which is slightly more than those who own a smartphone.

It is not hard to find people in the United States who love libraries. It is not hard to find people who want to know if anyone still uses the library. The fact is that free public libraries have never been more popular. The economic times have driven individuals and families to their libraries for entertainment and learning. Many of our patrons use our computers for school research projects, looking for jobs, and filling out job applications. Americans check out more than 2 billion items each year from their public libraries; the average user takes out more than 7 books a year.

I asked our patrons to write three reasons why they come to Hayner Library. Here are a few of their answers:

- Laptop rental privileges
- Study rooms
- Love to read
- Reference books
- I don’t have storage for all the books I want, so I can read them first and then decide whether to buy them
- It is fun to talk and pester the staff
- It is definitely a space saver
- Good for the environment, don’t want to cut down more trees
- Allows me to get books and travel all over the world
- Love the library in general
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I can understand why we have more public libraries than McDonalds in the United States. I am very thankful for our public libraries. But I am most proud of The Hayner Public Library District!

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Hayner Library Volunteer Coordinator

Why should kids have all the fun?

Join us this summer for our Adult Summer Reading Program. From July 15 to August 15, Hayner Library patrons ages 18 and older are invited to join in the summer reading fun—and a chance to win a Kindle Fire! Registration and participation are easy. Simply visit either Hayner library location and fill out a short registration form. For each book, eBook, audiobook, or eAudiobook you read, you get a chance to enter a drawing for the grand prize. The more you read, the more chances you have to win! A winner will be selected at both the Downtown and Alton Square locations. Happy summer reading!
Please Indulge my Reminiscence

As a child growing up, one of the highlights of each week was Friday afternoons when my mother would take me to the library. While we were fortunate to have a library in our school, there was something so special about going to our town’s local library. It was an old brick building sitting close to the shore of Long Island Sound. There was one librarian. I will never forget her. She had beautiful white hair, piled in a tight coil on her head and was always so gracious. When you walked into the building, you smelled the wonderful scent of books. Depending on the tides, that scent mingled with the smell of the salt water of the sea. Magical. I would wander up and down the aisles loading up on titles that captured my adolescent interest. I would never read the fly-leaf... that waited till I got home to discover what I had in store. In the summer, when school was out and I was yet too young to get a job, I would have my best friend, sweet Ellen, come visit. She always brought a book and we would sit in a swing and read all afternoon. Remember Daddy Long Legs, Anne of Green Gables, The Secret Garden, Lord of the Rings, Treasure Island, The Hobbit?

What a gift the library brought to me. As an adult and in each city where I have lived, one of my first acts was to find the closest library and get a library card. That was true when I moved to Alton some 20-odd years ago. I was thrilled with the offerings provided by the Hayner Library. What a jewel!

Today, Hayner continues to be the largest library district in southern Illinois. The services are amazing... free programs of great musical and educational entertainment, e-books, CD’s, DVD’s, public-use computers, computer classes, free WIFI, gardening and travel programs, health and social interest programs, book clubs, genealogy and local history, magazines, newspapers, story and craft times for kids, teen programs and activities, reference services and a continually evolving/growing collection of fiction and non-fiction print material. You can even check out a telescope for star gazing or a fishing pole for a lazy summer afternoon. Give a gift to yourself and to your family – use the library. Hayner Library cards are free to residents of Alton, Godfrey and Foster Township. Pick up a newsletter or checkout our website at www.haynerlibrary.org to see a more complete view of the programs, events, and services that are available to you. We would love to hear of your own personal library memories and, should you feel so inclined, feel free to share via email at memories@haynerlibrary.org. We would love to hear from you. Please include your contact information (email, phone: home and/or cell).

Bernadette Duvernoy

A Message from Panda

Hello, my name is Panda Bear! I assist Miss Mary Kay twice a week during her story times! Every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m., I emerge from my blue cave and find that all my little friends have arrived. And, of course, Miss Mary Kay is right by my side; she is the greatest! She reads the best stories, and on Tuesdays, she has fun craft projects for our little friends. We also sing songs; my favorite is the one where we learn everybody’s name. Miss Mary Kay and I are always looking for new friends to join the fun, but space is limited so be sure to register for the ones you want to attend!

And Abracadabra, It’s Gone!

After two years of considerations, it only took two days to demolish the old Hudson Jewelry Building located next door to the Hayner downtown Belle Street location! Next up will be resurfacing the exterior wall, cleaning-up from the construction, and making minor renovations as needed. We will be working on these projects to bring back the non-print room, and we thank you for your continued patience.

With a Little Help from our Friends

For ultimate book lovers who would like to have a laugh while helping the library, become a Friends of Hayner Library member! This wonderful group of volunteers works selflessly to set up our book sales which are held four times a year. The Friends meet most Mondays from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon at 327 State Street, behind our downtown location, to sort through donated books, and they always welcome new faces. For more information, please contact Carole Conley at (618) 466-8514 or (618) 462-4396.
5 Good Summer Reads
By Bill Gates

The following article was published on gatesnotes.com, the blog of Bill Gates, on May 22, 2017 (2017 The Gates Notes LLC). Both the Hayner downtown library and the Hayner library at Alton Square Mall have copies of each of these selections for you to check out. We also have the audio version of Hillbilly Elegy available at both locations.

Summer is a great time to escape: to the beach, to the mountains, or to the world of a great book. This year, I found myself drawn even more than usual to books that took me outside (and I don’t mean the great outdoors). The books on this year’s summer reading list pushed me out of my own experiences, and I learned some things that shed new light on how our experiences shape us and where humanity might be headed.

Some of these books helped me better understand what it’s like to grow up outside the mainstream: as a child of mixed race in apartheid South Africa, as a young man trying to escape his impoverished life in rural Appalachia, or as the son of a peanut farmer in Plains, Georgia. I hope you’ll find that others make you think deeper about what it means to truly connect with other people and to have purpose in your life. And all of them will transport you somewhere else—whether you’re sitting on a beach towel or on your own couch.

All books are available in The Hayner Library's collection.

Born a Crime, by Trevor Noah
As a longtime fan of The Daily Show, I loved reading this memoir about how its host honed his outsider approach to comedy over a lifetime of never quite fitting in. Born to a black South African mother and a white Swiss father in apartheid South Africa, he entered the world as a biracial child in a country where mixed race relationships were forbidden. Much of Noah’s story of growing up in South Africa is tragic. Yet, as anyone who watches his nightly monologues knows, his moving stories will often leave you laughing.

The Heart, by Maylis de Kerangal
While you’ll find this book in the fiction section at your local bookstore, what de Kerangal has done here in this exploration of grief is closer to poetry than anything else. At its most basic level, she tells the story of a heart transplant: a young man is killed in an accident, and his parents decide to donate his heart. But the plot is secondary to the strength of its words and characters. The book uses beautiful language to connect you deeply with people who may be in the story for only a few minutes. For example, de Kerangal goes on for pages about the girlfriend of the surgeon who does the transplant even though you never meet that character. I’m glad Melinda recommended this book to me, and I recently passed it along to a friend who, like me, sticks mostly with nonfiction.

Hillbilly Elegy, by J.D. Vance
The disadvantaged world of poor white Appalachia described in this terrific, heartbreaking book is one that I know only vicariously. Vance was raised largely by his loving but volatile grandparents, who stepped in after his father abandoned him and his mother showed little interest in parenting her son. Against all odds, he survived his chaotic, impoverished childhood only to land at Yale Law School. While the book offers insights into some of the complex cultural and family issues behind poverty, the real magic lies in the story itself and Vance’s bravery in telling it.

Homo Deus, by Yuval Noah Harari
I recommended Harari’s previous book Sapiens in last summer’s reading list, and this provocative follow-up is just as challenging, readable, and thought-provoking. Homo Deus argues that the principles that have organized society will undergo a huge shift in the 21st century, with major consequences for life as we know it. So far, the things that have shaped society—what we measure ourselves by—have been either religious rules about how to live a good life, or more earthly goals like getting rid of sickness, hunger, and war. What would the world be like if we actually achieved those things? I don’t agree with everything Harari has to say, but he has written a smart look at what may be ahead for humanity.

A Full Life, by Jimmy Carter
Even though the former President has already written more than two dozen books, he somehow managed to save some great anecdotes for this quick, condensed tour of his fascinating life. I loved reading about Carter’s improbable rise to the world’s highest office. The book will help you understand how growing up in rural Georgia in a house without running water, electricity, or insulation shaped—for better and for worse—his time in the White House. Although most of the stories come from previous decades, A Full Life feels timely in an era when the public’s confidence in national political figures and institutions is low.

Library Savings

| 3 DVDs= $44.95, 2 Books = $45.90, 2 CDs= $25.90 | Combined Total: $116.75 |
| Total cost to you: $0.00 |

It’s no secret that using your library can mean big savings, but it’s still an eye opener to be shown how much money you banked with each visit. A recent update to our library system now gives patrons insight into this information.

Much like the bottom of the receipt you get from the grocery store, the bottom of your due-date printout will inform you of the total amount of money you saved by checking out materials provided by your library since the update went into effect. What’s in your wallet? If the answer is your library card, then you will also have money in your pocket!

Total items: 2

You just saved $54.95 by using your library. You have saved $551.72 since April 14, 2017

Thank You!

Tell us how much you have saved on our Facebook page!
**Seymour Bluffs and Benjamin Godfrey**

On Saturday, May 20, the Genealogy & Local History Library hosted a book signing of *Seymour Bluffs and Benjamin Godfrey*. After a year of hard work, the book was fresh off the presses and everyone was excited to take a look. Phyllis Bechtold, author of a series of books featuring Seymour Bluffs the eagle, worked with Hayner’s Genealogy & Local History Manager, Lacy McDonald, to write the story. Alton High School Graphic Communications students, under the direction of teacher Lexa Browning-Needham, created the illustrations, Blippar app content, and page layout. Phyllis, Lacy, and Lexa all made it to Hayner for the book signing, along with students Austin Curvey, Jake Edelen, Julianna Fair, Tristan Wulffner, Anna Summers, and Chance Stice. Only Shaw Smeltzer-Baer was unable to come for the signing.

Entrepreneur Benjamin Godfrey came to Alton in the 1830s after making and losing several fortunes at sea. He was a man with a questionable past who wanted to change his ways and make a contribution to society. This book, created and published by the Benjamin Godfrey Legacy Trail, highlights Godfrey’s many accomplishments and lasting contributions to the Alton-Godfrey area. It also touches on Godfrey’s connections to Elijah P. Lovejoy and Abraham Lincoln. The book is available to purchase for $10 from Benjamin Godfrey Legacy Trail committee members Phyllis Bechtold (618) 466-1442 or Zeke Jabush (618) 466-8353. You can also get a copy at many area locations, including the Alton Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, Elsah General Store, Godfrey Meat Market, Knotty by Nature in Grafton, and Mississippi Mud Pottery.

*Seymour Bluffs and Benjamin Godfrey* can be checked out in the Alton Square and Downtown branches (call number: EB GODFREY) and read anytime in the Genealogy & Local History Library (IR B GODFREY). And if you have a 3rd grader in the Alton School District, he or she will be reading the book as part of their local history curriculum. We hope you enjoy it!

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**2017 Solar Eclipse Party**

For the first time since 1918, there will be a full solar eclipse August 21, 2017, from approximately 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., in the St. Louis metropolitan area. People from all over the world are descending on our area just to be a part of this unusual event. There are even rumors of people renting out 10 feet square portions of their yards for people to set up to view this event in the Carbondale, Illinois area. As we are not in the direct path, the Alton area will just have a 90% partial eclipse, but it will still be a wondrous site to behold. To that end, Hayner Library is partnering with Alton Regional Convention and Visitor’s Bureau (CVB) to bring you some activities and ways to view the eclipse safely. One of those ways is a galileoscope (see photo), which uses the library’s Orion StarBlast telescopes as the image generator. The galileoscope projects a 2 1/2” image of the sun safely. This was generously donated to the library from the Members of the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri with the help of Eddie Agha, staff astronomer at The Nature Institute in Godfrey, IL. The event will take place at the Alton Amphitheater on August 21, 2017, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Some of the events currently scheduled include: live-streaming from NASA’s website, food vendors, and the infamous Bubble Bus from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Please check Hayner Library’s website, the CVB’s website, or call either Hayner Library, (618) 462-0677, or the CVB, (800) 258-6645, to find out the full details as arrangements are still being made. In the meantime, here are a couple of websites that contain useful information about the eclipse: http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov and https://www.aas.org. We hope to see you there!

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**The Results Are In!**

In our last newsletter, we asked our patrons if they could spend their summer vacation in a fictional destination, where would they go. All 122 responses were tallied and we have the results! The destination with the most votes was (DRUMROLL!):

**NARNIA** for *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*!
Computer Classes
All classes will be taught in the Multipurpose Room of the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall. Although the courses are free, registration is required. Please note the skills taught in each session. You may register for one or more sessions at a time. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163 and leave your name, phone number, and the name of the section(s) for which you are registering.

Do not bring your own computers and laptops to class to use. Laptops will be provided. All classes are taught using Windows 7.

PC Basics: Introduction to Computers* (Class limit: 12)
Part 1, Wednesday, July 19, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Part 2, Wednesday, July 26, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
This is an introduction to personal computers. Overcome your fears and gain skills to use personally and professionally. After this class, you will be able to identify basic computer terminology as well as the components and operating systems features; execute basic mouse techniques, use the keyboard features, and printer; open and exit software programs; utilize storage media such as CDs and flash drives; and identify and use the various toolbars.

Part 1
• Interacting with the computer, keyboard, and mouse

Part 2
• Windows: Desktop/ Taskbar/Start Menu/ Open Files/Save Files/Flash Drive/Print Documents
• If you already use a computer and a mouse, this course is not for you.

Internet Basics (Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, Aug 2, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
This is an introduction to web-surfing and e-mail. This class is designed for individuals with little to no experience in using the Internet. This class will teach you how to set up an e-mail account, use basic e-mail features, and use a search engine to locate information.
• You will need your cell phone to complete the email set-up process.*

Microsoft Word for Beginners
(Class limit: 12)
Part 1, Wednesday, Aug 9, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Part 2, Wednesday, Aug 16, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
This class is for the beginning or novice user of Microsoft Word. It totals 2 progressive sessions which will teach you to create, save, copy, move, and retrieve electronic files. You will also be able to produce a document using a word processing program, edit it, use spell checker, and use editing features such as bold, italics, etc., to produce a finished product. You may register for both sections or register for each separately, according to your need. Topics that will be covered are listed below for each of the 2 sessions.

Part 1
• Getting Started • Saving Documents/Page Formatting • Spacing/Columns • Printing/Indenting/Tabs • Templates

Part 2
• Refresh of Part 1 • Using Shapes/Text Boxes • Clip Art/Formatting Pictures

Flash Drives and Saving Files
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, Aug 23, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Flash drives, USB drives, thumb drives, they're all the same thing. In this class, you will learn how to use your flash drive properly, regardless of what you call it. Save, copy, and move files from your flash drive to your computer and back again. You do need to have basic computer knowledge for this class. You may bring your own flash drive to practice with after class. Flash drives will NOT be provided.

Computer Maintenance and Security
(Class limit: 12)
Wednesday, Aug 30, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Explore your computer’s control panel. Learn the ins-and-outs of maintaining your computer, and what you should be doing to keep your machine preforming at top speeds. Learn about virus protection, and when you should run virus scans on your computer to keep it safe. Basic computer knowledge is preferred. You do NOT need your computer or tablets for this class.

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Our High School Yearbook Collection
Now Available Online!
Want to see a picture of your grandmother at the prom? Check out your dad’s 1960s Beatles-inspired mop-top or mom’s beehive? Look at old photos of the Marching 100 at Alton High, the Mission Club at Marquette, or the Philatelic Society at Western Military Academy? Now’s your chance to see it all from home, from the library, from anywhere you have an internet connection!

Several years ago, we participated in a yearbook digitizing project, and we are thrilled to announce that those yearbooks are now available to view online. With the help of volunteers and staff members, we uploaded all of the years for the Western Military Academy Recall (1923–1971); there was never a 1950 yearbook produced), as well as the Alton High Tatler (1905–1988), and Marquette Catholic High School Explorer (1959–1988, except 1963). We also have more recent years for Alton High and Marquette available to view in the library.

A huge thank you to Bridget Heck, Yearbook Adviser at Alton High School, for letting us borrow copies of the Tatler, and to Bo Jackson for letting us borrow copies of the Recall that we didn’t already own.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Go to archive.org and search for a yearbook by title or by title and year. For example, “Alton Tatler” as a search term brings up all issues of the Tatler, but you can search “Alton Tatler 1945” and go straight to that year. Same for the Western Military Recall and Marquette High Explorer.

Anything uploaded by the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library is available here: https://archive.org/details/@hayner_genealogy_amp_local_history_library. The page can be organized by title, number of views, and school.

If you’d like to jump to a specific year of a specific school, this is the format (just change the year in the web address): https://archive.org/details/AltonHS_Tatler_1905
https://archive.org/details/Marquette1959
https://archive.org/details/WMA1923
If you have any questions, please call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2865, or email us at genealogy@haynerlibrary.org. Instructions and links are also available on Hayner’s website.
Join us for our summer 2017 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they’re all free of charge. All programs do require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.

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

**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.

**Lew Trigg**

**Gifts from the Sea**

**Saturday, July 1, 12-3 p.m.**

Local author, writer, and publisher Lew Trigg will be at the Alton Square Mall library for a book signing and discussion of his new novel. Lew grew up in Granite City and spent most of his adult life in the Alton area. He has owned and managed several successful businesses. About four years ago, Lew retired and began writing Gifts from the Sea. The story is about newlyweds Gio (a retired baker) and Sally as they experience adventures and hardships during their travels. Mr. Trigg will have books available for purchase for $15 each. No registration is required.

**Bow-wow Pow-wow**

**Note: This program is held the second Saturday of each month at the Hayner Alton Square Library.**

**132 Alton Square Mall, Alton, IL.**

**Saturday, July 8**

**Saturday, August 12**

**Saturday, September 9 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

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

**Alicia Reilly Hawkins**

**Personal Credit Scores**

**Tuesday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square Library. Join Alicia Hawkins, a lender at a local lending company, who will explain the various elements that can affect credit score ratings, as well as provide insight to some of the most irksome questions nagging potential borrowers today. She will also provide tips on how to improve your credit score. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Miss Jubilee**

**Tuesday, July 11, 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, IL.

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, R&B, and rock & roll 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! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

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

**Wednesdays, July 12 – August 30 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

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

**A Matter of Balance Workshop:**
Almost half of older adults worry about falling. Learn factors that can lead to a fall and practical tips to keep yourself on your feet in this discussion-based program. Improved flexibility and range of motion with stretches and light movements are introduced in the third class. Participants receive a workbook to keep. This class meets every Wednesday morning for eight weeks, July 12, 2017 – August 30, 2017, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Class size is limited. Please register through the OASIS Institute at 1-800-392-0936.

**Gardening Classes at the Library**

Note: These classes will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Hayner Library in Alton Square Mall. You can sign up for individual classes for the whole series.

**New American Gardening: Urban Rain Gardens**

**Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Christopher Carl, artist and landscape designer, will do a presentation on designing rain gardens in degraded urban areas as a way to develop creative spaces to revitalize distressed city blocks through art and ecology.

- **Sample the Flavors: Heirloom Tomatoes and More**

  **Saturday, July 22, 11:00 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Join the Sierra Club and Grassroots Grocery in sampling organic heirloom tomatoes along with other interesting vegetables. Parents, this is a great way to introduce your children to some delicious vegetables! Produce and dips will be provided.

- **Tabletop Gardens: Succulents**

  **Saturday, August 19, 10:00-11 a.m.**

Join us for a session in learning to plant and propagate succulent plants. We will provide the succulents and a small container to plant. Or bring your favorite little container. Class size is limited.

- **Bats**

  **Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Bats are the largest and most diverse mammals in the world that occupy our night skies. Yet, we know so little about their habits. Join Rollie Lorenz, area bat specialist, for a presentation on bats to learn about their importance, what not to fear about them, and more.

- **Yellowstone National Park: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

  **Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.**
**SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER**

Susan Murray will be showing slides and discuss Yellowstone from her extensive travels through the park.

**Branching Out**

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

**From the Courthouse to the Church:** Using Official Records
July 13 & 20
All That's Fit to Print & More: Newspaper Research
August 10 & 17
Where We've Lived: Researching Property
September 14 & 21
10:00–11:30 a.m.
These classes include many aspects of genealogical research and are suitable for the beginner as well as the more experienced researcher. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Social Justice and History Book Club**
This book club meets the third Saturday of each month at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street.

**Freaks and Revelations**
by Davida Wills Hurwin
July 15

**Allegiance: A Novel**
by Kermit Roosevelt
August 19

**Academic Profiling: Latinos, Asian Americans, and the Achievement Gap**
by Gilda L. Ochoa
September 16

**All the Single Ladies**
by Rebecca Traister
October 21
11 a.m.–1 p.m.
The books will always be available to read at the Genealogy & Local History Library and can also be checked out through one of the other branches or through our library system. Please let a staff member know if you need help finding a copy! This is an open book club, so you can register for individual book discussions or the whole series. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Job Search & Resume Tips**
Thursday, August 3, 6–8 p.m.
Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.

Is the job market getting you down? Have you been searching for a new job and keep running into dead ends? Let us help! Join us on August 3 for tips on finding that perfect job. You will learn to navigate the top job search sites, as well as learn some important résumé-building skills.

**Color Me Stress Free**
Tuesday, August 8
Tuesday, October 10
6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Note: This adult coloring event will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.

Come color with us and enjoy great company. Calming music will be played to help you forget your troubles. It will be a relaxing and fun way to spend an hour or two. Stay the whole time or a portion. We will provide coloring pages and colored pencils. Of course, you may bring your own supplies. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Fiddlin’ Banjo Billy and the Old Time Players**
Tuesday, July 25, 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! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**John C. Guenther, FAIA, LEEP AP**
Architect Bernard Maybeck at Principia College
Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Note: This program will be presented at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton.

This talk explores the life and works of architect Bernard Ralph Maybeck (1862–1957), culminating with his masterwork, Principia College, in Elsah, Illinois. Maybeck worked with Principia from 1923 to 1940, resulting in the largest commission of his long career. In 1991, the American Institute of Architects named Maybeck one of the ten greatest architects in American history. Principia College was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1993 in recognition of Maybeck’s designs. St. Louis architect John Guenther, who has designed and planned various buildings on the campus of Principia College since 1995, will discuss Bernard Maybeck’s approach to the architectural design, site planning, and environmental design of the Principia College campus and buildings: Maybeck’s “English Village” on the bluffs above the Mississippi River. Seating is limited. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass**
Tuesday, August 15, 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-
Social Media

Please note: These programs will take place in the Multipurpose Room at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. These classes are presentational only; laptops and tablets are not needed.

Social Media Basics
Saturday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
We’ll start with an overview of Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest: what they are and what they do. We’ll discuss pitfalls of social media and what you should avoid doing with each site. We will try to set up an account on at least one site and cover a brief overview of how to upload photos to each site, as well as one on how to interact with other users.

Facebook Revealed
Saturday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
This class will start with the creation of a Facebook account and will then proceed to finding friends, uploading photos and videos, navigating the different applications, and finding a group to fit you. We’ll learn little tricks to make Facebook easier and more accessible, as well as cover some of the privacy settings.

Exploring Pinterest and Twitter
Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.–12 noon
Starting with the creation of accounts, we will then explore the uses and benefits of both sites, including sending tweets and pinning to a board, uploading a pin, and the art of “following” people.
**Alton Square Activities**

**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 10
Saturday, August 12
Saturday, September 9
10:00–11:00 a.m.
Join us for a Bow-wow Pow-wow. Certified therapy dogs will be in the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, and your child can read stories to them or just visit to receive furry hugs and wet kisses. It’s a great way to increase your child’s reading skills and absolute fun for everyone. Bring your camera! No registration necessary.

**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 21, August 28; September 11 and September 18, 2017, at 10 a.m. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 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 24, August 31; September 7, September 14, September 21, and September 28, 2017, at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Please register at (618) 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 28 and September 25, 2017. Please register at (618) 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 14, 2017, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

**Special Activities**

**Grandparents Day Celebration** — Hayner KidsSpace will host their first annual Grandparents Day Celebration on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, for kids ages 3–5. The fun kicks-off at 10 a.m. at our Alton Square location in the Performance Room located on the upper level with cookies, punch, and coffee and the hilarious antics of Oh My Gosh Josh. We will have limited registration for this program of two grandparents per child. To register for this program or for more information, please call (618) 433-2881. You must submit your reservation by Friday, September 15, 2017.

**Downtown Activities**

**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 21, August 28, September 4, September 11, September 18, and September 25, 2017. Please register at (618) 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 22, August 29, September 5, September 12, September 19, and September 26, 2017. Please register at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

**After-School Fun** —
Kids, come join us for an 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 Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Please register at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

**Teen Space**

**JULY-SEPTEMBER 2017 ACTIVITIES**

**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 27, 2017, at 3:45 p.m. To register or to inquire about dates, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

**Book, Books, & More Books**
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. Our first club date is Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to inquire about dates, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

**Back-to-School Bash**
Come join us at the Riverbender.com Teen Community Center for a wacky game of Emoji Bingo. Each game winner will receive a ticket for a sweet treat from the Riverbender snack bar. The fun will take place Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 4 p.m. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.
Our Woman of Distinction

I have the privilege to tell you about my friend and co-worker, Mary Cordes. Mary was born and raised in the north Alton area. She grew up on Logan St. Her family did practically all their day-to-day business in north Alton: they did their banking, grocery shopping, cleaners, and hardware business and went to church at Elm St. Presbyterian. A side note to this, Mary’s family shopped at Rain and Rain grocery store and I happened to work there part-time when my children were small. Mary’s mom would bring the five girls to Rain and Rain and they would come in like little ducklings following their mother. They were all so sweet.

Mary was the oldest out of five girls plus she has two step-sisters. Having a house full of girls was never dull. Some drama but for the most part Mary says they had a lot of fun playing with each other. When they weren’t outside they would be inside playing house, school, or store. When the girls got older, there was something always going on. They played instruments, played sports, and were all involved in school activities. They were in girl scouts and were very involved with church activities. Her parents called it organized chaos!

Mary tells stories of her beloved north Alton. She talks of always playing outside. Every day, the neighbors could see the girls outside riding bikes and playing ball with the neighborhood kids. Mary loved the outdoors as a child and still does as she is always working in her yard or painting something. They had a great neighborhood where everyone knew each other. There were a lot of kids to play with and the Paddock’s yard was the biggest. Everyone would congregate in their yard for baseball, football, and soccer. Mary’s dad built a clubhouse, and they had a swing set and jungle gym so the girls were never bored.

One of Mary’s most memorable gifts was a huge box filled with dress-up clothes, purses, shoes, jewelry, and scarves from her grandmother for all the girls. That box kept them entertained for months. Mary also loved her magazines, Highlights, Ranger Rick, National Geographic, and Zoobooks, that they received from their other grandparents. Mary attended public schools in Alton. She attended Irving School, Gilson Brown, West Middle School, and Alton High School.

She loved school. Mary says she was pretty talkative and was sure she drove her teachers crazy. She loved her 4th grade teacher Mrs. Thomas who would read many different chapter novels out loud to the class. Mary looked forward to those times. She also loved her history teacher in high school, Mr. Burress. She liked that they discussed current events, and he seemed so interested in what the students had to say. Thank you, Mr. Burress, for giving us our Mary, who is not afraid to share her views. I actually learn a lot from Mary on current events and respect her comments.

Mary grew up coming to the State St. Children’s library with her parents. It was always such a magical place for her. She started working as a page in the library when she was 16. It was her first job. She would shelve books and even began helping at the circulation desk part time while going to school. When she got older, she realized that the library could be a career for her. She graduated from Greenville College and worked full time and eventually became manager of the Alton Square Library. She is currently the Assistant Director for Circulation and Strategic Services.

Mary is married to Paul Cordes, who she says is the kindest, sweetest, funniest person she knows and who doesn’t have a bad thing to say about anyone.

Mary and Paul love to travel. They have been to many interesting places. While the traveling is fun, Mary thinks planning and mapping out the trip is the best! I say Mary has a little of Tom Sawyer in her blood. In fact, her favorite book is the Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain. She was drawn to this book as a child by the mystery and by the friendship between Tom and Huck, and the fact it took place on the Mississippi River.

When I asked Mary to name a few people that left a big impression on her, Mary told me everyone in her family has made an impression on her. They are all hard-working, caring people who have always supported each other no matter what has happened. She says they have always made her feel loved and appreciated. She tells me that this is the biggest gift one can give to another. Mary also feels very fortunate to have married into such a wonderful, kind family.

Mary’s grandmother’s friend, Marilyn Bromaghim, was a very important person in Mary’s life. Marilyn encouraged her to join different civic organizations and even suggested she apply at the library for her first job. Mary feels that Marilyn was a very generous, smart, strong, and fun-loving woman. She feels very privileged to have known her.

Mary had a pretty severe injury a couple of years ago that has taught her a lot about patience, perseverance, and the fact it is ok to ask for help. The best piece of advice Mary can give is the Golden rule: always treat others as you wish to be treated. It never goes out of style. Mary feels we are all in this world together—so we need to remember to be kind to one another. A quote comes to mind, “Teach by example.” Our Mary believes in this quote.

Because of her tireless efforts in volunteering, she was one of YWCA’s 2017 Women of Distinction recipients.

Thank you, Mary, for being you! Stephanie Munson

Fifth Annual Library Card Drive!

This year’s library card drive will be held from Small Business Saturday through the next Saturday (Nov. 25–Dec. 2) to encourage residents to shop locally for the holidays. During this week, select businesses in Alton, Godfrey, and Fosterburg will offer a discount or other incentive to customers showing their Hayner library cards, so make sure to check the next Hayner newsletter or our website for the list of local businesses who are offering discounts! Own or manage a local business? We would love to include you in this event! If you would like to participate, please contact Lacy McDonald at (618) 433-2859 or lacy.mcdonald@haynerlibrary.org.
New in Our Illinois Room

**Academic Profiling: Latinos, Asian Americans, and the Achievement Gap** by Gilda L. Ochoa. IR 379.2609794 OCH

**All Our Relations** by Winona LaDuke. IR 333.2 LAD

**Alton Community Service League Yearbooks & Bylaws, 1958-2015** IR LOCKED CASES 977.386 ALT

**Arab America: Gender, Cultural Politics, and Activism** by Nadine Christine Naber. IR 305.8927073 NAB

**The Budde Best: A Collection of Budde Family Recipes**. IR 641.5 BUD


**The Cornwall Chronicles: Tales of an American life on the Erie Canal, Building Chicago, in the Volunteer Civil War Western Army, on the Farm, in the Country Store**. IR 975.7473 COR

**German Census Records 1816 – 1916: the When, Where and How of a Valuable Genealogical Resource**. IR 929.10943 MIN

**The Gulf, Mobile and Ohio: A Railroad that had to Expand or Expire** IR 385.37 LEM

**His Story of Bethalto: Dedicated to the Boys of Bethalto, Heroes of the World War by Henry W. Zimmermann**. IR LOCKED CASES 977.386 ZIM

**History of Greene and Jersey Counties, Illinois: Together with Sketches of the Towns, Villages, and Townships, Educational, Civil, Military, and Political History, Portraits of Prominent Individuals, and Biographies of Representative Men: 1885**. IR LOCKED CASES 977.384 HIS

**Menard County Honor Book: An Honorary Roll of Those Who Took Part in the World War in Behalf of the Citizens of Menard County**. IR LOCKED CASES 940.4677355 MEN

**Monticello Sculpture Gardens: A Missouri Botanical Garden Signature Garden** IR 731.2 MON

**Morgan County, Illinois – the Twentieth Century** IR 977.3463 MOR

**My Golden School Days: 1925, scrapbook compiled by Kathleen Gorman** IR LOCKED CASES 929.2 GORMAN

**The Nature Institute 2017 Calendar** IR LOCKED CASES 977.386 NAT

**Postcard Views and Time Tables: The Chicago & Alton** IR 385.09773 POS

**Women of Distinction, 27th Anniversary Celebration, 2017, YWCA of Alton** IR 977.386 YWC

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