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:
Veteran's Day – Nov. 11
Thanksgiving – Nov. 25, 26
Christmas – Dec. 24, 25, 26
New Year's – Dec. 31, Jan. 1

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**StoryWalk® Program**

Exercise, fresh air, nature, and literacy are all combined in Hayner Library’s StoryWalk. StoryWalk is an outdoor reading experience in which the library staff deconstructs a children’s book (chosen by our children’s librarian), laminates the pages, and places them in a weatherproof metal storyboard along a path. Hayner Library sponsors a StoryWalk on the Frog Trail at The Nature Institute in Godfrey and James H. Killion Park at Salu in Alton. The Nature Institute (TNI) is a non-profit land conservation and environmental education organization based in Godfrey, IL. The Frog Trail, located behind Talahi Lodge, is approximately a half-mile in length. A new book is available at the beginning of each month, from April to November. The library has installed the StoryWalk at James H. Killion Park at Salu on the fence inside the park, nearest Locust Avenue and Washington Avenue.

To celebrate StoryWalk at The Nature Institute, Hayner Library recently offered patrons the opportunity to walk the trail, make or take a craft, and receive a free book. It was a beautiful day and families enjoyed StoryWalk and all that The Nature Institute has to offer.

We thank Illinois American Water for funding the weatherproof StoryWalk boards at The Nature Institute.
**Switchback Returns to the Chapel**

Switchback Returns!
A Celtic Christmas in the Chapel
Sunday, December 5, 2:30 p.m.

Note: The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College jointly sponsor this concert. The concert will take place in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL. This program is free of charge. Masks and reservations are required.

They're back! The amazing duo of Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack, who perform as Switchback, are returning to bring us a wonderful holiday program. Don’t miss a long-awaited chance to see these award-winning musicians playing selections from their holiday album, Celtic requests, and favorites from their original songbook—truly a show for the whole family. Switchback always provides a beautiful touch of holiday magic. Before COVID, this annual Switchback performance had become a great holiday tradition for our community. Switchback program reservations fill quickly, so don’t wait to register for this event. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

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**Wreaths Across America 2021**

Wreaths across America is a grassroots movement begun in 1992 by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester. The organization’s mission, “Remember, Honor, and Teach”, is carried out by the wreath-laying ceremonies in cemeteries in all fifty states and beyond. The organization spreads its message about the importance of remembering the fallen, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children the value of freedom and the sacrifices made by veterans and their families through wreath-laying ceremonies and other coordinated events.

Thanks to local volunteers, this organization and its mission have been active in Alton since 2007. On Saturday, December 18, 2021, our community will participate in this year’s national Wreaths Across America event. The ceremony will start at 11:00 a.m. at the Alton National Cemetery, 600 Pearl Street, Alton, IL.

In 2020, through generous community donations, 560 wreaths were placed on the gravesites at our local national cemetery. Every dollar donated helps ensure each veteran is remembered. You can help continue this tradition by donating to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 181, Alton, IL 62002. Each $30.00 received enables us to purchase three wreaths. For the sixth year, our local Wreaths Across America effort will offer a limited number of wreaths for families or friends to honor their veteran loved one at other local cemeteries. These wreath reservations must be received by Friday, December 3, 2021, by calling Sue Fitzgerald at (618)466-9017.

Please support our community in carrying forward this mission to remember, honor, and teach. Join our nation in honoring veterans, many of whom forfeited their own Christmas celebrations for all of us.

For more information, please call Margaret Hopkins at (618)570-8804, or to learn more, visit the Wreaths Across America website at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.
Born free, John Jones apprenticed with a tailor in Memphis, Tennessee. He came to Alton in 1840 to marry his ladylove and establish a business. Unbeknownst to him, laws governed his arrival in the state. They required his registration, the provision of references to his good character, and the payment of a $1,000 fee. Disgusted by the inequality of these requirements, Mr. and Mrs. Jones left Alton, settling in Chicago with a mission to change the laws. Together they were involved in the Underground Railroad and growing his business. Eventually, Jones came to own sixteen blocks of what is now the Chicago Loop. He was a wealthy, well-respected businessman with political influence.

By the fall of 1856, the country was focused on the machinations of a closely contested presidential election in which the question of slavery and states' rights were paramount. John Jones and the other men who gathered on November 13 in Alton, Illinois were focused on citizenship rights and liberties, even though they were barred from voting in any such election. These men paid taxes to support schools their children could not attend. They could not bring suit against another man. Exercising their constitutional right to peaceably assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances was yet another volley in their lifelong fight for justice.

First, in Ohio, in 1830, Colored citizens gathered formally to strategize against exclusionary laws and violence. More than two hundred Colored Conventions are known to have taken place across the country. In more than twenty states and the District of Columbia before the turn of the century, men, women, and supporters gathered. Some of these gatherings addressed general grievances in a particular state, while others were national in scope. There were seven Illinois State Colored Conventions between 1853 and 1889 and one national meeting held in Chicago.

From the proceedings of the 1856 Convention held at the African Baptist Church, later Union Baptist Church in Alton, we know John Jones was one of the delegates from Cook County and that the delegates from Madison County were C.C. Richardson, I. Kelly, Louis Overton, E. White, H. Douglas King, James H. Johnson, and Rev. R.J. Robinson. Representing Macoupin County were L. Magee and J. Samuels.

In his opening remarks, the president of the committee, William Johnson of Cook County, thanked his fellows for choosing him to fill the position and stated, “You are assembled for the purpose of devising means for the repeal of those odious enactments that now disgrace the “Statues Books” of Illinois. I trust you will conduct your deliberations with harmony and order…” Over the three days of the convention, the delegates and guests worked in concert, resulting in the formation of a state-wide Repeal Association. The Association was to hire agents who would travel throughout the state, holding county conventions, township meetings, lecturing, circulating petitions, and otherwise bringing to light the Black Codes' oppressive and unjust nature. Likewise, these agents were to be charged with collecting statistics on the wealth, education, mental, and moral conditions of colored people throughout the state. Their reports to the Association would shape continuing efforts.

It took nine years of collective effort to see the Illinois State Legislature repeal the Black Laws in 1865. It was another five more years until the Fifteenth Amendment, which states, “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” Yet, the fight for justice and equal rights continued through Conventions, marches, and additional legislation.
Untold Black Stories: Photo Display at Alton Square Mall

Hayner Library is pleased to display photos of some of the StoryCorps participants who shared their stories with the community through the Untold Black Stories of Alton project. These are personal stories of family devotion, faith, dedication to hard work, friendship, honor, and reciprocity. Laughter, humility, and respect—the essence of community—fill the stories. We discover a rich and often untold history. We see ourselves in these stories. They help us find our way back to one another and imagine a more inclusive society.

Large-scale portraits by local Black photographers animate the downtown Broadway corridor and Alton Square Mall. QR codes accompany each portrait, linking viewers to conversations between cherished friends or relatives, recorded by StoryCorps. StoryCorps is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing stories to build connections and create a more just and compassionate world.

Jacoby Arts Center, Alton Main Street, All Town USA, Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau, and Hayner Library collaborated on the project, with support from Illinois Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly. Bishoppe Kamusinga and Cedric Parker provided professional photography and Tyrone Stevenson provided graphic design.

The project's recorded conversations include the following Alton residents: Aaron Atkins and Ariyah Smith, Courteney Wilson and Nana Becoat, Nancy Becoat and Leah Becoat, Faye Taylor and Wanda Walker, Tracey Northern and Eric Walker, Rosetta Brown and Abe Lee Barham, Amiah Williams and Antione Williams, George Terry, Diane Ingram, Carson Ingram and Faye Taylor, Jason Harrison and Willie Franklin, Bryden Barnes and Norman Barnes, J. Eric Robinson and Stephanie Young, Gregory Harrison and Jason Harrison, Autumn Brown and Jasmine Hardimon, Steve Potter and Lloyd Johnson, and Yvonne Campbell and Evelyn Campbell.

Archives of the StoryCorps conversations are available at Hayner Library’s Genealogy & Local History Library and the Library of Congress. The Mythic Mississippi Project, a public engagement venture of the University of Illinois that promotes community development through cultural heritage programming, sponsored the printing of the portraits.

Stop by the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall to view the portraits and to hear the stories! The exhibition will be on view from August-October 2021.

New in Our Illinois Room

Alton Senior High School Class of 1973: 10 Year Reunion, June 25, 1983. IR 373.77386 ALT

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of School: Alton Community Unit School District No. 11. IR LOCKED CASES 371.0177386 ANN 1953

Black History Month Exhibit 2016: YWCA of Alton—Sponsored by Generation of Legacy. IR 973.0496073 BLA


Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say. IR jF SAY

Hold the Fort: The Battle of Allatoona Pass by Tom Emery. IR 973.737 EME

Illinois 101 Recommended Reading List [compiled by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute]. IR 011.809773 ILL

Minutes of the Forty-Second Annual Session of the Wood River Baptist Sunday School Convention, Teachers' Institute, B.Y.P.U. and Mothers' Union: Held with Corinthian Baptist Church, Lovejoy, Illinois, July 5 to 10, 1910. IR 286.1773 WOO

My Life: Including Life of Walter “Shorty” Sharp by Emily LePere Sharp. IR 929.2 SHARP

Members, Standing Committees, Rules and Order of Business of the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Illinois. Seven volumes available from 1914–1920. IR 977.386 MAD

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form: Cross Ranch Archeological District. IR 978.4843 NAT

My Poetry Efforts, ETC by Helen Yeothan (1888–1987). IR 811 YEO

The Phillip E. Swan Collection [electronic resource]. IR 929.2 SWAN

The Republican, December 31, 1903 (Calhoun County). IR 977.3853 REP


Upper Mississippi River Navigation Charts (1982). IR 976.2 UNI

Western Military Academy: Alumni Service Roster—Alton, Illinois. IR 373.77386 WES
Fall 2021 Activities

Virtual Story Times
Our themed virtual story times offer children ages 2–7 the opportunity to listen to books, sing songs, perform fingerplays, and watch an occasional puppet show. We will post our virtual story times on the Hayner Library Facebook page at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ms. Sam’s virtual story times: November 2, 9, 16, 30 and December 7 and 14. Ms. Mary Kay’s virtual story times: October 7, 14, and 21, November 4 and 18, and December 2, 9, and 16.

Nature Institute Story Times
Join us at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday in October for a fun interactive story time. We will hold these in-person story times at the Talahi Lodge at The Nature Institute, 2213 South Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL, on Tuesday, October 5, 12, 19, and 26, weather permitting. All participants must wear a mask.

Take-Home Crafts
Young patrons ages 3–8 will be offered a take-home craft each Thursday at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Dates for craft distribution are October 7, 14, 21, and 28, November 4 and 18, and December 2, 9, and 16. We will distribute crafts while supplies last.

Star Wars Reads Day
Star Wars Reads Day is an international event that celebrates reading and Star Wars. It was launched in 2012 by Lucasfilm. This year, Hayner Library invites patrons ages 6–12 to drop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall on Saturday, October 9, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and pick up a Star Wars-themed take-home craft. Patrons can also enter a drawing for a Star Wars-themed fun pack. May the Force be with you!

After School Fun Craft
Children ages 6–11 can stop by the Downtown Library and pick up a fun holiday-themed craft. Crafts will be distributed on the following Tuesdays: October 12, November 16, and December 14.

Science with Sam
Science with Sam is a fun monthly STEAM-themed program that happens on the first Friday of each month in October, November, and December. Ms. Sam will prepare interactive kits for children ages 7–10 to take home that demonstrate different STEAM concepts, such as surface tension, earth science, anatomy, and robotics! Each kit will include an item list and the ingredients needed to perform the activity. We will also post an instructional video online for families to watch! Adult assistance is required for some of the activities. Patrons may pick up kits from the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace on October 1, November 5, and December 3. We will distribute kits while supplies last.

Halloween Scare Stations
Are you ready to be scared? Well, stop by the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace every Saturday in October to see what scary fun awaits! Scare stations will be available on Saturday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Halloween Costume Contest
Hayner patrons ages birth–11 can stop by the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace any Saturday in October between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in a Halloween costume and enter our KidsSpace Halloween costume contest! Each participant will need to have their picture taken to register. At the end of the month, Hayner Library staff will vote on their favorite costume. We will award prizes to first, second, and third place winners.

Holiday Family Scavenger Hunt
Load up the family and start your journey to find some of Alton and Godfrey’s best holiday displays. Participants will find ten challenges on the Beanstack app or Beanstack.com. Each participant will need a Beanstack account to complete the challenge. Complete all ten challenges for a chance to win a $50.00 gift card. This challenge takes place between Monday, December 6 and Sunday, December 19. We will notify the gift card winner on Monday, December 20.

Holiday Card Drop-In Station
Drop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Monday, December 6 through Saturday, December 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and make a holiday card to share with someone special.

Students for Soldiers Donation Boxes
November is the month of giving. This year, Hayner Library has partnered with Marquette Catholic High School’s Students for Soldiers, a program developed by Carmen Serio, a longtime teacher at Marquette Catholic High School, and sponsored and supported by the Alton Moose Lodge. This program will allow our patrons to make donations of packaged snacks (no homemade items, please) and personal care items to those serving in the military, both stateside and overseas. During November, the library will set up donation boxes at the KidsSpace desks at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and the Downtown Library. We will also provide a list of items you can donate to the troops. Coloring sheets will be available for children to color and send along with their donations. If you know of anyone in the military (family or friend) to whom you would like a box delivered, please contact the library’s KidsSpace department at 618-462-0677, ext. 2836. Let the troops know how much we appreciate their sacrifice!

Holiday Drop-In Ornament Station
Drop by the Downtown Library from Monday, December 6 through Friday, December 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and make your very own holiday ornament.

Holiday Drop-In Holiday Celebration Event
Drop by the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace on Saturday, December 4, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and enjoy a little holiday fun! The KidsSpace staff will have festive and interactive stations available for children ages 2–11. All participants must wear a mask. Parents, bring your cameras—Santa may make an appearance!
Summer Reading Program 2021 “Reading Colors Your World”

Hayner Library’s staff and young patrons were up for this year’s challenging Summer Reading Program, “Reading Colors Your World.”

The KidsSpace staff worked hard to prepare fun activities and tasks using our Beanstack online software program. Beanstack helped young patrons manage, create, and measure their reading. The library also offered weekly virtual programs such as Stories & Art, Stories & Puppets, live entertainers, and take-home crafts. Children earned weekly prizes for their reading efforts and those children who read beyond the minimum goal of five books per week earned a ticket for one of the three big end-of-summer reading program prizes.

A performance by Wild Hearts entertained participants during the End-of-Summer Reading Party on Facebook. Hayner Library staff used the Beanstack virtual ticket drawing software to select the winners of each of our three grand prizes. Patron Oakley E. won the Magna-Qubix block set, Dylan H. won the yard game bundle, and Rosalie G. won the $100 Edison’s gift card.

Staff also picked digital tickets for winners of the artwork created by artist Jennifer Grassle of Cheerful Canvas, made during our Stories & Art online story times.

Congratulations to North Elementary School for having the most student participation in this year’s Summer Reading Program! North Elementary will display this year’s traveling Summer Reading Program trophy in their school library during the next school year.

We thank the Jennie D. Hayner Association and Jennifer Grassle from Cheerful Canvas for their support of the Summer Reading Program.

Congratulations to all our winners!

We hope to see everyone at our 2022 Summer Reading Program when the theme will be “Read Beyond The Beaten Path.”

It’s Back! The 2021 Illinois Heartland Library System Library Crawl

September 27–October 17, 2021

The Hayner Public Library District is happy to announce our participation in the 2021 Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) Library Crawl. There are over eighty libraries in this year’s crawl!

Participating in the library crawl is easy. Simply pick up an IHLS Library Crawl passport from any Hayner Library location, have your passport stamped by at least five participating libraries, and then return your passport to any Hayner Library location for a chance to win our grand prize drawing. All participating patrons who visit a Hayner Library location will receive a small prize (while supplies last). The library crawl will take place from September 27 to October 17, 2021.

To show off where you have traveled, use #IHLSLibraryCrawl2021 on social media! The IHLS Library Crawl is a fun way for patrons within the Illinois Heartland Library System to visit other libraries and experience the vast array of library programming, collections, and services available in our state.

Please note: Hayner Library cardholders can pick up and drop off their passports at any Hayner Library location. All other IHLS member library cardholders should pick up and drop off their passports at their home libraries. Only Hayner Library patrons are eligible to win our grand prize drawing.
Teen Take-Home Crafts
Do you love making crafts? If so, stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and pick up a teen take-home craft! We will distribute crafts kits on Wednesday, November 10 and Wednesday, December 8. We will distribute crafts while supplies last.

Diamond Art Series
Teens, stop by the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall TeenSpace each Wednesday in October and pick up a Halloween-themed Diamond Art kit. We will distribute the art kits while supplies last.

Not-Just-for-Teens Escape Rooms
Visit Hayner Library’s Facebook page every Monday for a new escape room challenge. Figure them out by yourself or with your friends! Answer questions, find clues, and solve riddles to complete these fun virtual games. We will post a new escape room each Monday, beginning October 4.

Color Your Stress Away
Visit Hayner Library’s Facebook page every Friday for a new printable coloring sheet. Break out the colored pencils, turn on some relaxing music, and color your stress away. Coloring sheets will be available every Friday, beginning October 1.

Virtual Teen ‘Scape Club
Hey, teens! Join Hayner Library’s new virtual club. Get together with other teens once a month to share your thoughts and opinions about the latest movie, music, and book trends. Each new attendee will receive a one-time goody bag, which you can pick up at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Virtual club meetings will take place monthly on Zoom on Wednesday, October 6, November 3, and December 1, at 4:00 p.m. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

All Around Town Teen Halloween Scavenger Hunt
Load up the car and start your journey to find some of Alton and Godfrey’s most haunted places. Teens (ages 12-18) will find ten challenges on the Beanstack app or Beanstack.com. Each participant will need a Beanstack account to complete the challenge. Complete all ten challenges for a chance to win a $50.00 gift card. This challenge begins Monday, October 4, 2021 and runs until Sunday, October 24, 2021. We will notify the gift card winner on Monday, October 25, 2021. For more information, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

2021 Teen Summer Reading Program
“Reading Colors Your World”

The 2021 Teen Summer Reading Program, “Reading Colors Your World,” challenged teens to keep the books open over the summer. We asked teens to go virtual by using either the Beanstack app or Beanstack website. Participants won weekly prizes for their diligent reading, and were asked to participate in challenges which allowed them to earn tickets for a chance to win the grand prize basket. At the end of the five week program, each participant was given a free book for their hard work.

Congratulations to this year’s grand prize winner Paityn I. Paityn won the grand prize basket full of books, gift cards, and iRead memorabilia. And congratulations to all our participants for making this year’s Teen Summer Reading Program so successful. We hope to see everyone at next year’s Teen Summer Reading Program, “Read Beyond the Beaten Path.”

HPLD
Staff of the library and many patrons recognize HPLD as the acronym for The Hayner Public Library District. Did you also know that it is a scientific acronym for the Highest Possible Level of Development? Truly. That is exactly how the HPLD can lead you to the HPLD.
Great Holiday Gift Idea: Alton ABC!

In 2019, a small group of Alton High School students and their teacher, Mrs. Lexa Browning-Needham, collaborated with Reneé B. Johnson of the Genealogy & Local History Library to publish Alton ABC.

The rhyming alphabet picture book is designed to delight and inform, acknowledging the present and the history of our area.

The second printing of Alton ABC is available for purchase at the Genealogy & Local History Library, located at 401 State Street, Alton, IL. They make a great present or stocking stuffer!

The hardbound books cost $20.00 each. The library will split the proceeds with the Alton School District.

We are unable to process credit or debit card transactions. We accept cash or check payments only.

Twentieth Anniversary of Vintage Voices

Vintage Voices, now in its twentieth year, will continue its tradition of guided walking tours in the Alton Cemetery on the first two weekends in October (October 2, 3, 9, and 10), from 12:00–2:30 p.m. Tours will leave from the main gate of the cemetery (at Vine & 5th Streets) every fifteen to twenty minutes. Masks will be required and social distancing policies followed. A non-walking tour presentation will be held at the Jacoby Arts Center on Sunday, October 10, at 5:00 p.m.

The Vintage Voices steering committee carefully selected the characters and themes of this year’s tour.

John Meehan and Stella Egelhoff will welcome guests to the twentieth-anniversary tour as prominent local architect Lucas Pfeiffenberger (1834–1918) and Lucy Jane Haskell (1880–1890), whose legacy lives on at Haskell Park, where her playhouse (designed by Pfeiffenberger) still stands.

Jake Tenberge will portray Elijah A. White (1892–1976). White was a World War I veteran and an employee of Western Military Academy. He will tell the story of the Academy and discuss notable graduates. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Western Military Academy.

Jared Hennings will portray Professor Charles Newton (1856–1886). Newton was the first Black student to graduate from Alton High School in 1873. A brilliant scholar, he then graduated from Shurtleff College in Upper Alton in 1876 and became principal of the Sumner School of St. Louis.

Sean Williams will portray Eddie Lumpkins (1892–1936). Lumpkins was the owner of Lumpkins Hauling Business in Alton and worked at the Stratford Hotel, Laclede Steel Company, and the leadworks. He and his wife were born in Oxford, Mississippi, came to Alton after they married, and became very involved in the community. Lumpkins lead many community activities, including transporting church groups to the St. Louis Zoo.

Latasha LeFlore-Porter will portray Eliza Walker Williams (1882–1957). Walker Williams was the first Black Democratic precinct committeewoman and first Black woman candidate for Alton School District Board of Education. She worked to desegregate the schools, led the struggle for voter registration, and was involved with the Alton YWCA.

Ron Abraham will portray August E. Ratz (1866–1930). Ratz will tell the history of the Rotary Club of Alton-Godfrey in honor of the Rotary’s one-hundredth anniversary this year. Ratz was a charter Rotary member and proprietor of the Mineral Springs Hotel.

Flora Van Koten will portray Abigail Hurlbut (1802–1884). Hurlbut will tell the story of her search for news of the fate of her son, Captain Wilberforce Lovejoy Hurlbut. Capt. Hurlbut fought at Antietam, led the Fifth Michigan Regiment at Chancellorville, and was wounded at Gettysburg. He went missing in action on May 6, 1864, during the Battle of the Wilderness.

This year is the ninetieth anniversary of the adoption of the Star-Spangled Banner, and singer Debbie Maneke will perform the Star-Spangled Banner and Pledge of Allegiance. Blake Schaper and Jacob Schaper will also share the history of the Pledge of Allegiance, originally written in 1892.

Susan Parton Stanard will portray Mrs. Cora Dolhee Rohland (1856–1929). Rohland was an extremely talented musician, musical director, and composer. She organized several choral organizations, notably the Dominant Ninth Choral Society, which won national recognition under her guidance.

Tickets are $15.00 for adults and $10.00 for students ages six through eighteen. Tickets for the cemetery tour can be purchased online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vintage-voices-2021-walking-tours-tickets-139932105695 or at the main gate of the Alton Cemetery at least thirty minutes before the tours begin.

Tickets for the non-walking tour can be purchased online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vintage-voices-2021-non-walking-event-tickets-158489336873.

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**Martyr to Liberty: The Legacy of Elijah P. Lovejoy**

“Lovejoy’s tragic death for freedom in every sense marked his sad ending as the most important single event that ever happened in the new world.”—Abraham Lincoln

A drunk, angry mob murdered Reverend Elijah P. Lovejoy on November 7, 1837, at the Godfrey & Gilman warehouse in Alton. The mob smashed Lovejoy’s (fourth) printing press and threw it into the Mississippi River. The yoke of that printing press, which was found and pulled from the river in 1915, resides in the Genealogy & Local History Library. Lovejoy was an abolitionist who fiercely opposed slavery and published anti-slavery views in his newspaper, the *Alton Observer*. He became the first martyr to the Freedom of the Press and is considered by some to be the “first casualty of the Civil War.”

The Mythic Mississippi Project, a collaboration between the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Dr. Helaine Silverman) and the University of Illinois, Springfield (Dr. Devin Hunter), produced a short documentary film earlier this year about the life and legacy of Elijah P. Lovejoy. The film features Genealogy & Local History Library Manager Lacy McDonald and showcases many books and artifacts related to Lovejoy in the Hayner collection. The twenty-four-minute film premieres on November 9, 2021, as part of a two-day series of events related to Lovejoy.

First, the Lovejoy Memorial Committee will hold its annual Lovejoy Day event at noon on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the Lovejoy Monument in the Alton Cemetery. Bonnie Fox is the president of the Lovejoy Memorial.

Later that day, Tuesday, November 9, 2021, from 6:00–7:30 p.m., several panelists, including Dr. Silverman and Dr. Hunter from Mythic Mississippi, Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau president Cory Jobe, Lovejoy grave trustee Ed Gray, Route 3 Films creator and owner Ryan Hanlon, and Hayner Library's Lacy McDonald will discuss the Mythic Mississippi project, Elijah Lovejoy, and the creation of the film. The film premiere will follow the panel discussion.

Author Ken Ellingwood will speak the next day, Wednesday, November 10, 2021, from 6:00–7:30 p.m., on his new book, *First to Fall: Elijah Lovejoy and the Fight for a Free Press in the Age of Slavery*. Ellingwood did an excellent job writing a compelling, suspenseful nonfiction account of abolitionist Elijah Lovejoy that reads like a novel. Nancy Gibbs, former editor in chief of *Time* magazine, and Lombard Director of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School, wrote in her review, “*First to Fall* is not just a rich and well-told tale; it's a genetic test for modern journalism, an exploration of foundational American principles—the power of individuals, the fearless defense of a free press, and the deeper values of equality, justice, and truth-telling at any cost. The story of Lovejoy's martyrdom rhymes with the risks of reporters now facing rubber bullets and death threats. Fascinating in its own right, this history is also a bracing parable for our times.”

*First to Fall* is available to read at the Genealogy & Local History Library or to check out at the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

The University of Illinois conference services is organizing the webinar; we will post a registration link for both virtual events on the Hayner Library website when it becomes available. There is no need to register for the Lovejoy Monument event.

**Annual Lovejoy Day program:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 12:00–1:00 p.m. Lovejoy Memorial at the Lovejoy Monument in the Alton City Cemetery (Vine Street).

**Panel and film premiere:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Virtual, online registration with the University of Illinois.

**Author talk with Ken Ellingwood First to Fall: Elijah Lovejoy and the Fight for a Free Press in the Age of Slavery:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Virtual, online registration with the University of Illinois.

We hope you can join us for one or all of these special events.

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**DAR “Friend-Raiser” Open House**

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL.

The Ninian Edwards Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Genealogy & Local History Library invite you to our annual DAR Open House. We will have experienced researchers available to guide you through the DAR application process. Don’t think you have a soldier in your family? There’s also the more general category of “Patriotic Service,” which includes things like members of the Boston Tea Party, doctors and nurses rendering aid to the wounded, and even ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity.

Admission is free, and registration is not necessary. For updates, please check the Ninian Edwards DAR Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/NinianEdwardsAltonILNSDAR.

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**YWCA Women of Distinction at Hayner Library**

Each year the YWCA Women of Distinction Award is presented to a select group of women with extraordinary accomplishments through career success, community service, leadership, mentoring, and dedication to YWCA of Southwest Illinois’s mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. With over 195 recipients of this award, the Women of Distinction Academy is comprised of the most accomplished women in Madison and Jersey counties. Five employees of The Hayner Public Library District have been the recipients of this award.

Bernadette Duvernoy, Executive Director (2004), Sue Hardin, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director—Human Resources (2005), Mary Cordes, Assistant Director—Circulation and Strategic Services (2017), and Stephanie Munson, Volunteer Coordinator (1994) have all been recognized. The newest Hayner honoree is Lacy McDonald, Genealogy & Local History Manager (2021).

The Hayner Public Library District is proud to be part of this community, and strives to contribute positively to Alton, Godfrey, and Foster Township.
Nonfiction—

Andersen, Christopher. The Brothers: Inside the Private Worlds of William and Harry

Auster, Paul. Burning Boy: The Life and Work of Stephen Crane

Baier, Bret. To Rescue the Republic: Ulysses S. Grant, the Fragile Union, and the Crisis of 1876

Barrymore, Drew. Rebel Homemaker: Food, Family, Life

Brasier, Mel. Take It Outside: A Guide to Designing Beautiful Spaces Just Beyond Your Door

Brooks, Mel. All about Me!: My Remarkable Life in Show Business

Burgess, Ann Wolkert. A Killer by Design: Murderers, Mindhunters, and My Quest to Decipher the Criminal Mind

Copperfield, David. Copperfield's History of Magic

Couric, Katie. Going There

Drummond, Ree. Shortcut Recipes for Dinners, Desserts, and More

Fox, Jamie. Act Like You Got Some Sense: And Other Things My Daughters Taught Me

Goodall, Jane. The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times

Grohl, David. The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music

Gupta, Sanjay. World War C: Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic and How to Prepare for the Next One


Homolka, Gina. Skinnytaste Air Fryer Dinners: 75 Healthy Recipes for Easy Weeknight Meals

Howard, Ron. The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family

Jonas Brothers. Blood: A Memoir by the Jonas Brothers

Kilmeade, Brian. The President and the Freedom Fighter: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Their Battle to Save America’s Soul

King Arthur Baking Company. The King Arthur Baking Company Essential Cookie Companion

McEnany, Kayleigh. For Such a Time as This: My Faith Journey Through the White House and Beyond

Offerman, Nick. Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside

Orlean, Susan. The Christmas Book of Hope: A Year of Encouragement, Reflection, and Joy

Patchett, Ann. These Precious Days: Essays

Patterson, James. The Defense Lawyer: The Barry Slotnick Story

Patterson, James. E.R. Nurses: True Stories from America’s Greatest Unsung Heroes

Pearl, Matthew. The Taking of Jemima Boone: Colonial Settlers, Tribal Nations, and the Kidnap That Shaped America

Roberts, Andrew. The Last King of America: The Misunderstood Reign of George III

Roberts, Steven V. Cokie: A Life Well Lived

Sedaris, David. A Carnival of Snackery: Diaries

Smith, Will. Will

Symon, Michael. Fix It with Food: Every Meal Easy: Simple and Delicious Recipes for Anyone with Autoimmune Issues and Inflammation

Tucci, Stanley. Taste: My Life Through Food

Albom, Mitch. The Stranger in the Lifeboat

Andrews, Brian. W. E. B. Griffin Rogue Asset

Andrews, Donna. The Twelve Jays of Christmas (Meg Langslow)

Archer, Jeffrey. Over My Dead Body

Atkins, Acc. Robert B. Parker’s Bye Baby (Spenser)

Baladaci, David. Mercy

Balogh, Mary. Someone Perfect

Beaton, M.C. Down the Hatch: An Agatha Raisin Mystery

Bell, Ted. Sea Hawke (Alex Hawke)

Blanchard, Alice. The Witching Tree: A Natalie Lockhart Novel

Bowen, Rhys. God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen

Bradford, Barbara Taylor. A Man of Honor

Brown, Rita Mae. Claws for Alarm (Mrs. Murphy)

Cameron, Marc. Tom Clancy Chain of Command (Jack Ryan)

Child, Lee. Better Off Dead (Jack Reacher)

Childs, Laura. Twisted Tea Christmas

Clinton, Hillary Rodham. State of Terror

Colgan, Jenny. The Christmas Bookshop

Connelly, Michael. The Dark Hours

Connolly, John. The Nameless Ones

Cornwell, Bernard. Sharpe’s Assassin

Cornwell, Patricia. Autopsy: A Scarpetta Novel

Cussler, Dirk. Clive Cussler’s The Devil’s Sea

Deaver, Jeffery. The Midnight Lock (Lincoln Rhyme)

Erdrich, Louise. The Sentence

Eskens, Allen. The Stolen Hours

Evans, Richard Paul. The Christmas Promise

Feehan, Christine. Dark Tarot (Carpathian Novel)

Fluke, Joanne. Christmas Dessert Murder (Hannah Swensen)

Follett, Ken. Never

Franzen, Jonathan. Crossroads

French, Nicci. The Unheard

Gabaldon, Diana. Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone (Outlander)

Gray, Shelley Shepard. A Christmas Courtship

Griffiths, Elly. The Midnight Hour (Brighton Mysteries)

Grisham, John. The Judge’s List

Hoffman, Alice. The Book of Magic

Hooper, Kay. Curse of Salem (Bishop/Special Crimes Unit)

Keneally, Thomas. The Dickens Boy

Kingsbury, Karen. Forgiving Paris

Kinsella, Sophie. The PartyCrasher

Le Carré, John. Silverview

Lescroart, John. The Missing Piece (Dismas Hardy)

Macomber, Debbie. Dear Santa

Maguire, Gregory. The Brides of Maricooor

McCall Smith, Alexander. The Joy and Light Bus Company

McDermid, Val. 1979

Morris, Heather. Three Sisters

Patterson, James. 2 Sisters Detective Agency

Patterson, James. Fear No Evil (Alex Cross)

Patterson, James. The Paris Detective

Perry, Anne. A Christmas Legacy

Perry, Thomas. The Left-Handed Twin (Jane Whitefield)

Picoult, Jodi. Wish You Were Here

Poyser, David. Arctic Sea: A Dan Lenson Novel

Quinn, Spencer. It’s a Wonderful Wool (Chet & Bernie)
Roberts, Nora. The Becoming: The Dragon Heart Legacy
Rosenfelt, David. Best in Snow
Shalvis, Jill. Holiday Ever After: An Anthology
Shipman, Viola. The Secret of Snow
Steel, Danielle. The Butler
Steel, Danielle. Flying Angels
Stephenson, Neal. Termination Shock
Strout, Elizabeth. Oh William!
Thayne, RaeAnne. Sleigh Bells Ring
Towles, Amor. The Lincoln Highway
Unger, Lisa. Last Girl Ghosted
White, Karen. The Attic on Queen Street
Williams, Beatriz. The Wicked Widow: A Wicked City Novel
Woods, Stuart. Criminal Mischief (Stone Barrington)
Woods, Stuart. Foul Play

**Mysteries—**

Andrews, Donna. The Twelve Jays of Christmas
Beaton, M.C. Down the Hatch
Bowen, Rhys. God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen
Brennan, Allison. The Sorority Murder
Brown, Rita Mae. Claws for Alarm
Child, Lee. Better Off Dead
Childs, Laura. Twisted Tea Christmas
Connelly, Michael. The Dark Hours
Coyle, Cleo. Honey Roasted
Daheim, Mary. Lady MacDeath
DeMille, Nelson. The Maze
Evanovich, Janet. Game On: Tempting Twenty-Eight
Flower, Amanda. Farm to Trouble
Fluke, Joanne. Christmas Dessert Murder
Hooper, Kay. Curse of Salem
Lescroart, John. The Missing Piece
McKinlay, Jenn. For Batter or Worse
Perry, Thomas. The Left-Handed Twin
Quinn, Spencer. It’s a Wonderful Woof
Rader-Day, Lori. Death at Greenway
Rosenfelt, David. Best in Snow
Rozan, S.J. Family Business
Shelton, Paige. Dark Night
Strohmeyer, Sarah. Do I Know You?
Woods, Stuart. Foul Play

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**Food for Fines:**
**Return Your Overdue Materials and Pay Your Fines with Canned Goods**

Each year, Hayner Library holds our fine amnesty program, Food for Fines, in October. From October 1 through October 31, 2021, patrons with overdue Hayner Library materials can pay their fine with a non-perishable food item. We will donate all of the Food for Fines items to the Crisis Food Center in Alton. Of course, even if you don’t have fines, feel free to donate items to help others in our community. Perhaps you have some Hayner Library materials that got lost under the couch or behind the DVD player. Now is an excellent opportunity to return those items to the library and avoid the accrued fines. Food for Fines is a great way to support critically essential community organizations such as the Crisis Food Center—and it is also a terrific opportunity to return “lost” materials to the library so other patrons can have the opportunity to check them out. Thank you for your support.

**Food for Fines:**
- Applies to Hayner Library materials only.
- Applies to current overdue items still checked out on your account, not fines already charged to your account for items you have already returned.
- You must bring in non-perishable food items at the same time you return overdue materials.
- One non-perishable food item per overdue item.
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Hours of Operation

Downtown Library
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Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Alton Square Library
Mon.–Sat., 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Genealogy & Local History Library
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Sat., 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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