Hayner Library Local Author Book Fair
Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 9 am to Noon

This fall, Hayner Library will host a Local Author Book Fair, where you can meet local authors, buy their books, and have them signed! The event will be held Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 9 am-Noon. If necessary, a rain date is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022.

The event will feature library card registration, a showcase of non-traditional library materials available for check out, and other library highlights. There will also be activities and story times for the kids. WBGZ will broadcast live from the event, and refreshments will be available for purchase. The Riverbend Raptor will also be roving around the book fair for your amusement!

You can browse or make purchases—and be sure to leave some time to explore the beautiful Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library and our Downtown Library! The Friends of Hayner Library, located at 327 State Street, will also hold a book sale on this date.

Find a new favorite author and stock up your book collection to keep you busy during the approaching cold winter. What is more inviting than a stack of books to ease your cabin fever? There are so many talented local authors in our community who deserve your support.

Free parking will be available in the municipal parking lot across from the Downtown Library on Belle Street between 4th and 5th Streets.

We are hopeful that this will become an annual event. Please plan to join us—bring the family and support local talent!

A New Speaker Series: Art Talks

The Hayner Public Library District is introducing a new speaker series: Art Talks! For this series, Hayner Library will partner with local artists to help you explore the art world and get an up-close look at different artists, art styles, and art movements. It's a great opportunity to expand your art knowledge and get to know the artists in our very own community!

The first program in this series will take place at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall on November 2, from 6-7 pm:

- Art Talks: The Life and Work of Yoko Ono

In this program, artist Linda Vredeveld will discuss the art of Yoko Ono, her life as an artist, and the impact of her time as the “Fifth Beatle.”

Be sure to keep an eye on our Events Calendar for more information about upcoming Art Talks!
**New Book Drop Outside Alton Square Mall**

We are delighted to announce that The Hayner Public Library District will be installing an outdoor book drop at Alton Square Mall! The book drop will be installed at the Ross/post office entrance on the lower-level of the mall and should be installed by October.

Materials returned in the book drop during the day will be collected and checked in that afternoon, while those returned in the book drop after 4 pm will be checked in the next morning, and back-dated to reflect the previous day’s return date. If you are coming to the library to pick up additional materials, please return your items to the library, not the newly-installed outdoor book drop.

The outdoor book drop will be closed on extended holidays (such as Thanksgiving and Christmas). However, the indoor book drop by the library entrance will remain open. We anticipate this will be a great convenience to those of you who want to return materials with just a quick stop. The book drop at the Downtown Library is also still available for your use, to the left of the entrance at 326 Belle Street, Alton, IL.

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**Hayner Library Now Offers OverDrive e-books, Audiobooks, and Digital Magazines**

Hayner Library is pleased to announce that we have added OverDrive to our collection of free digital resources for patrons with a Hayner Library card!

In July, Hayner Library joined the Digital Library of Illinois, a consortium that provides e-book, audiobook, and digital magazine access to patrons of participating libraries through the OverDrive digital platform.

Patrons can access OverDrive in two ways: online and through OverDrive’s Libby app. For help accessing OverDrive online or through the Libby app, please visit www.haynerlibrary.org and click on the Download Audio & eBooks or the Help With Your eReader links.

Digital Library of Illinois’ OverDrive platform offers patrons access to over 86,000 titles in e-book, audiobook, and digital magazine format! OverDrive is also the exclusive digital e-book provider delivering Kindle compatibility to public libraries in the United States, making it easy for Kindle owners to read e-books on their devices.

Digital magazines are also available in OverDrive, covering news, politics, fitness, health, cooking, technology, gaming, crafts, hobbies, sports, family, parenting, fashion, celebrity, and travel. Specific titles include Family Tree Magazine, The New Yorker, Reader’s Digest, The Economist, Newsweek, Harper’s, Prevention, Men’s Health, Women’s Health, Yoga, Cook’s Illustrated, Bon Appetit, Taste of Home, Wired, PC Magazine, Popular Mechanics, Crochet!, CrossStitcher, Golf, Vogue, Elle, Harper’s Bazaar, Allure, Marie Claire, US, Star, In Touch Weekly, National Geographic Traveller, and hundreds more, including many international titles!

Hayner Library offers OverDrive in addition to Cloud Library and TumbleBooks for Kids. Happy (digital) reading!

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**Taps and Tomes: A Brewery Book Club**

The Hayner Public Library District and The Old Bakery Beer Company are excited to announce a new free bi-monthly book club! Join us for a drink and a discussion of a new book every other month. Food and drink specials will be available exclusively to Taps and Tomes participants.

Our first selection will be Colson Whitehead’s bestseller *The Nickel Boys*, which chronicles the harrowing trials of the children at a fictional juvenile reformatory in 1960s Tallahassee. Join us on November 16, 2022, at 7 pm, at The Old Bakery Beer Company, 400 Landmarks Boulevard, Alton, IL.
Activities

**Table Top Adventures for Kids**
Do you like adventure? Do you like fantasy? Do you want to role play your favorite hero or villain? Then roll for initiative because this is the place for you! Whether you are an experienced adventurer or looking to try out a new journey, all are welcome. Once a month at 2 pm, kids ages 7-11 are invited to join us in KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall where we will try out roleplaying through the wonderful world of tabletop games. Dungeons and Dragons is only the beginning! To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

**Take-on the Desk**
All day, every day, children are welcome to visit KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall to help decorate our desk with their art. The front of the desk is covered in paper – just ask for some crayons or markers at the desk and draw to your heart's content.

**TNI Story Stroll**
Come join us Wednesdays in October at The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL. Participants will stroll the Story Walk trail while reading the story, signing songs, and playing games, weather permitting. To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

**Tree House Wildlife Program**
Come join us on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 10 am, in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall for an interactive, educational, and spooky show with live animals! This program will host a variety of nocturnal animals that call the Tree House Wildlife Center their home. No registration needed.

**Students for Soldiers Donation Boxes**
November is the month of giving. This year we have partnered with the Students for Soldiers program developed by Carmen Serio, a longtime teacher at Marquette Catholic High School. To participate in this program, both the KidsSpace at Hayner Library and the Downtown Library will have donation boxes out all month long. A list of supplies to donate can be found at the KidsSpace desk at both locations. We will also have coloring sheets available for children to color and send along with their donations. Let our troops know how much we appreciate their sacrifice!

**Holiday Card Drop-in Station**
Make a holiday card to share with someone special by visiting Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Monday-Saturday, 9 am-4 pm, December 2, 2022, through Thursday, December 22, 2022. No registration is required.
The Teen Advisory Council (TAC)
What type of programs do you want to see at your library? You should be a part of the Teen Advisory Council, which makes decisions about new programs and events for teens at Hayner Library! This group will meet at 4 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the Teen Center in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall. For more information, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Teen Take-Home Crafts
Do you love making crafts? If so, stop by Hayner Library TeenSpace at Alton Square Mall and pick up a teen take-home craft! We will distribute crafts while supplies last.

Teen Movie
Calling all teens! Bring a friend and enjoy a Halloween movie, pizza, and soda. This program starts at 4 pm on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, in the Teen Center located in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall. Ages 12-18. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Not-Just-for-Teens Escape Rooms
Log on to 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.

Color Your Stress Away
Log on to 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.

Halloween Glow-in-the-Dark Bingo
Come join other teens ages 12-18 for this fun afternoon game of Glow-in-the-Dark Bingo. The fun begins at 4 pm on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

A Holiday Celebration Event
Come join us for a fun-filled day including Santa, refreshments, and a performance by OMG Josh. All the fun begins at 10 am in the Performance Room on the upper-level of Alton Square Mall on Saturday, December 3, 2022. This program will be followed by cookies and a visit from Santa in the KidsSpace Multipurpose Room. Parents, don’t forget your cameras! To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

Holiday Drop-in Ornament Station
Drop by the KidsSpace at the Downtown Library on Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, 2022, between 10 am - 4 pm, and make your very own holiday ornament. Available while supplies last. No registration needed.

Teen Halloween Party
Teens ages 12-18 are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 4 pm, for games, treats, pumpkin decorating, and a lot more in the Teen Center located in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

The Teen NCG Movie Event
Hayner Library TeenSpace invites teens ages 12–18 to join us at the Alton Square Mall NCG Cinema for a private movie showing. Teens will enjoy free soda and popcorn during the movie. For the movie title and show time, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872 to register. Limited space is available, so call now!

Teen Holiday Guessing Game
Stop by the TeenSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and see if you can guess how many ornaments are in the jar. The closest guess to the actual number will win a $25 gift card. The game begins on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 and runs through Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Teen Holiday Party
Teens, bring a friend and drop by the Teen Center located in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 4 pm. You and your friend will enjoy holiday treats, music, and games and have thirty minutes to decorate a gingerbread house with a variety of items. The winners of this decorating contest will each leave with a $25 gift card. To register, please call Shannon (618) 433-2872.
Join us for our Fall 2022 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.

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**Town Criers**

**Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 pm**

The Town Criers play an eclectic blend of blues, oldies rock, and their own original songs. The band consists of Charlie (CC) Wilson, Larry Vandiver, and Steve Vogel. Wilson and Vandiver are the group’s principle songwriters, and Vogel is a veteran of the St. Louis blues scene.

They will be performing selections from *Blues as a Second Language*, Wilson’s first CD, as well as some of their newer songs. Many have themes about love, New Orleans, or the south in general.

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**Jared Hennings**

**Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 pm**

Local vocalist Jared Hennings always attracts a full house. Jared will be presenting a program of holiday music both traditional and contemporary. Don’t miss this wonderful program, highlighting Jared’s beautiful musical range. It will be a great way to kick off your holiday season!

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**Switchback**

**Tuesday, December 6, 6 pm**

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 another chance to see these award-winning musicians playing selections from their latest holiday album, *Celtic Requests*, and favorites from their original songbook—truly a show for the whole family!

This annual performance has moved to a new venue and night so that all may attend. They will be performing in the beautiful Hatheway Hall on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey IL. Please note that this year’s start time has changed to 6 pm. Hatheway Hall is a wonderful theater complex and will be a treat for the whole family. Join us for this event that has become a great holiday tradition for our community! This program is jointly presented by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College.
The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library is happy to resume in-person Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL.

Branching Out classes take place from 10-11:30 am.

October 13  Uncover Family Details with Cemetery Records
October 20  Discussion group
November 10 Heroes in Our History: Military Records
November 17 Discussion group

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic.

On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and each of us gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We just relax and listen when we don’t have anything to share. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!

Branching Out classes and discussion group meetings will continue in 2023 on the second and third Thursdays of each month.
A great deal happened in Alton in 1897! In that year alone, the Alton Woman’s Home Association, Beverly Farm, and the Lovejoy Monument were founded or dedicated, which means they are celebrating 125th anniversaries this year. Union Baptist Church, founded in 1837, is celebrating its 185th anniversary. Vintage Voices performances will highlight those stories in the Alton City Cemetery on October 1, 2, 5, and 9. For more information on the actors and decedents who will chronicle these anniversary events, please see the Vintage Voices 2022 article.

Alton Woman’s Home Association by Marlene Lewis

A small group of women met on February 3, 1897 to establish a Women’s Home in Alton. The group met six times during the next three weeks to decide on a location for the home. On February 24, Henry Watson unexpectedly appeared at their meeting and offered the old Dolbee Homestead for the very modest fee of $10 per month. The women enthusiastically accepted his offer. By March 20, just forty-five days after their first meeting, three women were admitted to the home.

The Dolbee Homestead sat atop the bluffs in the area now known as Riverview Park. It served the organization for twelve years, until the need for repairs became costly and it was decided to build a new home on State Street. The homestead was later demolished. The land was purchased by the city to create an observation area with sweeping views of the Mississippi River.

In 1909, a procession of surreys moved the women to their new home at 2224 State Street. The building was designed by architect Lucas Pfeiffenberger and was built with generous financial support from the community. In the 1950s the lobby boasted one of the first television sets in the area. For more than fifty-six years the Alton Woman’s Home Association (AWHA) provided a comfortable living environment to hundreds of women from all walks of life. With the advent of social security, pensions, and Medicare, the home saw a gradual decline in admissions. By 1966, the last three residents were moved to the newly-opened Eunice Smith Home on the campus of Alton Memorial Hospital, where the association continued to provide for their care. The last of these three women passed away in 1980.

In 1972, the articles of incorporation were updated to offer a broader range of support to women and children in Madison County. On March 11, 1980, the board of directors met to discuss how best to use AWHA funds moving forward. Jane Henry, Roberta Allen, and Virginia Fabianic put their thoughts in writing, and their memos are among a collection of artifacts housed at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library. Archives show a total of $43,200 was granted to fourteen area organizations in 1980. Since that time, nearly $6 million has been distributed locally. In 2021, the organization provided assistance to eighteen area agencies.

The Genealogy & Local History Library has a number of archival items related to the Alton Woman’s Home Association that are available to view upon request.

Beverly Farm

Beverly Farm was founded in 1897 by Dr. William Hammond Cross Smith, a medical doctor and authority in juvenile psychology, and his wife, Elizabeth, a special education teacher. Dr. Smith served as physician and Assistant Superintendent of the Illinois State Institute at Lincoln, Illinois before he and his wife moved to Godfrey to create “The Beverly Farm,” named in honor of Dr. Smith’s birthplace in Beverly, Massachusetts. At Beverly Farm, Dr. and Mrs. Smith planned to establish a fundamentally different approach in caring for people who live with developmental disabilities. Here they would offer a caring home, socialization, proper medical care, healthy diet, physical exercise, education, recreation, and meaningful work – a radical concept at the time. In 1897, there were only two buildings and two residents at Beverly Farm, but by 1909, 171 children had been admitted and 1,249 applications, representing every state and nine foreign countries, had been received.

Dr. Smith received notoriety at the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair for his pioneering concepts in the care of people who live with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The Smiths received a certificate from the jury of awards showing that Beverly Farm was the finest of its class in the country.

In 1979, Beverly Farm’s focus changed from providing services for children and adults to providing services for adults only. Today, Beverly Farm is a safe and comfortable home for adults who live with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

The Little World of Beverly Farm prepared by the Board of Directors of Beverly Farm Foundation, Inc., 1976

More Than Bricks and Mortar: 100 Years of Caring by Carolyn Sue Mayhall, 1997

Lovejoy Monument

Elijah P. Lovejoy was an abolitionist newspaper editor and Presbyterian minister who started the Alton Observer in 1836, and was also pastor at the Upper Alton Presbyterian Church (later College Avenue Presbyterian Church). On Nov. 7, 1837, a pro-slavery mob attacked the Godfrey Gilman warehouse, where his fourth and final press was being stored, setting fire to the building and killing Lovejoy. He was initially buried in an unmarked grave in Alton City Cemetery. In the 1860s, Lovejoy’s grave was found and he was reinterred in his final resting place by William “Scotch” Johnston, who helped bury him immediately after his death, and newspaper editor Thomas Dimmock. (Lovejoy’s grave is not located at the monument, but is further in the cemetery along a main path and is very clearly marked). Lovejoy was hailed as a martyr to abolition and free speech. In 1897, a monument to Lovejoy was dedicated in the Alton City Cemetery. Dimmock spoke at the dedication, as did Lieutenant Governor of Illinois William Northcott. The State of Illinois contributed $25,000 for construction, and the citizens of Alton raised another $5,000. John E. Hayner, who donated the money for the Jennie D. Hayner Memorial Library, was treasurer of the Lovejoy Monument Association. The monument consists of a ninety-three-foot-tall granite column topped by a seventeen-foot-tall winged statue of Victory. The monument is the tallest in the state of Illinois and can be seen as you drive from Missouri into Alton across the Clark Bridge.

The Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial hosts a ceremony at the Lovejoy Monument in Alton City Cemetery every November 9, Lovejoy Day, which has been celebrated in Alton since 1952, when Jesse L. Cannon, president, James Bailey, secretary, and Joseph Brewer, treasurer, officially created the Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial. The annual commemoration honors Lovejoy’s life and legacy on the anniversary of his birth in 1802. The Lovejoy Memorial also awards scholarships to Alton-Godfrey area high school students. In 1954, Alton High School graduate Sterling Scales received the first Lovejoy Memorial scholarship. About 225 high school graduates have received scholarships since then. Bonnie Fox is the current Lovejoy Memorial president and Ed Gray is the Registered Agent Trustee.

Dedication of the Lovejoy Monument, Alton, Illinois, November 8th, 1897

Preservation, Beautification and Rededication of the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Monument: 5:30 pm, Thursday, September 25, 1969.

Union Baptist Church – Research by Charlotte E. Johnson

This is also the 185th anniversary of the founding of Union Baptist Church, the oldest African American church in Alton. Union Baptist Church was founded as African Baptist Church and Friends of Humanity in 1837. William “Scotch” Johnston, who dug the grave of Elijah Lovejoy, was a founding member of the church, as was John Anderson, a printer in the Lovejoy’s printing office. The church was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards on East Fourth Street, with Rev. John Livingston as the first pastor. Rev. Livingston was the first and only African American ordained minister in Illinois. Other members present at the formative meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, Mr. William Charles Barton, and Mr. Alfred Richardson, who first raised the issue of organizing the church. Also present were Rev. Ebenezer Rodgers, pastor of both First Baptist Church of Upper Alton and First Baptist Church of Lower Alton, Rev. James Leman Sr., Rev. James Leman Jr, and Mr. Edward White. The African Baptist Church continued to worship in the Edwards House and various other houses in the area until 1853, when its first building was erected. Shortly after, the church’s name was changed from African Baptist Church to Union Baptist Church. Union Baptist Church carries on its storied legacy to this day.

Historical Sketch of the Union Baptist Church, 1837-1937: Especially Prepared for the Centennial, June 20-27, 1937.


Union Baptist Church Anniversary Service: 185 years –1837-2022. IR 286.77386 UNI
Fiction -
Andrews, Donna. Dashing Through the Snowbirds: A Meg Langslow Mystery
Backman, Fredrik. The Winners
Baldacci, David. Long Shadows
Beaton, M. C. Devil's Delight: An Agatha Raisin Mystery
Cameron, Marc. Tom Clancy Red Winter (Jack Ryan)
Carr, Robyn. Holidays in Virgin River
Connelly, Michael. A Christmas Story: A Cade Cooper Short Story
Cook, Robin. Night Shift
Cornwell, Bernard. Sharpe's Command
Cornwell, Patricia. Livid: A Scarpetta Novel
Crais, Robert. Racing the Light (Cole & Pike)
Dailey, Janet. Blue Moon Haven
Deaver, Jeffrey. Hunting Time
Deveraux, Jude. Thief of Fate
Du Brul, Jack. Clive Cussler the Sea Wolves (Isaac Bell)
Evans, Richard Paul. A Christmas Memory
French, Nicci. The Favor
Gervais, Simon. Robert Ludlum's The Blackbird grapes Genesis
Graham, Heather. Blood Moon (Rising #2)
Graham, Heath. Voice of Fear (Krewe of Hunters)
Gregory, Philippa. Dawnlands (Fairmile #3)
Grisham, John. The Boys from Biloxi: A Legal Thriller
Hannah, Sophie. The Couple at the Table
Harris, Charlaine. The Serpent in Heaven (Guinie Rose)
Hilderbrand, Elin. Endless Summer: Stories
Horowitz, Anthony. A Twist of a Knife
Jackson, Lisa. Wicked Dreams
Jones, Darynda. A Hard Day for a Hangover
King, Stephen. A Face in the Crowd and the Longest December
Kingsolver, Barbara. Demon Copperhead
Kirsch, Peter. W. E. B. Griffin The Devil's Weapons (Men at War)
Lindsay, Jeff. Three-Edged Sword (Riley Wolfe)
Mackintosh, Clare. The Last Party
Macomber, Debbie. The Christmas Spirit
Mallery, Susan. Home Sweet Christmas
Margolin, Phillip. Murder at Black Oaks (Robin Lockwood)
McCarthy, Cormac. The Passenger
McCarthy, Cormac. Stella Maris
Ng, Celeste. Our Missing Hearts
Palmer, Diana. Wyoming Homecoming
Paris, B. A. The Prisoner
Patterson, James. The Perfect Assassin: A Doc Savage Thriller
Patterson, James. Triple Cross (Alex Cross)
Patterson, James. The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas
Penny, Louise. A World of Curiosities (Chief Inspector Gamache)
Perry, Anne. A Christmas Deliverance
Peterson, Tracie. Under the Starry Skies
Picoult, Jodi. Mad Honey
Rankin, Ian. A Heart Full of Headstones (Inspector Rebus)
Roberts, Nora. The Choice (Dragon Heart Legacy)
Rosenfelt, David. Santa's Little Yelper
Sandford, John. Righteous Prey
Shipman, Viola. A Wish for Winter
Smiley, Jane. A Dangerous Business
Steel, Danielle. The High Notes
Steel, Danielle. The Whittiers
Unger, Lisa. Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six
Woods, Stuart. Distant Thunder (Stone Barrington)

Nonfiction -
Bono. Surrender: 40 Songs, One Story
Brands, H. W. The Last Campaign: Sherman, Geronimo and the War for America
Brower, Kate Andersen. Elizabeth Taylor: The Grit & Glamour of an Icon
Buettner, Dan. The Blue Zones American Kitchen: 100 Recipes to Live to 100
Burns, Ken. Our America: A Photographic History
Davis, Geena. Dying of Politeness: A Memoir
DK Eyewitness Travel. Chicago Like a Local: By the People Who Call It Home
Dylan, Bob. The Philosophy of Modern Song
Faulkner, Harris. Faith Still Moves Mountains: Miraculous Stories of the Healing Power of Prayer
Flores, Dan. Wild New World: The Epic Story of Animals and People in America
Freedland, Jonathan. The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World
Garten, Ina. The Barefoot Contessa Cookbook
Goleman, Daniel. Why We Meditate: The Science and Practice of Clarity and Compassion
Grandin, Temple. Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions
Haberman, Maggie. Confidence Man: The Making of Donald Trump and the Breaking of America
Hill, Clint. My Travels with Mrs. Kennedy
Martin, Steve. Number One Is Walking: My Life in the Movies and Other Diversions
Meacham, John. And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle
Mukherjee, Siddhartha. The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human
Newman, Paul. The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man: A Memoir
Noon. The Noom Mindset: Learn the Science, Lose the Weight
Obama, Michelle. The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times
O'Reilly, Bill. Killing the Legends: The Lethal Danger of Celebrity
Pearlman, Jeff. The Last Folk Hero: The Life and Myth of Bo Jackson
Perelman, Deb. Smitten Kitchen Keepers: New Classics for Your Forever Files: A Cookbook
Perry, Matthew. Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing: A Memoir
Radloff, Jessica. The Big Bang Theory: The Definitive, Inside Story of the Epic Hit Series
Schiff, Stacy. The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams
Seinfeld, Jerry. The Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee Book
Shattner, William. Boldly Go: Reflections on a Life of Awe and Wonder
TerKeurst, Lysa. Good Boundaries and Goodbyes: Loving Others Without Losing the Best of Who You Are
Weir, Alison. Queens of the Age of Chivalry: England's Medieval Queens
William, Anthony. Medical Medium Brain Saver: Answers to Brain Inflammation, Mental Health, Oct, Brain Fog, Neurological Symptoms, Addiction, Anxiety, Depression…
Vintage Voices, now in its twenty-first year, will continue its tradition of guided walking tours in the Alton City Cemetery on the first two weekends in October: 1, 2, 8, and 9, from noon until 2:30 pm. Tours will leave from the main gate of the cemetery (at Vine & 5th Streets) every fifteen to twenty minutes. A non-walking tour presentation will be held at the Jacoby Arts Center on Sunday, October 9, at 5 pm.

Jeff Pruett will portray Marcellus H. Filley (1818–1868), a private night watchman at the First National Bank in Alton who was murdered on October 31, 1868 in an attempted bank robbery. Alton Mayor J. T. Drummond offered a reward of $1,000 for the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties.

Debbie Maneke and Jake Tenberge will portray Sarah Baker Metcalfe (1827–1906) and Lyne Shackelford Metcalfe (1822–1906), respectively. Lyne S. Metcalfe was an Alton mayor, a founding board member of the Alton Unitarian Church, and served as a Colonial for the Union during the Civil War. Sarah was the daughter of prominent Alton attorney David Jewell Baker and attended Monticello Seminary in Godfrey. Lyne and Sarah were very devoted to each other and had been married over fifty-seven years when Lyne died. Sarah died later the same year.

Zach Hardin will portray Colonial John Kuhn (1833–1865) of the Alton Jaeger Guard. Kuhn joined the Alton Jaeger Guard in 1855, and served as one of the Company’s lieutenants. In 1861, the Company marched to Springfield to muster in with the 9th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. As it was fully uniformed, about seventy-five men strong, well drilled, and accompanied by a brass band, their arrival at the capital created quite a sensation. The men of the Alton Jaeger Guards would become Company A of the 9th Illinois.

Rev. Anton Lane of Union Baptist Church will portray Rev. Austin Otey (1829 – 1905). A deeply religious man, Rev. Otey was the pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Godfrey. He was the very first pastor of Upper Alton Second Baptist Church, now known as Tabernacle Baptist Church. He was also a guest speaker at Union Baptist Church, where his funeral was held. Union Baptist Church assisted in the organization of Upper Alton Second Baptist Church. This year marks the 185th anniversary of Union Baptist Church. Union Baptist Church was founded in 1837 and is the oldest African American church in Alton.

Velva Parker will portray Sara Jane Woodson Newton Cohron (1853–1918), who was a very successful teacher in St. Louis and East St. Louis and the founder of the St. Louis Colored Orphans’ Home (now the Annie Malone Children’s Home). Cohron used her influence with the president of Boatmen’s Bank to transfer the ownership of the Negro Civil War Veterans Home to the new St. Louis Colored Orphans’ Home. Cohron was also the widow of Professor Charles Newton (portrayed last year by Jared Hennings). Her second husband, Rev. John Lewis Cohron, was pastor of Central Baptist Church of St. Louis, the largest Baptist church in the state of Missouri in the early 1890s.

Sean Williams will portray Henry Mayo (1820s or 1830s–1907). Mayo went with Gen. J.C. Fremont on the historical “Pathfinding” trip to the Pacific coast, where he worked as the camp cook. He also was the first cook on the first dining car ever run on the Chicago & Alton train line. Mayo was known as the only African American Democrat in Alton and in Madison County during much of his life.

This year marks the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Alton Woman’s Home Association. Alice Georgia (1869–1946) and Olga Polster (1884–1968) will share the story of AWHA. Alice Georgia was a resident of the home who was buried near the Alton Woman’s Home stone. Her husband was a businessman in St. Louis, and they lived a very comfortable life, but she outlived him by enough years that she ran out of money. Gail Drillinger will portray Alice Georgia. Olga Polster was an Alton Woman’s Home board member in the 1920s-1940s, and served as president for a time. Diana Kay will portray Olga Polster on the first weekend and Christy Schaper will portray her the second weekend.

This year is the 125th Anniversary of the completion and dedication of the Lovejoy Monument in the Alton City Cemetery. Ron Abraham will portray E.P. Wade (1833–1920), who was the president of the Lovejoy Monument Association. Wade was in charge of the exercises for the 1897 dedication and gave a speech detailing the efforts to build the monument, which is the tallest in Illinois.

This year is the 125th Anniversary of the founding of Beverly Farm in Godfrey. Claudia Herndon will portray Elizabeth Ellen Blake Smith (1860–1949) and John Meehan will portray her husband Dr. W.H.C. Smith (1860–1928), the founders of Beverly Farm. Dr. Smith received notoriety at Continued on next page
Food for Fines

Every October, Hayner Library holds a fine amnesty program, Food for Fines! We will waive fines on overdue Hayner Library materials if you contribute a nonperishable food item for each overdue item during the amnesty period.

During the holiday season, many community organizations hold drives to support centers such as Crisis Food Center, but we often forget about helping those in need at other times of the year. We are holding this amnesty program in October to help people without waiting for the support of “holiday generosity.” It may also help make Thanksgiving a happier time for families in need.

From October 1 through October 31, 2022, anyone who has an overdue item can pay their fine with a canned food item. Library materials must be returned with food donations, at least one food item per overdue item, and only Hayner Library materials are eligible. All food items collected throughout the month will be given to Crisis Food Center in Alton. Of course, even if you don’t have fines, please feel free to donate items to help others in our community.

Perhaps you have some Hayner materials that got lost under the couch or behind the DVD player. Now is a great opportunity to return those items to the library and avoid the fines that have accrued. Fine amnesty is a great way to support critically important community organizations such as the Crisis Food Center—and it is also a great opportunity to return “lost” materials to the library so they can be reshelved for circulation. Thank you for your support!

Walk, Learn, and Earn with OSF HealthCare’s Mall Walker Program!

OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony’s Health Center is sponsoring a Mall Walkers Program at Alton Square Mall. Join OSF Physical Therapy for a brief discussion on exercise, injury prevention, and maintaining good health on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am. Sign-up forms and walking logs for the program are available at the OSF Outpatient Rehabilitation office on the upper-level of Alton Square Mall or the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Turn in your walking log to be entered in a monthly drawing for an OSF prize! Completed walking logs can be turned in at either location. Questions? Please contact Frances Young at (618) 463-5346 or frances.a.young@osfhealthcare.org.
Summer Reading Program 2022
“Read Beyond the Beaten Path”

Young patrons of Hayner Library enthusiastically participated in this year’s exciting Summer Reading Program, “Read Beyond the Beaten Path!” Our online reading software, Beanstack, helped young patrons create, measure, and manage their reading. Using this software, KidsSpace staff worked hard to prepare enjoyable activities and challenges resulting in great fun, participation, and learning for our patrons and parents alike! Young patrons in the program were treated to weekly story times, crafts, and performers, and were rewarded for their reading with weekly and big ticket prizes!

To end this year’s program, participants were invited to the End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party where they were entertained by Celia's Shack Attack Dance Party and treated to Circus Kaput's airbrush tattoos. Children also received a free book, participation certificate, Gateway Grizzlies tickets, and a sweet treat to take home! Winners of the three big prizes were Auggie K, who won the children’s hiking gear set; Isaac S, who won the camp gaming pack; and Angela T, who won the camp-at-home playset. The traveling trophy, awarded to the school with the most readers participating in our Summer Reading Program, was given to Evangelical School in Godfrey. We hope to see everyone next year at our 2023 Summer Reading Program, “Find Your Voice!” Congratulations to all our winners! Thank you all for a great summer!

Teen Summer Reading Program 2022
“Read Beyond the Beaten Path”

The 2022 Teen Summer Reading Program, “Read Beyond the Beaten Path,” challenged teens to keep their books open over the summer. We asked teens to go virtual by using either the Beanstack app or 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, Jane O, who won the basket full of books, gift cards, and iRead memorabilia! Congratulations to all our participants for making this year’s Teen Summer Reading Program so successful! We hope to see everyone at 2023’s Teen Summer Reading Program, “Find Your Voice!”
Wreaths Across America 2022

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 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 17, 2022, our community will participate in this year’s national WAA event. The ceremony will start at 11 am at the Alton National Cemetery, 600 Pearl Street, Alton, IL.

In 2021, through generous community donations, 560 wreaths were placed on the grave sites 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.

The cost of each wreath is $15.00 and for every $30.00 received we are able to purchase three wreaths.

Once again, our local WAA will offer a limited number of wreaths for families or friends to honor their special veteran at other local cemeteries. These wreath reservations can be made beginning November 21 through December 9, 2022, by calling Sue Fitzgerald at (618) 530-1430.

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 wreathsacrossamerica.org.