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Spring 2020

Disclaimer

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StoryWalk® Returns to Hayner Library

Please note: This is the only program still scheduled to be held in April, 2020. Please call our general number (618) 4620-677 to confirm occurrence of this event or check our website at www.haynerlibrary.org.

To celebrate this wonderful new program, Hayner Library and The Nature Institute invite families to join us for a StoryWalk® kickoff celebration on Sunday, April 19, 2020, from 2:00—4:00 p.m., at The Nature Institute. Families are invited to walk the Frog Trail, read the story, have a snack, and make a craft. The first 30 families to walk the trail will receive a copy of the StoryWalk® book.

Hayner Library invites families to enjoy our new StoryWalk® located on the Frog Trail at The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL. The trail is approximately one mile in length and is located behind the Talahi Lodge. Visitors are encouraged to stop at the first storyboard and use a smartphone to scan the QR code, located at the bottom of the introduction page. Scanning the QR code will help the library keep track of participation in the program. A new story will be displayed each month from April through November. Please note that all trails at The Nature Institute are closed December through March.

Food for Fido
Help Us Help Them

Do you have Hayner Library materials that are still checked out and are embarrassingly overdue? Do you keep getting notices in the mail and are scared of what your fine is? Breathe a sigh of relief, from April 1 through April 30, if you have an overdue item, you may pay your fine with an item of pet food. This amnesty applies to Hayner materials only. Library materials must be returned with the donation and at least one donation made for each fine.

All the donations will go to our furry friends residing at the 5-A's Animal Shelter. The devoted staff in this no-kill shelter relies entirely on donations to provide proper care to the adoptable animals that have been abandoned, neglected, or abused... animals like Melissa and Karma (pictured above). For more information about this worthy organization, call (618) 466-3702, visit their website at www.fiveas.org, visit their Facebook page, or pay them a visit at 4530 N. Alby St. in Godfrey.
2020 Census is Here—Be Sure You Are Counted!

April 1, 2020 is Census Day! By the end of March, you should have received the census questionnaire or a letter to respond online. If you have not filled out the census questionnaire, now is the time to do so. Starting in May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin in-person follow-up visits with households who have yet to respond. Hayner Library has public access computers available for your use in filling out the form online.

Why it Matters—

Illinois has lost population since the last census count, making it vitally important that everyone in the state is counted. The number of your congressional representatives and the size of your geographic districts will be impacted by your participation in the census.

Every person counted is equal to $2,000 in funding to our community every year, for ten years!

Data from the census helps determine how over $675 billion in federal funds is allocated to states and local communities for housing, schools, food assistance, health care, and other vital services.

Will I be asked about my citizenship? No. The courts have permanently blocked adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census.

Remember—

Responding fulfills your civic duty. The United States Constitution mandates that a census be taken every ten years. Everyone counts! This includes babies born on or before April 1, 2020, children, and all persons living in your household at the time of the census. Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency (that includes the FBI, CIA, ICE, and Homeland Security) or court in any way, or allow it to be used to determine your government benefits.

For more information, please visit https://2020census.gov/.

Information You Can Use: Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams

Scammers are people pretending to be someone they aren’t—in this case, employees of the Social Security Administration. Scammers will try to scare and trick you into giving them your personal information and money. They may threaten you or your family and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. Don’t be fooled!

If you receive a suspicious call:

- Hang up
- Do not give them money or personal information
- Report the scam at oig.ssa.gov

There are certain situations in which the Social Security Administration may call or email you. However, they will never:

- Threaten you
- Suspend your Social Security number
- Demand immediate payment
- Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer
- Ask for gift card numbers over the phone or to wire or mail cash

What to look out for:

- The call or email indicates there is a problem with your Social Security number or account.
- The call or email asks you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, internet currency, or by mailing cash.
- Scammers pretend they’re from Social Security or another government agency. Caller ID or documents sent by email may look official but they are not.
- Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action.

Protect yourself, friends, and family! If you receive a questionable call, hang up and immediately report the call to oig.ssa.gov. Don’t be embarrassed to file a report if you shared personal information or suffered a financial loss. Learn more at oig.ssa.gov/scam.

2020 Census
Avoiding Scams: Tips to Keep You Safe

The U.S. Census Bureau will never send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census.

They will never ask for:
- Your Social Security number
- Your bank account or credit card numbers
- Money or donations

They will also never contact you on behalf of a political party.

If someone is sent to your house to collect your 2020 Census response, make sure that they have a valid ID badge with their photo, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

If you are unsure, call 1-800-923-8282 to speak with a local U.S. Census Bureau representative. You may also call 1-800-923-8282 to report other forms of suspected census fraud.

National Library Week: Find Your Place at the Library

Be sure to visit Hayner Library during National Library Week, April 19-25, as we celebrate this year’s theme, “Find Your Place at the Library”. Libraries are communities where all are welcome. No matter your age, interests, or background, the library is a space where you belong. You can explore new passions and discover who you are through your library's varied array of free materials, programs, and services.
Gardening Classes

Invasive Species Management
Wednesday, May 13, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library at Alton South Mall.
Nate Hoyle is a restoration ecologist and owner of Native Land Management L3C with a degree in environmental sciences from the University of Illinois at Springfield. Nate will discuss the history of invasive species in Illinois, the most important invasive species to manage, and where in the landscape they typically grow. He will talk about control measures for invasive species and define integrated vegetation management and how it is a better fit than integrated pest management. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Making Herbal Vinegars
Saturday, June 20, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library at Alton South Mall.
The ladies of the St. Louis Herb Society will be at the library to show you how to make herbal vinegars. Bring your own container – a quart jar with a lid will do. The herbs and vinegar will be supplied for you. Come have fun while making some delicious herbal vinegars to take home! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

What’s in Reference: Federal Writers’ Project

During the Great Depression, a series of guide books, the American Guide Series, were compiled by the Federal Writers’ Project. Historians and many non-historians traveled from state to state, writing guides to the forty-eight states. The culture, people, history, and points of interest of each state—from early beginnings through the 1930s—are contained in these books, complete with photographs and illustrations. Hayner Library holds a partial set of the American Guide Series in the Reference department.

Bold measures were taken to boost the morale of people suffering during the Great Depression. With the unemployment rate at 25 percent, government-run programs were developed to lift Americans up from poverty. One of the many programs created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the Works Progress Administration (WPA). By 1943, when the program was terminated, the WPA and its joint agencies, such as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and the Federal Writers’ Project (FWP), had hired more than 8.3 million Americans to work on special projects. The WPA helped millions of desperate Americans survive the 1930s.

The Federal Writers’ Project employed historians, teachers, writers, librarians, and other white-collar workers. At its peak in 1935, almost seven thousand writers, researchers, and librarians were employed by the WPA. Most of those working on the project were not writers, however some would become famous authors, such as Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, John Steinbeck, and Zora Neale Hurston. They captured America’s voice during a time of crisis through a collection of folklore, oral histories, slave narratives, and state guide books.

Laborers were employed to work on infrastructure projects. The magnitude of their accomplishment is stunning: 631,087 miles of highways, streets, and roads were built or repaired; 124,031 bridges were constructed or repaired; 125,110 public buildings, 8,192 parks, and 853 airport landing fields were built.1 Many of these structures are still standing today. That we can enjoy Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton is the outcome of the hardworking efforts of these individuals.

Out of despair from the Great Depression, human ingenuity and resourcefulness flourished—leaving lasting legacies for us to enjoy.


New in Our Illinois Room

1890 Census Substitute, St. Clair County, IL
IR 977.389 EIG
IR 373.7386 ALT
Bibliographic Checklist of African American Newspapers.
IR 071.3 HEN
IR 929.2 HAAS
Childhood Memories from the West Bank of the Illinois River by Kenneth E. Higgins.
IR 977.35043 HIG
IR 351.7146 DES
The History of Illinois by Tom Emery (2017).
IR 977.3 EME
Index to Mexican War Pension Applications by Barbara Schull Wolfe.
IR 973.6 WOL
Index to St. Clair County, Illinois Probated and Non-Probated Wills, 1772–1964.
IR 977.389 IND
IR 977.033 BRO
Jerseyville City Cemetery: Oak Grove.
IR 977.38555 JER
Maryland Oaths of Fidelity by Bettie S. Carothers.
IR 975.2 CAR
IR B GODFREY
IR 807.12 MEM
IR 940.54 NOR
IR 355.22365 KLE
IR 016.947 LOV
Stones: A Guide to Some Remarkable Eighteenth Century Gravestones (Scottish) by Betty Willsher and Doreen Hunter. IR 941.1 WIL
IR 282.9775 PAU
A World of Difference. Unit 1: An Ethnic Gateway: Metropolitan St. Louis and Southwestern Illinois. A Teacher/Student Resource Guide for Grades 7–12 Which Highlights the Cultural Diversity of Metropolitan St. Louis and Southwestern Illinois and Seeks to Reduce Prejudice and Discrimination. IR 365.8 WOR
Join us for our Spring 2020 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they’re all free of charge. All programs do require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.

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

REMINDER

Often program registration fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program for which you have registered, PLEASE call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know so we can fill your reservation from the waiting list.

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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, May 9, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 13, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Join us for a Bow-wow Pow-wow. Certified therapy dogs will be at 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!

Adult Coloring: Color Me Stress Free
Thursday, May 7, 5:30–7:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 11, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

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 evening. Stay the whole time or a portion. We will provide coloring pages, coloring crafts, and colored pencils. Of course, you may bring your own supplies. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

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, Alton, IL. Ancestry.com: The Forest and the Trees
May 14 & 21, 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Family Search: Records, Books, and Family Tree
June 11 & 18, 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. Updated information and new tips every year! We also take requests if there are specific things you’d like to learn about. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Forrest Bevineau The Singing Sheriff
Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.

Well-known Deputy Forrest Bevineau has a huge following throughout the area. His incomparable singing voice and incredible repertoire has brought him fans of all ages. His performances are often a mix of musical styles and can run the gamut from gospel to country and western, popular to R&B, and more. Join us for a great evening of songs and surprises. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

The Scott Laytham and Karl Holmes Duo
Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.

Scott Laytham’s skills as a musician, arranger, and composer are well known in the St. Louis area. Besides his live performances, Scott has also produced music for both local and national radio and television ads. For live shows, Scott has his hands full. He plays keys, guitars, and sings and also runs the light show and sound system. Karl “Trickee” Holmes is one of the best vocal impressionists in the country. Some of his impressions include Louis Armstrong, Al Green, Ray Charles, Barry White, Michael Jackson, Prince, Marvin Gaye, Nat King Cole, Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Johnny Mathis, and the Temptations (he performs all five Temptations voices by himself). You must see it and hear it to believe it! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Miss Jubilee
Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.

Note: This program will be held in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, 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, Rhythm & Blues, and R ’n’ R spanning the 1920s–1950s. Fronted by a high-energy female vocalist and backed up by a swingin’ horn-fueled rhythm section, Miss Jubilee is a favorite among Swing Dancers and fans of all ages who enjoy uplifting and energetic music! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Steve Davis Elvis! Live!
Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 p.m.

Elvis (yes, THE Elvis) returns to Hayner Library with his Las Vegas-style revue that will have you rockin’ in your blue suede shoes. Elvis sings and reminisces about his career in this great show that will take you back to Elvis’s Vegas performances of the 1970s. Don’t miss this chance to see The King live, onstage! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
partnering with the St. Louis Cardinals, Gateway Grizzlies, and The Grokking Tree. As a reward for all of their hard work, participants who complete the six-week program will be invited to our End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party at the Alton High School Commons. There they will enjoy a free book, reading certificate, snacks, and entertainment.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Saturday, May 30, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Monday, June 1, 2020 – Stories and Puppets – 10:00 a.m. Ages Birth-6

Monday, June 1, 2020 – Starry Night Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m. Ages 2-7

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-6

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – Lego Quest – 2:00-3:00 p.m. Ages 2-12

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – Mad Science: Dig into Science – 10:00 a.m. All Ages

Thursday, June 4, 2020 – Drop-In Craft – 10:00 a.m. Ages 5-12

Monday, June 8, 2020 – Stories and Puppets – 10:00 a.m. Ages Birth-6

Monday, June 8, 2020 – Starry Night Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m. Ages 2-7

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-6

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Lego Quest – 2:00 p.m. Ages 2-12

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – Riverbend Raptor – 10:00 a.m. All Ages

Thursday, June 11, 2020 – Drop-In Craft – 10:00 a.m. Ages 5-12

Monday, June 15, 2020 – Stories and Puppets – 10:00 a.m. Ages Birth-6

Monday, June 15, 2020 – Starry Night Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m. Ages 2-7

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-6

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – Lego Quest – 2:00 p.m. Ages 2-12

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 – Mr. Landry with Snow Ball – 10:00 a.m. All Ages

Thursday, June 18, 2020 – Drop-In Craft – 10:00 a.m. Ages 5-12

Monday, June 22, 2020 – Stories and Puppets – 10:00 a.m. Ages Birth-6

Monday, June 22, 2020 – Starry Night Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m. Ages 2-7

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-6

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – Lego Quest – 2:00 p.m. Ages 2-12

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – Science Storytellers – 10:00 a.m. All Ages

Thursday, June 25, 2020 – Drop-In Craft – 10:00 a.m. Ages 5-12

Monday, June 29, 2020 – Stories and Puppets – 10:00 a.m. Ages Birth-6

Monday, June 29, 2020 – Starry Night Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m. Ages 2-7

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 – Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-6

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 – Lego Quest – 2:00 p.m. Ages 2-12

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 – OMG Josh (How I Became a Troll) – 10:00 a.m. All Ages

Thursday, July 2, 2020 – Drop-In Craft – 10:00 a.m. Ages 5-12

Saturday, July 4, 2020 – Library closed in observance of Independence Day

Sunday, July 5, 2020 – LAST DAY TO TURN IN READING SHEETS!

Monday, July 6, 2020 – Stories and Puppets – 10:00 a.m. Ages Birth-6

Monday, July 6, 2020 – Starry Night Story Time (Downtown) – 6:30 p.m. Ages 2-7

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – Stories and Art (Downtown) – 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-6

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – Lego Quest – 2:00 p.m. Ages 2-12

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – Sammy J (Twisted Fairy Tales) – 10:00 a.m. All Ages

Thursday, July 9, 2020 – End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party – 5:00-7:00 p.m. Performer: Celia’s Dance Party – By Invitation Only!

- To register for our spring programs, please call Alton Square KidsSpace at 618-433-2881 or Downtown KidsSpace at 618-462-0677, ext. 2836.
- Summer registration will begin Saturday, May 30, 2020, at our Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall location.
**May**

Please note: All spring teen events will take place at the Riverbender.com Community Center.

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – GN Book Club – 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - Teen Movie @ Riverbender.com Community Center – 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 – End-of-the-School-Year Celebration – 3:45 p.m.

**Teen Summer Reading Program**

*Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover*

Please note: All teen events will take place at the Riverbender.com Community Center except the Summer Reading Program Kickoff, which will take place at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

This year's Teen Summer Reading Program, “Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover”, will get teens pumped up about reading! The theme will allow participants the opportunity to read fantastic books and earn weekly prizes. All participants who complete the four-week program will be invited to our End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party at the Riverbender.com Community Center. There they will enjoy a free book, reading certificate, snacks, and entertainment.

Saturday, May 30, 2020 – Summer Reading Program Kickoff – All participants who register on this day will be entered into a drawing for a $50 gift card.

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – Movie Day – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – Dig a Gem – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 – Alton Escape Room – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – Fun Day – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 28, 2020 – LAST DAY TO TURN IN READING SHEETS

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 – End-of-the-Summer-Reading Party Scavenger Hunt – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

• To register for our programs, please call 618-433-2872.

• Registration for summer programming begins Saturday, May 30, 2020, at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

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**Illinois Heartland Library System Library Crawl 2020**

The second annual Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) Library Crawl took place in January and was a tremendous success! The library crawl was a great way for patrons within the Illinois Heartland Library System to visit each other’s libraries and to experience the wide array of library programming, collections, and services available in our state.

Participants in the program were encouraged to pick up an IHLS passport at any participating library, have their passport stamped by at least five participating libraries, and then turn in their passport to their home library, where they would be entered into a grand prize drawing.

Each Hayner Library grand prize winner received copies of the books *Bibliophile* by Jane Mount, *The Great American Read: The Book of Books: Explore America’s 100 Best Read Novels*, and *Read ‘Em and Eat: The Hayner Public Library District Cookbook*.

Our staff had a wonderful time talking with patrons from surrounding libraries who visited Hayner Library during the library crawl. We hope to see everyone again next year!

**Hayner Library IHLS Library Crawl Winners:**

- Philip O’Connor
- Katie Schaefer
- Shon-Tyon Horton

**Congratulations to Our Adult Winter Reading Program Winners:**

- Rosie Brueggeman
- Chris Mazzocchio

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**FRIENDS OF HAYNER LIBRARY**

**Spring Book Sale**

$3 Bag Sale!

Friday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
327 State Street, Alton, IL 62002

For more information about the book sale, please call the Friends of Hayner Library at 618-462-4396 (Monday mornings only).
New & Forthcoming Books

Nonfiction—


Albright, Madeleine. Hell and Other Destinations: A 21st-Century Memoir

Amos, Tori. Resistance: A Songwriter’s Story of Hope, Change, and Courage


Ball, Molly. You Eat, Move, and Feed Your Soul

Birbiglia, Mike. The New One: Painfully True Stories from a Reluctant Dad

Blum, Howard. Night of the Assassins: The Untold Story of Hitler’s Plot to Kill FDR, Churchill, and Stalin

Clavin, Tom. Tombstone: The Earp Brothers, Doc Holliday, and the Vendetta Ride from Hell

Dronfield, Jeremy. The Boy Who Followed His Father Into Auschwitz: A True Story of Family and Survival

Dudley, Steven. MS-13: The Gang

Dudley, Steven. A True Story of Family and Survival Followed His Father Into Auschwitz:

Dronfield, Jeremy.

Elin Hilderbrand. Organizing Your Professional Life

Eric Van Lustbader. The Nemesis

Eric Van Lustbader. The Black Sun

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Behind the Scenes: The Interlibrary Loan Department

The Interlibrary Loan department has two jobs: To send out materials from the Hayner Library collection that have been requested by patrons of other libraries and to check-in materials from other libraries that have been requested by Hayner patrons. This job may sound easy but it’s exhaustingly hard work!

Just how exhausting is it? In 2019, the Interlibrary Loan department (which consists of two full-time and two part-time employees) sent out 65,003 items to other libraries. This breaks down to an average of 5,416 items per month— or roughly 180 items per day! Hayner Library patrons requested 62,258 interlibrary loan items from other libraries in 2019—an average of 5,188 items per month, or approximately 172 items per day. These figures do not include the hundreds of Hayner Library items returned to our library through our daily courier delivery.

The Interlibrary Loan department’s day is a perfectly choreographed chain of activity: collecting, sorting, arranging, activating, and shelving interlibrary loan items. Each morning this department hits the ground running, a pace that is maintained until the last requested item is placed on the hold shelf.

We are tremendously proud of this small but vital department. Their behind-the-scenes hard work is an essential part of library service to Hayner Library patrons and the patrons of other Illinois Heartland Library System libraries.

What Do I Read Next?

What do the books Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, A Song of Ice and Fire, and The Dragonfly in Amber have in common? They’re each titled within a book series! If you enjoy reading a book series, the following websites will come in handy:

Stop, You’re Killing Me — This website is a terrific resource for lovers of mystery, crime, thriller, spy, and suspense books. It profiles over 5,200 authors and contains chronological lists of their books (over 60,000 titles). Looking for something new to read? This site also includes indexes for the location, job, and historical period of fictional main characters, as well as a diversity and genre index. www.stopyourekillingme.com

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