New Trustees

On May 27, 2021, The Hayner Public Library District seated two new members to the Board of Trustees and confirmed the second term of a third. The retiring Board members are Dr. Jill O’Shea Lane and Ms. Mary Lou DeGrand Watson. Dr. Lane, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Lewis & Clark Community College, has been a resident of Godfrey since 2008 and has served on the Board of Trustees since 2019. Her father, John O’Shea, was a loyal patron of Hayner Library for many years, and her daughter, Grace, worked as a Page at Hayner Library throughout high school and college. Because Hayner Library has been such an important part of her family, Dr. Lane said that she “enjoyed giving back by serving on the Board.” Thank you, Dr. Lane, for your support and many contributions during your term as Trustee.

Alton resident Ms. Mary Lou DeGrand Watson has served on the Board of Trustees since 2007. Ms. Watson is the Director of Technology Enhanced Learning at Lewis & Clark Community College. Her family has provided years of service to The Hayner Public Library District. Her mother, Nancy DeGrand, was the library’s Financial Director for many years, serving under then-Director Mary Deane Huntley and continued her service to the District as a member of the Board of Trustees after her retirement. “I was very proud to serve on the Board of such an important community service and I know the District will be very well-served by those who follow me,” Ms. Watson said. Thank you, Ms. Watson, for your many years serving as Trustee, chairperson of the Personnel Committee, and Board Secretary. You have helped steer the library through many years of change and growth, from which the Board, District, and community have greatly benefited.

Mr. Peter Tassinari has been elected to his second term as Trustee. Mr. Tassinari is an Alton resident and works for Wells Fargo. During his first term, he served as Board Vice President and is currently the chairperson of the Long Range Plan Committee. The Long Range Plan provides a framework for setting the District’s direction, goals, and objectives for the next five years (2021-2026).

Mrs. Amber Sims has been elected to her first term on the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Sims currently works as a teacher at Gilson Brown Elementary School. Mrs. Sims holds a master's degree in public administration as well as a master's degree in elementary education. She was also a staff member in the library's Circulation Department from 2011 until 2015. With her Hayner Library experience and educational background, Mrs. Sims brings many valuable skills to the Board and District.

Mr. Kerry Miller was also seated to his first term on the Board of Trustees. He is very active in Alton Little Theater and is a major contributor to their wonderful annual event, Vintage Voices. Mr. Miller is an extremely enthusiastic patron of the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, as well as being very involved in community affairs. We welcome the enthusiasm and energy that Mr. Miller brings to the District.

In addition to our newly elected and re-elected Trustees, the Board is also comprised of Mr. Kevin Botterbush (President), Dr. Melissa Batchelor (Secretary), Mrs. Karen McAtee (Treasurer), and Ms. Kim Shoemaker (Trustee).

Job-Help-to-Go Bags

With the pandemic easing, life is beginning to return to normal and job opportunities are more readily available. To help with your job search, Hayner Library has put together **Job-Help-to-Go Bags**. This kit is a one-stop job fair all in one bag!

**Job-Help-to-Go Bags** contain information focused on job-searching, skill-building, resume writing, and career-building. Contents include instructional information pertinent to job searching, lists of local work resources, brochures from the nearby Madison County Employment & Training Center, a list of job-seeking sites, and a list of job hunting books, study guides, and test prep books available in the Hayner Library collection. If you are looking for employment and need help getting started, stop by Hayner Library for a quick jump-start! Pick up a bag at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall or the Downtown Library.
Without realization, everyone today has an affection for something that originated from the nineteenth century. It could be a fascination surrounding the Civil War, or a simple fondness for a cold bottle of Coca-Cola. Even turning on a light or picking up the telephone is an acknowledgment of the nineteenth century.

History has always been (and will always be) a riveting subject. It is recalling history which makes conversations interesting, trivia games fun, and movies action-packed! The nineteenth century saw many changes in the world. Many of those changes continue to have an impact on our culture, our lifestyles, and our social statuses today. Inventions developed during the 1800s continue to make our lives easier, healthier, and less hectic.

Here is a short timeline of just a few of the inventions and discoveries that continue to inconspicuously influence our twenty-first century lives.

The nineteenth century began with Britain rising as an industrial power, President John Adams sitting in the Executive Mansion, and explorers Lewis and Clark on the verge of a westward expedition.

The year 1805 saw a breakthrough in medical discovery when Friedrich Wilhelm Sertürner, a German pharmacist, was successful in isolating and extracting morphine crystals from poppy seeds. Due to its effectiveness in inducing sleep, he called it “morphium” after Morpheus—the Greek god of sleep and dreams.

The War of 1812 was the first time the United States declared war on another nation. President James Madison declared war on Britain after American interests were injured by Britain’s endeavors to restrict United States trading.

By 1840, the population of the United States had grown to just over seventeen million people. Railway track had grown to almost three thousand miles, allowing for a more efficient way to move cargo across the country. By the end of the century, the railroad would claim nearly two hundred thousand miles of track.

According to legend, the first potato chip was offered in a Saratoga Springs, New York restaurant in 1853, after a patron repeatedly complained that his fried potatoes were too thick. Restaurant Chef George Crum, in an act of spitefulness, cut the next batch extremely thin and fried them extra crispy, hoping to finally satisfy the disgruntled patron. The result was surprising when everyone lauded this new crunchy cuisine!

The first city sewer system was planned in Chicago in 1855. Since the city sat just a few feet above the water level of Lake Michigan, the strategy was to raise the entire metropolis higher off the ground by as much as fourteen feet. Buildings were jacked up, new foundations laid underneath, and the streets filled in with dirt. From beginning to end, the process took twenty years.

The Civil War forced brother to stand against brother on U.S. battlefields. It ended in 1865 when General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant. This final act of the war was the beginning of the end of slavery.

By this time in history, new and exciting inventions were happening throughout the world. The can opener was created in 1858, which was nearly fifty years after the tin can was introduced! The first pair of blue jeans was buttoned-up in California in 1873, and the first telephone rang in 1876.

The time zones spanning our nation’s borders, which are still recognized today, were not created through legislative powers—they were put in place by railroad officials during the Great Railroad Time Convention, held in St. Louis in 1885.

In 1886, the first serving of Coca-Cola was offered for five cents in Atlanta, Georgia. This refreshing beverage was the invention of pharmacist John S. Pemberton. Pemberton was a veteran of the Civil War who had become addicted to opium after being wounded in battle. Coca-Cola was first sold as a medicine called “Pemberton’s French Wine Coca” and invented by Pemberton as a way to combat his illness.

The first x-ray was achieved by German physicist Wilhelm Rontgen in 1895. The image taken was that of his wife’s left hand. Unfortunately, it took many decades after this medical discovery for scientists to realize there were serious side effects associated with using radiation on unprotected skin.

The last ten years of the nineteenth century saw rapid growth in urban population and industrialization. More people were moving their families off the farms and into the cities for steady work. Cities were forced to widen their peripheries to alleviate the overcrowded housing conditions. They accomplished this by designing new communities known as “suburbs.”

History has shaped us into who we are today. Inventions changed our quality of life while cultural events challenged the integrity of our beliefs. No matter how the nineteenth century influences the present twenty-first century, we should look back with gratitude for those resilient pioneers who carved several pieces of history to help make us healthier, happier, and more comfortable within our homes, communities, and workplaces.

History and genealogy walk hand-in-hand. History can tell us why our ancestors moved away from their familiar homelands to settle many miles, or even countries, away. People relocated and adjusted their lifestyles for many reasons. Epidemics within communities caused families to move to safer areas. Economic conditions and religious persecution in other countries forced many to relocate in hopes of finding viable employment or escape maltreatment. If you have ever wondered why your ancestral family settled in a certain geographical area, study a timeline to see what was happening around them. The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, located at 401 State Street, can help you with your family research, or your local history questions. Come visit us!

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Genealogy & Local History Library


**Explore More Illinois**  
Use Your Hayner Library Card to Save Money at Illinois Cultural Attractions

Hayner Library is pleased to announce our participation in the Explore More Illinois program. Explore More Illinois allows cardholders from participating RAILS and Illinois Heartland Library System (IILS) public libraries to reserve free and discounted admission, parking, and gift store purchases from cultural attractions in Illinois, including museums, cultural centers, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical societies, park districts, and more.

To access the offers listed on the Explore More Illinois website:
- Select Hayner Public Library District from the drop-down menu.
- Enter your Hayner Library card barcode number (found on the back of your Hayner Library card, do not use spaces between the digits) and PIN.

Once logged in, you will see offers for the upcoming three months. You can also search for offers by date, attraction name, or location. Information about each attraction and the offer is available before making the reservation.

**How do I make a reservation?**

Reservations must be made for a specific date. Using the calendar, you can choose the date for which you would like to make a reservation and then choose the Reserve option under the attraction. A confirmation box will appear, and a confirmation email will be sent to you. You have the option to print out a pass at that time, or you can choose to print it later.

**Can I cancel a reservation?**

Yes, you can cancel a reservation before you print or download a pass.

**I cannot log into Explore More Illinois. What should I do?**

Please call or visit the library. You may have an issue with your account, such as an expired card or fines. We will be happy to assist you in solving the problem.

**How many reservations can I have at one time?**

You can have up to three active reservations at one time. Once one of the reservation dates has passed, you may make another reservation.

**Can children make reservations?**

Adults age eighteen and older can make reservations in Explore More Illinois. A photo ID must be shown at the attraction on the day of the reservation.

**Can I make a reservation for the same attraction more than once?**

Attractions can limit how many times a patron can make a reservation. If you are out of reservations, you will not see the offer when you log into Explore More Illinois.

**Will I receive a reminder about their reservation?**

Yes, you will receive a reminder email three days before your reservation.

**What do I need to bring to the attraction on the day of the reservation?**

You will need to bring a photo ID and either a smartphone (if you choose an electronic pass) or a printed copy of the pass. Some attractions require a printed copy, which will be indicated when you make the reservation.

An Explore More Illinois instructional video can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LsZ1hsmbRU. This video contains step-by-step instructions for logging in and using the site.

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**New in Our Illinois Room**

19th Century Echoes: The Carlinville City Cemetery by Tom Emery  
IR 977.3835 EME

All-Town USA, Episodes 6-8  
IR 977.386 ALL

IR 323.1196073 HAY

Descendants of Casper Joseph Horn and Maria Christina Latz: A Three-Generation Genealogy by Casper Stephen Horn  
IR 929.2 HORN

First to Fall: Elijah Lovejoy and the Fight for a Free Press in the Age of Slavery by Ken Ellingwood  
IR 323.445 ELL

Fulton County [Illinois] Heritage  
IR 977.348 FUL

Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of St. Clair County  
IR 977.389 HIS v. 1 and v. 2

History of St. Clair County, Illinois: With Illustrations Descriptive of its Scenery and Biographical Sketches of Some of its Prominent Men and Pioneers  
IR 977.389 HIS

IR 385.09773 HIS

Macoupin County Courthouse: Scandalous Symbol by Tom Emery  
IR 977.385 EME

Material Heights: A Tribute to the First Mather Family Settlers of North Alton, Illinois by Ramona Kathryn (Rowden) Rodriguez  
IR 929.2 MATHER

The Memorable Month: Minor League Baseball in Staunton, Illinois by Tom Emery  
IR 796.357 EME

Muder & Mayhem in Southwestern Illinois by John Dunphy  
IR 977.38 DUN

The Onized United Fund by Owens Illinois, Inc. [1955]  
IR 666.1 OWE

IR 977.386 ILL

Richard Rowett: Thoroughbreds, Beagles, and the Civil War by Tom Emery  
IR 977.383 EME

Salem Presbyterian Church (Alton, Illinois)  
IR 285.977386 SAL

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George of Alton, Illinois 1925-2020: Includes Information on the Last Five Years of the Nazareth Home and the Sisters of the Precious Blood 1920-1924  
IR 362.11097386 SIS

Understanding and Using Baptismal Records  
IR 929.1072073 HAY

IR 379.263 POR
Welcome to the Jennie D. Hayner Park!
Located next to the Genealogy & Local History Library at 401 State Street, Alton, this beautiful oasis has benches, flowers, and artwork, including a book-themed mosaic and cheerful dolphin statues. Thanks to the generous support of a private endowment managed by the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association, the park has been expanded and beautified. We are so excited to share this outdoor space with our patrons.
Test Prep Books for High School Students

Hayner Library has test prep books to help you with test-taking in most subject areas. Test prep books prepare you for the SAT, ACT, and AP subject exams. They give you tactics to avoid traps and tips for guessing logically. Test prep books contain practice tests designed to help you earn a higher score. Check them out and get a head start in test-taking!

Master the SAT 2020 (2020). 378.1662 PET
Everything You Need to Ace Biology in One Big Fat Notebook: The Complete High School Study Guide (2021). Y570.76 BRO
Everything You Need to Ace Chemistry in One Big Fat Notebook: The Complete High School Study Guide (2020). Y540.76 SWA
AP U.S. Government & Politics 2019 320.473076 LAM
Cracking the AP Chemistry Exam. Premium (2019). 540.76 CRA
Cracking the AP Physics 1 Exam (2019). 530.76 CRA
Cracking the AP English Literature & Composition Exam (2018). 820.76 CRA
SAT Subject Test Biology E/M Prep (2019). 378.1662 SAT
SAT Subject Test U.S. History Prep (2019). 378.1662 SAT
Sterling Test Prep SAT World History: Complete Content Review (2019). 378.1662 STE

Homeschooling Resource Guides

Discover the homeschooling resources available at Hayner Library—pick up a Homeschooling Resource Guide! The guides are located at the KidsSpace service desks at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and the Downtown Library.

Hayner Library supports homeschoolers through its many resources, both print and online, and programming. The guides contain information on homeschooling websites, Hayner Library resources, special materials, educational enrichment, parent/teacher books, and more. Pick up a booklet today and discover the wide array of materials available for circulation and community/library programs in which you can participate. Our goal is to help you as you pursue educational enrichment endeavors for your children.

Take an Audio Tour of the Genealogy & Local History Library

Have you ever wondered why our library district is named after Jennie D. Hayner? Did you know that we almost lost our entire collection to the Quincy Public Library in 1865? Want to learn the history behind the beautiful oil paintings in the Genealogy & Local History Library, some of which we’ve owned for over 100 years? Come listen to our audio tour!

We have ten handsets loaded with the audio tour and historic photographs. The handsets are easy to use, with adjustable volume and a printed instruction sheet.

The tour includes sections on Hayner Library history, the Hayner family, the original building, our most important works of art, and stories related to the local history displays. Our current displays are Hayner Library History, the Haskell Playhouse, Alton Railroads, Elijah Lovejoy, Western Military Academy, artist Agnes Millen Richmond, Monticello Seminary, Illinois Glass Company, and historic Alton postcards.

A few interesting facts from the tour:

In 1867, Ralph Waldo Emerson, whose brother William was practicing medicine in Alton at the time, gave a very well-attended and -received lecture titled “American Culture” to benefit the library.

Alton native Agnes Millen Richmond’s paintings were featured at the 1915 World’s Fair Panama–Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

Elijah Lovejoy’s son Edward (1836-1891) worked in the newspaper business for a time, where he wrote articles defending the rights of Japanese Americans and attacking the denial of civil rights when a school district refused to integrate African Americans.

There was an intense football rivalry between Alton High School and Western Military Academy. They first played against each other in 1904. Alton was winning 6-0 when the game ended early due to lightning. The next weekend, a fight broke out between the Alton High players and Western cadets. When Western officials were unable to stop the fight, the cadet corps was locked up in their quarters for the remainder of the afternoon. The two teams didn’t meet on the football field again until 1907.

Book Bundles: A Readers’ Advisory Service from Hayner Library

Looking for your next great read? Let us help you find your next favorite author or genre. Hayner Library has an adult book recommendation service to help you find books you like: Book Bundles!

Participation in Book Bundles is easy. Simply fill out the Book Bundles registration form on the Hayner Library website. The registration form allows you to specify your favorite reading genres, authors, titles, and other reading preference information. Once you submit the registration form, our staff will select books for you based on your criteria. After selecting the books, we will give you a call and have them waiting for you at your preferred Hayner Library location. You can also call or email the Reference department at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2849 or reference@haynerlibrary.org to participate in the program.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM JULY VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

Monday, July 5, 2021 – Virtual Stories & Puppets – Join us at 10:00 a.m. on the Hayner Library Facebook page for fun stories and a puppet show.

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – Virtual Stories & Art – Listen and watch as Ms. Mary Kay and Ms. Jenn read stories and make a fun art project. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. on the Hayner Library Facebook page.

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – Virtual Performance – OMG Josh performs Mystery of the Narwhal Nose at 10:00 a.m. on the Hayner Library Facebook page.

Thursday, July 8, 2021 – Take-Home Craft – Stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and pick up your take-home craft kit, while supplies last.

Monday, July 12, 2021 – Virtual Stories & Puppets – Join us at 10:00 a.m. on the Hayner Library Facebook page for fun stories and a puppet show.

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 – Virtual Stories & Art – Listen and watch as Ms. Mary Kay and Ms. Jenn read stories and make a fun art project. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. on the Hayner Library Facebook page.

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 – Virtual Performance – Check out the Hayner Library Facebook page at 10:00 a.m. to watch Chef Bananas perform his comedy and magic show.

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – End-of-the-Summer Announcements and Performance – Check out the Hayner Library Facebook page at 10:00 a.m. to find out if you’re the lucky winner of one of the THREE BIG PRIZES! The announcements will be followed by performer Wild Hearts' “Color Me Wild” show.

HAYNER LIBRARY AT ALTON SQUARE MALL: JULY – SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Stories with Ms. Sam – Come join us for this fun and interactive story time for children ages 2–5 years old. Children will hear stories, sing songs, and make crafts that reflect the weekly theme. Meeting dates are Wednesdays, August 25, September 1, September 8, September 15, and September 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

Family Story Time – Come join us in an interactive story time for children ages 2-10 years old and their families. Participate in a variety of stories, songs, movement, puppets, crafts, and more! This is a chance for the group to get together and have fun! Meeting dates are Saturdays, August 28, September 4, September 11, September 18, and September 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

TNI Story Time – Come join us at The Nature Institute, located at 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, for this fun and active story time. Participants will walk the Frog Trail and listen as we read the story posted on the StoryWalk boards. Each participant will then be invited to join us for a craft at the Talahi Lodge. This program takes place Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Don’t forget to dress for the weather! Please register at (618)433-2881.

Take-Home Craft – Stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and pick up your take-home craft kit, while supplies last. Take-home craft kits will be distributed on Thursday, July 22, 2021, and Thursday, August 12, 2021.

TEENSPACE SUMMER 2021 ACTIVITIES

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Teen ‘Scape Club
Hey, teens! Come join Hayner Library’s new virtual club. Get together with other teens once a month to share your thoughts and opinions about the latest movies, music, and book trends. Each new attendee will receive a one-time goody bag. Goody bags can be picked up at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Meetings will be held monthly on Zoom. This program will be held Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Teen Take-Home Craft
Teens can stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall on Wednesdays, July 28, August 25, and September 29, 2021, and pick up a fun take-home craft kit. Craft kits will be distributed while supplies last.

Teen Online Bingo
Teens can meet other teens online at our retro fun-filled Bingo challenge! This program takes place on Zoom on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. The best-of-ten game winner will receive a $25.00 gift card. To register for this challenge, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

My Library Crate
Do you enjoy book subscriptions? If so, this one is for you! This three-month book subscription is exclusively for patrons 12-18 years old. Stop by the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall TeenSpace desk and fill out a short survey. Each month a TeenSpace staff member will pick out a new book and reserve it just for you. The crate contains a book and a few goodies. Your book crate will be filed on the patron hold shelf for five days after you are contacted. All you have to do is drop by and pick it up! For more information, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.
Why Summer Reading is Important

Summer Reading Facts

- The benefits of summer reading are clear. National research from Dominican University finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate.

- Parents of children enrolled in the public library summer reading program reported that their children spent more time reading over the summer, read more books, were well prepared for school in the fall, and read more confidently.

- Young people experience learning losses when they don’t engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Libraries are part of the solution.

- To succeed in school and life, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. Summer Reading Club reminds kids that reading is for fun—as well as for learning.

- There’s so much to see, so much to do at your library! There’s no better place to take your kids. The library is a place to learn, read, and have fun—a place the whole family can enjoy. In fact, more than 82 million children attend library programs every year.

- Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

- The amount of time children spend reading outside of school is linked to gains in reading achievement. Numerous studies show that access to books and magazines is directly related to higher reading achievement.

Source: Dominican University IMLS-funded research; Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap http://bit.ly/dom.edu (PDF)

Prevent “Summer Slide”

Children who do not read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall.

Build a Bridge

Children who participate in Summer Reading Programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score higher in reading AND math when they return to school.
Highlights of the Hayner Art Collection — View of Alton, Attributed to Blair-Riley

This charming scene depicts a young couple waiting on the banks of the Mississippi River with their wagon, horse, and three children. Nearby river traffic includes the ferry on which the family hopes to cross to the opposite shore, as well as two side-wheelers and a flatboat with a sail. The town of Alton, Illinois, stretches along the distant shore, where its downtown—which is shown to the left—is dominated by industrial and commercial buildings, and the residential area to the right shows a church and numerous domestic buildings. The painting was completed in the mid-1800s and is in stable, conserved condition. It has several areas of restoration, most obvious in the sky, but has never been relined. The painting retains the original wooden strainer. The frame is contemporary in date to the canvas and appears to be original. Areas of the underlying red bole show through the gilding along the lower front edge, the result of dusting and touching. The signature, though confusing to many observers, is legible to the naked eye. Whether the painting was donated or purchased is unknown. An undated description of the history of ownership as told to Pearl Shearlock by Mr. Heidrich is in the archives of the library. Little is presently known of Mr. Heidrich. The painting came into our collection before 1943.

View of Alton has been part of several exhibits outside of Hayner Library, most notably Currents of Expansion: Painting in the Midwest, 1820-1940, at the St. Louis Art Museum, February 18 – April 10, 1977. The painting bears a label from that exhibition. It also bears another label that reads, “Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign, L72-3-45, Anonymous.”

At present, there is little consensus about the signature in the lower-left or the artist’s name. Hayner Library’s accession file for the painting identifies the artist as J. W. Blair, but without further clarification of his identity, life dates, place of residence, or larger corpus of his life work. Regional historian Betty Madden, author of Art, Crafts, and Architecture in Early Illinois, briefly discusses View of Alton and identifies the artist as J. B. Blair instead of J. W. Blair, and records him as a resident of “Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1845 who painted a view of Alton in 1856.” She does so without further source or authority. An article that appears in the May 4, 1944, issue of the Alton Evening Telegraph cites Alton historian Guy Study, who attributed the canvas to “Blair Ripley” and assigned it the date of 1846—again, without a source. Curiously, a close inspection reveals a signature that actually appears to read “Blair–Riley.” The meaning of the hyphen that exists between the two names is uncertain. Does this signify a hyphenated last name; the identity of a second artist who contributed to the great work; or the location where the artist might have worked? No answer is, at present, forthcoming. The artist has created a charming and well-organized picture. His simple brushwork and bold primary colors suggest he was a sign or fancy painter, rather than a professional artist—a possibility that may explain the difficulty of tracing his origins or locating other work.

The painting is located in the Illinois Room of the Genealogy & Local History Library.

Research and writing by Robert Morrissey, of Robert Morrissey Antiques and Fine Art in St. Louis, and Lacy McDonald, Genealogy & Local History Library Manager.

Featured Online Resource: Consumer Reports

Did you know that in addition to the print edition of Consumer Reports, Hayner Library subscribes to the Consumer Reports online database? This resource is free to Hayner Library patrons and is available from the library’s computers or your home computer/mobile device.

To access Consumer Reports from home, visit the Hayner website at www.haynerlibrary.org and click on Online Resources at the top of the page. You will find the link for Consumer Reports in the Product Reviews and Ratings category. Log in with your last name and Hayner Library card barcode number (found on the back of your card), and you’ll be ready to explore over 9,000 products and ratings—all from the comfort of your own home!

SHARE Makes it a Breeze to Use the Library

The Hayner Public Library District is a proud member of the Illinois Heartland Library System and its SHARE (Sharing Heartland’s Available Resources Equally) consortium.

SHARE is a collection of libraries in central and southern Illinois that have joined together to form the largest automation consortium in the country. This consortium allows patrons to easily request materials from other SHARE libraries, which can then be picked up at the patron’s home library. Most materials are ready for pick-up within a couple of days after they are requested. This convenient service makes it a breeze to borrow materials from surrounding libraries.

You may also use your Hayner Library card to check out materials when visiting other SHARE libraries.

Returning materials you have borrowed through SHARE is also just as easy. You may return materials to any participating SHARE library—not just to the library from which they were originally checked out. For example, if you check out an item at Hayner Library, you may return it to the Jerseyville Public Library. The Jerseyville Public Library will send the book back to the owning library.

For your convenience, materials checked out at one Hayner Library location may also be returned to a different Hayner Library location. Staff will ensure that the materials are delivered back to the owning branch.
SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

The Music is Back!
The Music of George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass

Finally, we feel comfortable reopening the doors to the Hayner performance room at Alton Square Mall for in-house programming. After a long year of quarantine, social distancing, face masking, etc., the CDC, Madison County Health Department, and Governor Pritzker have judged that it is safe to resume a semblance of “pre-COVID” life. We can meet in groups and enjoy being with family, friends, and neighbors.

Over the last few months, Hayner Library has been delighted to welcome patrons back into our libraries. So many of you have been wonderful supporters of our special events programming and we are delighted to revise the series of entertainment and educational programs, all of which are funded through a private endowment and are free of charge to the public. These programs are held in our programming room, located on the second floor of Alton Square Mall, halfway between J.C. Penney and the escalators.

We can accommodate up to one hundred people, so registration is required. To register, simply call 1-800-613-3163 and leave your name and the number in your party. We often have waiting lists, so if you register but can’t make an event, please call and cancel your registration so that we can fill your reservation with someone from the waiting list.

Our kickoff performance will feature George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass on Tuesday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. This band is one of the most versatile performing groups in the area, as they blend their fiery bluegrass roots with some traditional Irish and Louisiana Cajun. Their “Cajun Set” has won raves from crowds throughout the Midwest. The five-piece musical group’s enthusiasm, top-notch musical ability, wit, and humor are always evident during their performances. George, the group’s leader and founder, has won more than 130 first-place fiddling championships, played for two presidents, and performed at the Grand Ole Opry. George’s musical philosophy is to always “leave ‘em wanting more”—and they always do! Join us for a festive evening of music, laughter, and celebration.

Hayner Library StoryWalk: Family Reading and the Great Outdoors

StoryWalk is back and better than ever! Hayner Library has partnered with The Nature Institute to combine literacy and the great outdoors into fun for the whole family. StoryWalk is an innovative and delightful way for families to enjoy reading, nature, and engage in physical activity—all at the same time. Laminated pages from a children’s book are mounted on raised storyboards at various intervals along a newly paved outdoor trail. As families stroll down the trail, they’re directed to the next page in the story.

Hayner Library invites families to enjoy our StoryWalk, located on the newly paved Frog Trail at The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey. The trail is approximately a half-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. All trails are closed from December through March. A new story will be displayed each month from April through November.

We are also pleased to announce that we have installed StoryWalk boards in James H. Killion at Salu Park in Alton. The StoryWalk boards are located on the fence inside the park, nearest the corner of Locust Avenue and Washington Avenue. The boards were installed in late June and will change monthly. Visitors to this StoryWalk are also encouraged to stop at the first storyboard and use a smartphone to scan the QR code located at the bottom of the introduction page.

To celebrate this wonderful program, Hayner Library and The Nature Institute invite families to join us for a StoryWalk celebration on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at The Nature Institute. Families are invited to walk the Frog Trail, read the story, and make (or take) a craft. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs until noon. The first thirty families to walk the trail will receive a copy of the StoryWalk book.
**Nonfiction—**

Bragg, Rick. *The Speckled Beauty: A Dog and His People, Lost and Found*

Cooper, Anderson. *Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty*

Dettmer, Philipp. *Immune: A Journey into the Mysterious System That Keeps You Alive*

Duncan, Mike. *Hero of Two Worlds: From Settlers to Sufferagists, an Untold American Story*

Ellis, Helen. *Bring Your Baggage and Don’t Pack Light: Essays*

Ellis, Joseph J. *The Cause: The American Revolution and Its Discontents, 1773-1783*

Gallagher, Winifred. *New Women: Discontents, 1773-1783 American Revolution and Its Impeachment of Andrew Johnson*

Gellert, Ben. *The Bidens: Inside the First Family’s Fifty Years of Tragedy, Scandal, and Triumph*

Shapiro, Ben. *The Authoritarian Moment: How the Left Weaponized America’s Institutions Against Dissent*

Siegel, Matt. *The Secret History of Food: Strange but True Stories About the Origins of Everything We Eat*

Ticktin, Allie. *Play to Progress: Lead Your Child to Success Using the Power of Sensory Play*

Trejo, Danny. *Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood*

Trump, Mary L. *The Reckoning: Our Nation’s Trauma and Finding a Way to Heal*

Turner, Dawn. *Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood*

Union, Gabrielle. *You Got Anything Stronger?: Stories*

Van Iperen, Roxane. *The Sisters of Auschwitz: The True Story of Two Jewish Sisters’ Resistance in the Heart of Nazi Territory*

Wallace, Chris. *Countdown bin Laden: The Untold Story of the 24/7-Day Hunt to Bring the Mastermind of 9/11 to Justice*

**Fiction—**

Abbott, Megan. *The Turnout*

Albert, Susan Wittig. *Hemlock*

Andrews, Donna. *Murder Most Fowl*

Andrews, Mary Kay. *The Santa Suit*

Atkins, Ace. *The Heathens*

Brown, Sandra. *Blind Tiger*

Burke, James Lee. *Another Kind of Eden*

Cabot, Meg. *No Words*

Castillo, Linda. *Fallen*

Chiaverini, Jennifer. *The Women’s March: A Novel of the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession*

Cleeves, Ann. *The Heron’s Cry*

Coes, Ben. *The Island*

Cook, Robin. *Viral*

Couler, Catherine. *Vortex: An FBI Thriller*

Dailey, Janet. *Whiplash*

Deaver, Jude. *An Impossible Promise*

Doerr, Anthony. *Cloud Cuckoo Land*

Douglas, Preston. *Bloodless Fielding, Joy. Cal-de-sac*

Flynn, Vince. *Enemy at the Gates*

Freeman, Brian. *Robert Ludlum’s The Bourne Treachery*

Gerritsen, Tess. *Choose Me*

Graham, Heather. *Forbidden*

Graham, Heather. *The Unknown (Krew of Hunters)*

Griffin, W. E. B. *The Attack*

Guillory, Jasmine. *While We Were Dating*

Hamilton, Laurell K. *A Terrible Fall of Angels*

Harmsl, Kristin. *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*

Hawkins, Paula. *A Slow Fire Burning*

James, Miranda. *What the Cat Dragged In*

Jewell, Lisa. *The Night She Disappeared*

Johansen, Iris. *High Stakes*

Johnson, Craig. *Daughter of the Morning Star: A Longmire Mystery*

Jones, Darynda. *A Good Day for Chardonnay*


Kleypas, Lisa. *Devil in Disguise*

Kreuger, William Kent. *Lightning Strike*

Lapena, Shari. *Not a Happy Family*

Lewis, Beverly. *The Beginning*

Lupica, Mike. *Robert B. Parker’s Stone’s Throw*

Machmber, Debbie. *It’s Better This Way*

Mallory, Susan. *The Christmas Wedding Guest*

Mayor, Archer. *Marked Man*

McCall Smith, Alexander. *The Man with the Silver Saab*

McKevett, G. A. *A Few Drops of Bitters*

Michaels, Fern. *19 Yellow Moon Road*

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Miranda, Megan. *Such a Quiet Place*

Moore, Joan. *Complications*

Moir, Liane. *What the Cat Dragged In*

Munro, Alice. *Apples Never Fall*

Murder Gets a Makeover*

Oates, Joyce Carol. *While We Were Married* (Krewe of Hunters)*

Patterson, James. *The Therapist*

Patterson, James. *The Noise*

Patterson, James. *The Shadow*

Penny, Louise. *The Madness of Crowds*

Perry, Anne. *A Darker Reality*

Quinn, Spencer. *Tender is the Bite*

Robb, J. D. *Forgotten in Death*

Rollins, James. *Kingdom of Bones*

Rosenfelt, David. *Dog Eat Dog*

Santofer, Jonathan. *The Last Mona Lisa*

Smith, Alexander McCall. *The Man with the Silver Saab*

Stevens, Chevy. *Dark Roads*

Swanson, Denise. *Body Over Troubled Waters*

Todd, Charles. *An Irish Hostage*

Tomlinson, Max. *Bad Scene*
Rocky Fork: The Beginning
By Charlotte E. Johnson & Reneé B. Johnson

Ordinary people living their lives. That is the collective history of the Rocky Fork area. From those in bondage seeking freedom to those seeking a welcome and opportunity, people came to this place simply to live their lives and raise their children. Generation after generation, they called this place “home.”

The Rocky Fork area, a National Network to Freedom Underground Railroad site in Godfrey, Madison County, covers an area that now includes residential, private recreational lands, and the grounds of New Bethel AME Church. As early as 1816, the area is believed to have been a passageway for freedom seekers. Just a year later, six slaves were registered as indentured servants by the owner of a newly established tavern/distillery, at the junction of Piasa and Sugar/Rocky Fork creeks. By 1830, the area was well within the Underground Railroad route of Priscilla Baltimore. Known as “The Moses of the West,” Mother Baltimore brought many through Rocky Fork and was instrumental in founding its community.

While the land was wild and a bit forbidding, it was valuable. Landowners Don Alonzo Spaulding and Andrew T. Hawley were the types of men who put their beliefs into action. They and their families were active abolitionists believed to be Underground Railroad agents. The lands they owned need to be cleared. Their farms required workers. Both men offered freedom seekers work and the potential to acquire land.

In 1839, Mother Baltimore brought circuit-riding AME minister William Paul Quinn to meet with the people at Rocky Fork. Rev. Quinn gathered the people together as a formal AME Church group before continuing in his westward mission. Through Rev. Quinn’s efforts, a call was made for a resident spiritual leader. Rev. Erasmus Green and Mrs. Eliza Jane Green answered that call in 1857. In the meantime, more people came to the area by boat, long swim, and overland routes. They purchased land through outright cash sales and work-for-purchase arrangements. These include the Parks and Wilkenson families. By 1869, Rev. Green had helped raise the first building to house the Bethel AME Rocky Fork Church and school, the center of a community.

The 1880 Census numbers the community at 368 Black and Mulatto individuals. Who were these ordinary people living their lives, raising their children? What has become of them and their home?

To learn more about researching your stories or to continue your journey of discovery, visit the Genealogy & Local History Library.

Adult Summer Reading Program: Reading Colors Your World: July 1–31, 2021

The Adult Summer Reading Program is back! From July 1-31, 2021, Hayner Library's adult patrons are invited to join in the fun of this year's Adult Summer Reading Program: Reading Colors Your World. Each fun activity you complete gives you a chance to win the grand prize drawing. The first thirty patrons to register also get a colorful summer tote bag!

Visit the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall to register!
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