



Wolfner NEWS

John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State

Summer 2024

Celebrate Your Summer Reading Adventures



Summer has always been my favorite time of year. When I was a child in Carbondale, Kansas, the neighborhood kids and I were out of the house from morning to nightfall, playing in the woods behind our houses or picking mulberries off that one massive tree that could feed six of us all summer long. I remember the smell of honeysuckle, the taste of homegrown veggies straight out of the garden, the feeling of mud between my toes as we walked through the creek looking for crawdads to sell to the local bait shop, and of course the sound of cicadas! My sister and I could be found reading our favorite Judy Blume or S.E. Hinton book either in a tree or on a blanket in the back yard.

As I got older and had my own family, I tried to replicate some of those experiences for my daughters as much as I could, but for some reason they weren't as eager to make mud pies as I was, and they found working in the garden to be a chore instead of a delight. And mulberries...there was no way they were going to just blow off the bugs like we did, and plop them in their mouths! By the way, why did I not remember chigger bites from my childhood? Why do I need so much more water to drink as an adult and what was my mom thinking when she let us climb trees with reckless abandon?

One activity that remained from my childhood, to my girls' summers, to my now empty nest life is reading outside; albeit smothered in sunscreen and with one of those battery-operated handheld fans. I love reading outside, and while I can't prove this, the best books seem to come out in the summer. Oh, and the cicadas this year make the experience so much more enjoyable and definitely take me back in time.

I wish for you a summer filled with vine-ripe tomatoes, sun tea, a mud pie or two and of course books, books, books!

Robin

2024 Summer Reading Programs



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Wolfner Youth Summer Reading

Summer is here, and *Adventure Begins at Your Library!* The Youth Summer Reading program runs from June 1 to July 31, and it's not too late to register. For our youth patrons, we have two groups available:

Children [birth–grade 5]

Tweens and Teens [grades 6–12]

Any participant who logs five or more books read during Summer Reading will earn a completion prize and have their name entered in a grand prize drawing for their age group. Wolfner will also be hosting the following events:

Tuesday, June 18 – 3:00 p.m. Central Time

Stories and Music from Heather Harlan [preschool–grade 3]

Date & Time TBA

All About Owls—Missouri Department of Conservation [grades 2–5]

For registration and event links visit the Youth Summer Reading page www.sos.mo.gov/Wolfner/programming.

If you would like activities that you can do anytime, try our Sensory Nature Scavenger Hunt, “Where’s Wolfie?” Trivia Scavenger Hunt, and craft packs. For questions or help registering contact the Youth Services Specialist, Lisa Kincaid, wolfner@sos.mo.gov, or by phone 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720.

ADVENTURE *BEGINS AT YOUR* LIBRARY™

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program theme for this year is “*Adventure Begins at Your Library*”! Sign up started mid-May and we are once again using the Beanstack app to track reading progress. To register you can visit, <https://wolfpac.beanstack.com/reader365>. Adult participants will need to read five books between June 1 and July 31 to complete the program. This summer tactile coloring pages featuring Missouri landmarks will be available upon request. Our prizes and programs are funded by the Friends of the Wolfner Library.



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To sign up for this program and request your tactile coloring pages, contact Wolfner Library at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720.

NLS Summer Reading Program

National Library Service has announced events for its second Summer Reading Program which will run from June 24 through August 9. Registration links for online activities will be posted in June. **All events will take place on Zoom or you may call in.**

Visit the NLS Summer Reading webpage, loc.gov/nls/summerreading2024/, for more information on the following programs:

Monday, June 24 – 3:00 p.m. Central Time

Kickoff Event: Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden will read *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal (BR022572, DBC08652).
[All ages]

Thursday, July 18 – 3:00 p.m. Central Time

Story Time and Music: Turtle Dance Music
[K–3rd grade]

Thursday, July 25 – 6:00 p.m. Central Time

Author Talk: *New York Times* bestselling author Angeline Boulley with Andrea L. Rogers moderating
[YA and Adult]

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Online activities will also be available for participants including **Choose Your Reading Adventure**, the **Whispering Library Escape Room**, and more. Be sure to book your fun this summer by joining our reading parties!

Wolfner Library Offering Adult Mail & Make Program



Have you signed up for the new Adult Mail and Make program?

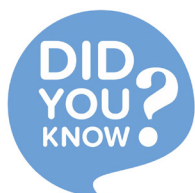
Participants receive quarterly kits in the mail free of charge. Each kit includes a simple craft, supplies, instructions and a link to an instructional video. These kits are assembled in house by Wolfner staff and are tested to make sure the crafts are fun! Recipients must be Wolfner patrons. This program is funded by the Friends of the Wolfner Library.

Registration is available by phone or online:

Phone toll-free 800-392-2614

Register online bit.ly/AMM-Register

For further questions please contact Wolfner Library, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. or email jami.livingston@sos.mo.gov.



Cartridge Returns

The best way to ensure you do not run out of books is to return your cartridges as soon as you have read them.

We Need You!

If you know someone who could benefit from our services, have them call a Reader Advisor to see if they are eligible to begin the application process.

Awareness is our biggest challenge, and we need your help. Wolfner Library is happy to discuss our services to churches, social groups, schools, libraries, assisted living and nursing homes and other organizations. If you have ideas or activities we could join in your community, please call 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720 or email wolfner@sos.mo.gov.



Wolfie mascot with red, white and blue Uncle Sam outfit



Missouri Secretary of State Wolfner Library Book Club

2024 Upcoming Book Club Titles

If you are a Wolfner patron, participate in our weekly book club by dialing in every Thursday at 2:00 p.m., or by using Zoom from a smart device.

Here's a list of books that will be featured for June, July and August followed by instructions on how to join in:

June 6 — ***Ordinary Grace*** by William Krueger Kent (**DB078187**)

Minnesota, 1961. Thirteen-year-old Frank Drum's summer is steeped in death: a neighborhood boy hit by a train, a hobo found dead—and then a member of Frank's family is murdered. Frank is determined to seek vengeance and can't understand why his younger brother isn't. Some violence and some strong language. 2013. [11 hours, 44 minutes]

June 13 — ***Palomino*** by Danielle Steel (**DB017343**)

A dazzling New York advertising executive flees to a California dude ranch after being ditched by her husband, a nationally known TV anchorman. On the range, Samantha does more than just forget, she falls madly in love with a rugged cowboy who promises her nothing but the irresistible passion of the moment. Some strong language and adult content. Bestseller 1981. [10 hours, 42 minutes]

June 20 — ***The Wizard of Oz and The Land of Oz*** by Frank L. Baum (**DB015141**)

Blown by a cyclone from her Kansas home to the wonderful Land of Oz, Dorothy meets the Tin Woodsman, the Cowardly Lion and other fantastic creatures. In *The Land of Oz*, Dorothy and a venturesome companion search for the lost heiress of the kingdom of Oz. For grades 4-7 and older readers. [7 hours, 21 minutes]

June 27 — ***The Wager*** by David Grann (**DB113965**)

On January 28, 1742, a ramshackle vessel of patched-together wood and cloth washed up on the coast of Brazil. Inside were thirty emaciated men, barely alive, and they had an extraordinary tale to tell. They were survivors of His Majesty's Ship the *Wager*, a British vessel that had left England in 1740 on a secret mission during an imperial war with Spain... As always with Grann's work, the incredible twists of the narrative hold the reader spellbound." –Provided by publisher. [8 hours, 33 minutes]

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July 4 — **Independence Day – No Book Club**

July 11 — ***Jimmy Buffett: A Good Life All the Way*** by Ryan White (DB111717)

A candid, compelling, and rollicking portrait of the pirate captain of Margaritaville—Jimmy Buffett. In *Jimmy Buffett: A Good Life All the Way*, acclaimed music critic Ryan White has crafted the first definitive account of Buffett's rise from singing songs for beer to his emergence as a tropical icon and CEO behind the Margaritaville industrial complex, a vast network of merchandise, chain restaurants, resorts, and lifestyle products all inspired by his sunny but disillusioned hit "Margaritaville." –Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. [11 hours, 1 minute]

July 18 — ***The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*** by James McBride (DB115655)

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill... McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us. –Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. [12 hours, 24 minutes]

July 25 — ***1984*** by George Orwell (DB073474)

Satire about an alternate London under a totalitarian regime overseen by the omnipresent Big Brother. Winston Smith, a Ministry of Truth bureaucrat, attempts an intellectual rebellion against the Party while he pursues an illicit romance. His actions lead to his imprisonment, torture and reeducation by the Thought Police. 1949. [13 hours, 56 minutes]

August 1 — ***The War That Saved My Life*** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (DB080472)

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4–7 and older readers. 2015. [7 hours, 40 minutes]

August 8 — ***Tom Lake*** by Ann Patchett (DB116555)

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a

romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. –Provided by publisher. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller.
[11 hours, 26 minutes]

August 15 — ***Matilda*** and ***The Fantastic Mr. Fox*** by Roald Dahl (**DB031793 / DB025380**)

Matilda is an adorable four-year-old genius totally unappreciated by her crass, dishonest, used-car salesman father, and her blowsy, bingo-playing mother. Neither her parents nor her older brother, Michael, can understand why anyone would rather read a book than watch TV! *Matilda's* life is made bearable by her chance discovery of the public library and dear Mrs. Phelps, the librarian. For grades 3–6.
[4 hours, 18 minutes]

Three enraged farmers are determined to catch the wily old fox who helps himself to their chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese. For grades 3–6. [1 hour, 8 minutes]

August 22 — ***The Only Woman in the Room*** by Marie Benedict (**DB093756**)

Vienna, 1933. While acting in a play, Hedy Kiesler—soon to be Hedy Lamarr—draws the attention of industrialist Friedrich Mandl. Her beauty and marriage to Friedrich save her from the Nazis, and she eventually flees to Hollywood. But her true passion is science and inventing. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2018.
[8 hours, 57 minutes]

August 29 — ***The Art of Racing in the Rain*** by Garth Stein (**DB066787**)

Enzo, a mixed-breed dog, believes he will be reincarnated as a human. He stands by his master Denny Swift's side through Denny's race-car driving career, the birth of his daughter Zo, the death of his wife Eve, and a bitter custody battle with Eve's parents. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2008. [9 hours, 11 minutes]

On the day of the book club, join by following the steps below:

Join by Zoom on any smart device:

<https://zoom.us/j/96471504467>

Join by phone by dialing:

312-626-6799

Enter the meeting ID when prompted: 964 7150 4467

For one tap mobile:

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Participants may also call Wolfner via phone to be linked into the meeting.

Immediate Downloads Available with BARD

If you have a smart phone or tablet and haven't signed up for BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download), offered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Library of Congress, we highly encourage you to do so. More than 170,000 audio and braille books and 70 magazines are available for immediate download to your personal iOS, Android device or commercial player. To register or for more information, contact a Reader Advisor at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720.

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Wolfner Library Podcast



WOLFNER PODCAST

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library is now hosting a podcast on various topics! The podcast includes interviews with staff, volunteers and authors. There will also be interactive episodes with patrons, and instructional and informational segments. New episodes will be released weekly. To subscribe to receive notifications about new episodes, or share your ideas for a future podcast, **call a Reader Advisor at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

You can view all episodes on our website at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/WolfnerPodcast>.

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Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

Wolfner Production Studio Recognizes Volunteers

A luncheon to recognize Wolfner's wonderful volunteers was held on Friday, April 19th. The accomplishments over the previous year were reflected upon and exciting new ventures that the future holds with the studio were announced. This event was made possible due to the generosity of the Friends of Wolfner Library and it allowed us to



show our volunteers the appreciation they deserve. Our volunteers play an integral role in the success of Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library. If you would like to help us acknowledge our volunteers, feel free to send a thank you note or just let us know about a Wolfner volunteer-produced book or Wolfner narrator you have enjoyed.

Send your notes by mail to *Wolfner Library, PO Box 387, Jefferson City MO 65102* or email wolfner@sos.mo.gov.

New Titles from Wolfner Library Recording Studios



All books produced by the Wolfner Recording Studios are the result of many hours of service by volunteers who go through a rigorous audition process to record, monitor and review each title. These Missouri-centric titles are uploaded to BARD for the enjoyment of Wolfner patrons and readers across the country.

(Additional studio funding is provided by The Friends of the Wolfner Library.)

Youth

Acorn was a Little Wild by Jen Arena. **(DBC29245)**

Narrated by Griffin Lyskowski.

Acorn is a little wild, and longs for adventure. When he's the first of his friends to jump off the oak tree, he's on his way into the wide world, full of new experiences that fill his little heart with excitement! When a squirrel buries Acorn deep underground, he finds himself forced to stay still, in the darkness, for a long time. To turn this biggest setback into a wild adventure, Acorn may have to change from the inside out. Show-Me Reader Award Nominee, 2024–2025. For grades K–3. [8 minutes]

The Feedsack Dress by Carolyn Mulford. **(DBC29210)**

Narrated by Mary Beth Broughton.

Fall 1949. When Gail Albright begins junior high at the nearby town of Craigsburg, she has no idea of the struggles and friendships she will find. After her first taste of humiliation, she must find a way to overcome her embarrassment and anger. With a little help from her friends, Gail might just pull it off. For Junior and Senior High. [5 hours, 21 minutes]

Hello Summer! by Shelley Rotner. **(DBC29203)**

Narrated by Maggie Barnes.

Whether biting into a juicy peach, dropping a fishing line in a pond, or splashing at the beach, these crisp, gorgeous photos of children celebrate quintessential moments of summer. For preschool–grade 2. [5 minutes]

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers. **(DBC29200)**

Narrated by Griffin Lyskowski.

A little girl and her father take a quiet walk and identify the sounds around them. For preschool–grade 2. [10 minutes]

Saving Grace by Priscilla Cummings. **(DBC24506)**

Narrated by Lesley LePage.

When Grace’s family is evicted from their Washington, D.C. apartment just before Christmas 1932, and she and her younger brothers are sent to a mission, Grace wonders what will become of her sick older brother, her pregnant mother and her out-of-work father. For grades 4–7. [6 hours, 42 minutes]

Adult***100 Things to Do at the Lake of the Ozarks Before You Die*** by Valerie Battle Kienzle. **(DBC29224)**

Narrated by Shirley Baker.

100 Things to Do in Lake of the Ozarks Before You Die examines this 91-year-old man-made recreation destination and the activities, attractions and amenities that developed around it. Valerie Battle Kienzle offers this carefully selected collection of places to see, things to do and unique opportunities. [3 hours, 12 minutes]

Dead Spirits: A Dakota Mystery by M.K. Coker. **(DBC24454)**

Narrated by Rick Wallis.

A corpse is discovered at Spirit Mound, a Lewis and Clark exploration site reputed to harbor evil spirits. Sheriff Karen Okerlund Mehaffey, newly married and wanting

nothing more than to jet off on her honeymoon, must deal with a clash of white and Native cultures over an archaeological dig at the mound. From dusty museums to colorful powwows, to backstabbing academia, Karen and Marek must dig far into the past for a killer in the present who's stirred ancient spirits—evil or otherwise. [10 hours, 35 minutes]

Enslavement and the Underground Railroad in Missouri and Illinois by Julie D. Nicolai. **(DBC29162)**

Narrated by Theresa Sullivan.

People enslaved in Missouri experienced the same horrors as those held captive in other states, and their stories of courage and perseverance are amazing. Author Julia Nicolai details these stories. [7 hours, 17 minutes]

Missouri Outlaws: Bandits, Rebels & Rogues by Paul Kirkman. **(DBC29164)**

Narrated by Tom Steever.

Author Paul Kirkman traces the succession of Missouri's first few generations and how each contributed to the making of some of the most notorious outlaws and lawmen in American history. [4 hours, 9 minutes]

Missouri's Wicked Route 66: Gangsters and Outlaws on the Mother Road by Lisa Livingston-Martin. **(DBC29167)**

Narrated by Carol Scott.

Tracing Route 66 through Missouri represents one of America's favorite exercises in nostalgia, but its sordid history doesn't appear on postcards. Stop in at places along this trip through the more treacherous twists of the Mother Road. [3 hours, 2 minutes]

No One Saw by Beverly Long. **(DBC29156)**

Narrated by Louise Eggen.

When five-year-old Emma Whitman disappears from day care, there isn't a single shred of evidence to go on. A.L. and Rena will have to race to untangle a growing web of lies if they're going to find the thread that leads them to Emma...before it's too late. [10 hours, 27 minutes]

See President McKinley or Die Trying: A Victorian Whodunit by Fedora Amis. **(DBC24474)**

Narrated by Shelley Swoyer.

Jemmy McBustle is trying her best to be a journalist. However, neither her family nor her newspaper editor take her seriously. When Jemmy ignores all guidelines and goes undercover as a maid at a private asylum for the insane, she finds more than expected. [10 hours, 37 minutes]

iBill Talking Banknote Identifier

Wolfner patrons can receive a free iBill Talking Banknote Identifier. This pocket-sized device, that can be hooked to a key chain, will read the denomination of a bill when it is inserted into the device. Please call a Reader Advisor to obtain an iBill at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720.



NLS Programs Accessible by Phone or Zoom



Monthly *Many Faces of BARD*

The Patron Engagement Section of NLS offers a monthly program called *The Many Faces of BARD* on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Central Time. Each monthly event covers one aspect of BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download offered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Library of Congress).

This event is open to all. For more information, please visit <https://loc.gov/nls/about/services/many-faces-of-bard> or call a Wolfner Reader Advisor at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720.

Quarterly Patron Corner Program

As part of the Patron Engagement Section's (PES) mission to offer services, resources, and programs to enrich the library experience for patrons, a quarterly Patron Corner virtual event will be hosted so patrons can learn more about various services directly from NLS staff. The quarterly Patron Corner will occur on the second Monday of September at 6:00 p.m. Central Time. Previous program recordings can be accessed at www.loc.gov/nls/news-and-updates/patron-corner/. Please call a Reader Advisor for more information.

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

Upcoming Holidays

Just a reminder to patrons that Wolfner Library will be closed for the following holidays:

Wednesday, June 19	Juneteenth
Thursday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 2	Labor Day

Wolfner Library Donations

Donations to Wolfner Library may be made to the Wolfner Trust Fund or The Friends of Wolfner Library.

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