



Wolfner NEWS

John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State

Winter 2022

Message from State Librarian Robin Westphal

In September, Director Leslie Bowman left Wolfner Library; therefore, I have stepped in to serve as acting director. Managers Lori Brown, Verhonda Winters and Randy Wright have been by my side as we continue to offer high-quality programs and services to you, our patrons. Leslie's accomplishments at Wolfner were tremendous, as she was instrumental in getting Duplication on Demand started, as well as making sure the library's reputation as one of the best Talking Book and Braille libraries in the country continued. All of us at the Missouri State Library wish Leslie the very best! We hope to announce a new director before the next newsletter comes out, and you can be assured that the Wolfner staff will continue to offer exceptional customer service while providing programs and services that meet your needs! Please don't hesitate to contact me at 573-526-4783 or robin.westphal@sos.mo.gov if you have questions or concerns.

Join Us For A Special Holiday Event!

Story Time for Adults! Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m.



Join us for a heartwarming tale read to you via Zoom while you sit back, relax and enjoy. Wolfner volunteer Audie Cline will be entertaining us with his wonderful voice talents. Audie has a degree in English, is an active participant in the Jefferson City theater community as an actor and director, as well as a lector for St. Peter's Catholic Church in Jefferson City. In addition to his heart for volunteering, he loves to read and make quilts for various charitable organizations. Please make plans to join us for this special evening. Call or email the library to sign up. wolfner@sos.mo.gov or 800-392-2614

Hot Reads for Cold Nights - Adult Winter Reading Program

We want you to chase away those winter blues by reading books that keep you warm and cozy! It is easy and fun to participate. Simply read and report six books that in some way incorporate or include heat, warmth, fire, etc...



Do you need some help choosing titles? You could...



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- “Escape” to a tropical setting
- Enjoy a heart-warming romance
- Research the great Chicago or San Francisco fires
- Cookbooks! Learn how to bake, grill or cook something delicious
- Read about volcanoes, global warming, or hot springs
- Steam-powered engines might get your gears turning
- Anything “HOT off the presses” (published within the last six months)

Did a book make you “hot under the collar” or leave you feeling “warm and fuzzy”? If the answer is yes, write it down!

If you need more help choosing a title you can always contact the reader advisors here at the library. They are always full of great ideas, ready and willing to help.

The reading program runs from December 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. All titles will need to be reported by March 11 in order to qualify for completion and prizes.

Register for this program with Beanstack <https://wolfpac.beanstack.org/> or by contacting the library at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or 800-392-2614.

Download Audiobooks 24/7 to Your Favorite Device



Recently the National Library Service (NLS) surveyed patrons regarding the Braille and Audio Reading Download service (BARD). According to this survey, 56% of patrons have never heard of the download service. In case you were unaware, BARD allows you access to over 100,000 audiobooks that can be downloaded 24/7! Web braille readers can gain access to over 20,000 braille titles.

All you need is an account, internet access, and a computer or smart device to start downloading. So stop waiting for the books to come through the mail and get signed up for BARD today! Contact the library to set up your account by emailing wolfner@sos.mo.gov or calling 800-392-2614.

Accessible Crafts Straight to Your Door

This past fall, Wolfner Library introduced a new program for our youth called Wolfie’s Mail and Makes. This is an accessible craft program for Wolfner Library patrons who are developmentally between the ages of 8 and 13. Crafts are mailed out four times



a year. Each craft will have large print instructions included in the mailing and a video connected to the craft's activity badge through Wolfner Library's Beanstack Program <https://wolfpac.beanstack.org/>. Eligible patrons will need to fill out the registration survey at <http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Wolfies-Mail-and-Make-Program>. This survey is needed to make sure the crafts are sent to the appropriate address. As always, you can contact the library with questions via email at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or call 800-392-2614 and ask for Lisa in Youth Services.

Programming and Book Clubs

Book Club Selections

December:

Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. ***The Vanishing Half*** by Brit Bennett **DB099791**. Desiree and her daughter return home to Louisiana in 1968, years after Desiree and her twin sister Stella ran away. The sisters ended up on different paths, and as Desiree struggles with the racial tensions of her hometown, Stella lives her life passing as white.

Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. ***A Christmas Bride*** by Mary Balogh **DB100261**. A wealthy man is determined to wed a titled woman by Christmas

Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. ***Visions of Sugar Plums*** by Janet Evanovich **DB055055**. Stephanie Plum is searching for toy-store owner Sandy Claws, who skipped bail just before Christmas. A mysterious stranger appears at Plum's doorstep seeking a lawbreaker. Together they deal with her zany family, a parcel of elves, and the missing men.

January:

Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. ***Animal Magnetism*** by Jill Shalvis **DB074004**. Kennel owner Lilah Young had given up on romance before she met pilot Brady Miller. The former Special Forces officer is temporarily in town to help his foster brothers--but then his casual affair with Lilah turns into love.

Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. ***The Boy from the Woods*** by Harlan Coben **DB098760**. Thirty years ago, Wilde was found as a boy living feral in the woods. Now, no one seems to take teen Naomi's disappearance seriously, but attorney Hester--whose grandson told her that Naomi was relentlessly bullied --asks Wilde to use his unique skills to find Naomi.

Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. ***Big Magic*** by Elizabeth Gilbert **DB082605**. A guide to creativity from the author of *Eat, Pray, Love*. Gilbert encourages anyone who ever wanted to write,

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paint, or do anything creative to let go of fear and be inspired. She shares approaches and attitudes that could help people lead more creative lives.

February:

Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. ***Gentle Rogue*** by Johanna Lindsey **DB032015**. London 1818. Georgina Anderson came from America to search for a fiancé who was missing for six years. When she finds him, he has married another. Now all she wants is to return home. She is so desperate that she disguises herself as a cabin boy and obtains a job aboard the “Maiden Anne” but she never planned to meet Captain James Malory.

Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. ***The House I Loved*** by Tatiana de Rosnay **DB075075**. Paris, 1869. Rose Bazelet is on the verge of losing her home on the rue Childebert to make way for the creation of Paris’s great boulevards. Refusing to leave her house, Rose writes letters about her life there to her late husband Armand and reminisces with fellow evictee, Alexandrine.

Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. ***Carnegie’s Maid*** by Marie Benedict **DB089953**. Clara Kelley travels to America from Ireland to better her family’s lot in life, but when she arrives, she is mistaken for another Clara Kelley, who died on the trip. She takes the other Clara’s position as lady’s maid to Margaret Carnegie--mother to industrialist Andrew.

Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. ***Ella Enchanted*** by Gail Carson Levine **DB046186**. Ella was cursed at birth by a fairy to always be obedient. The enchantment even puts her love for Prince Charmont at risk and Ella is determined to get rid of it.

Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. ***The Spellman Files*** by Lisa Lutz **DB078403**. Licensed private investigator Izzy Spellman has worked for her parents’ PI firm for sixteen years. Fed up with her family’s prying ways, Izzy agrees to work one last job--an unsolved missing-person case. Then Izzy’s quirky fourteen-year-old sister Rae, who shadows people both recreationally and for the business, disappears.

Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. ***Little Wonder*** by Sasha Abramsky **DB100363**. Biography of Charlotte “Lottie” Dod, an extraordinary sports figure who blazed trails for female athletes in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Dod won Wimbledon five times before going on to excel in other sports including ice skating, mountaineering, endurance cycling, golf, and archery

Workshops

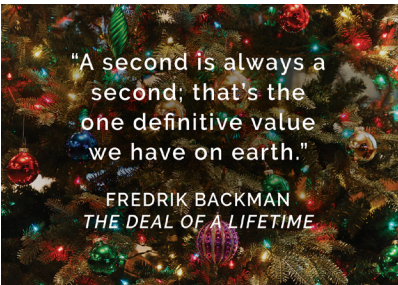
Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. **Snowflakes Made Simple**



This craft session will teach you how to make a large, three dimensional, snowflake out of paper. These can be created in just a few minutes once you get the hang of it. You can also change the color paper used in order to vary your snowy landscape scenes. These snowflakes are wonderful for decorating, fun and simple to make. Contact the library to register for this fun program and receive a list of the supplies needed to participate.

Adult Programming and Special Events

Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. **A Holiday Story Time**



Join us for a heartwarming tale read to you via Zoom while you sit back, relax and enjoy. Put your feet up, grab a snack and your favorite warm beverage while listening to Audie Cline read *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrik Backman.

Book annotation- On the night before Christmas, a man has been given an unexpected chance to do something remarkable, and change the destiny of a little girl he hardly knows. Before he can make the deal of a lifetime, he must find out what his own life has actually been worth. Only his son can reveal the answer.

Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. **Virtual Cookie Exchange**



Join your friends and fellow patrons for a virtual holiday party where we will be discussing our favorite holiday memories! Each registered participant is asked to send in a recipe for their favorite holiday cookie or candy by December 10. These can be emailed to wolfner@sos.mo.gov or faxed to 573-751-3612 at the attention of Salena. All submissions along with additional recipes submitted by

Wolfner staff members will be shared via email with participants. To register for this program call or email the library at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or 800-392-2614.

Youth Programming Update

Wolfner Library has so much to offer our youth patrons (ages 21 and under). Visit the Youth Programs webpage to find out about the latest programs and services- <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/youthservices/youth-programs>. Whether you want

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to watch a virtual storytime, listen to a podcast about a Wolfner volunteer narrator, or check out the latest MASL award nominees, Wolfner Library's Youth Programs webpage has you covered.

New from the Recording Studio:

Adult Books:

L.O.L. Ranch Stories Part I: Goofs on Hoofs by Dan Burle, Sr. **DBC19450**. Western humor (nonfiction)

Between the Star and the Cross: The Choice by Laura L. Valenti **DBC16387**. Missouri-based religious mystery (fiction)

No One Ever Asked by Katie Ganshert **DBC19433**. Community activism surrounding an impoverished school (fiction)

Blind Boone: Missouri's Ragtime Pianist by Jack A. Batterson **DBC06531**. The life and career of a blind pianist who toured after the Civil War (nonfiction)

Youth Books:

Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood **DBC19431**. Segregation in a small town in 1964 (fiction)

The Ugly Truth: A Riley Ellison Mystery by Jill Orr **DBC16392**. Murder mystery with a touch of humor (fiction)

Juvenile Books:

River Boy: The Story of Mark Twain by William Anderson **DBC19468**. Colorful biography of the Missouri author's life (nonfiction)

The Memory Keeper by Jennifer Camiccia **DBC19463**. A young lady comes of age dealing with Alzheimer's in her family (fiction)

Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream by Crystal Hubbard **DBC09743**. Biography of the woman who broke baseball's gender barrier (nonfiction)

Who Is Jackie Chan? by Jody Jensen Shaffer **DBC19437**. Biography of the acclaimed martial arts actor and stuntman (nonfiction)



Upcoming Holidays

Just a reminder to patrons, Wolfner Library will be closed on the following holidays:



Dec. 24	Christmas Day (observed)
Dec. 31	New Year's Day (observed)
Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 11	Lincoln's Birthday (observed)
Feb. 21	President's Day- Washington's Birthday

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Hours

Wolfner Library is open Monday through Friday
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