



Wolfner NEWS

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Spring/Summer 2020

Teen Writing Contest Winners!

Announcing the 2019/2020 winners of Wolfner Library's Teen Writing Contest! We received 12 poems and 9 flash fiction stories from 9 teen patrons (the most participants and entries we have ever had). Once again, Walter Barga, Missouri's first Poet Laureate, was our judge for the poems. Our Communications Department helped judge the flash fiction. Below are the names of our first and second place winners. You can read their winning entries by visiting www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programs/teen-writing-contest.

First Place-Flash Fiction: Jordyn Walker - *Gone*

Second Place-Flash Fiction: Gideon Braley - *Hathorn's Journey through the Desert*

First Place-Poetry: Tionja Johnson - *Someone Like You*

Second Place Poetry: Nicole Motley - *Moonlight*

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Wolfner Library, we were able to provide some amazing prizes. Jordyn and Tionja received an iPad with Bluetooth keyboard. Gideon and Nicole received a Livescribe™ Aegir Smartpen, Blue Dolphin Education Edition. Additional participants were given a Playaway® audiobook of *The Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips to Clean up Your Writing* by Mignon Fogarty and AfterShokz™ headphones.

From My Perspective...

We have learned a lot over the past six months! We learned the importance of soap, water and social distancing. We learned that many Wolfner patrons would like to have internet so they could access BARD, but do not. As always, the State Library continues to push the broadband initiative! When Reader Advisors and Librarians call or answer a call, we learn that you missed our customer service and us. We missed seeing each other and our volunteers. Many of us took turns having calls forwarded from Wolfner to our personal phones so that we could keep in contact with you.

When staff returned on May 4, the circulation staff processed over 15,000 returned books. Wolfner continues to quarantine incoming books for 24 hours and machines for 14 days. Within our first week back, Wolfner sent out almost 10,000 books.



Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

As of this writing, all staff have returned and Wolfner is happily sending out books and machines. Book clubs are enjoying conversations. The Summer Reading Program is underway. Due to social distancing, we are unable to start our Outreach program and our Volunteer program. We hope to invite our volunteers back safely soon. We miss our volunteers and definitely look forward to their return.

From Your Perspective...

Confined to her room since March due to the pandemic, Sue said, "I don't know what we'd do without these books with the lockup and everything. You are so appreciated. Thank you."

Charles wanted to know why Wolfner could not send out books while staff were working from home. He is frustrated that he does not have a computer. Now he is signed up for BARD because his son can download books onto a flashdrive for him.

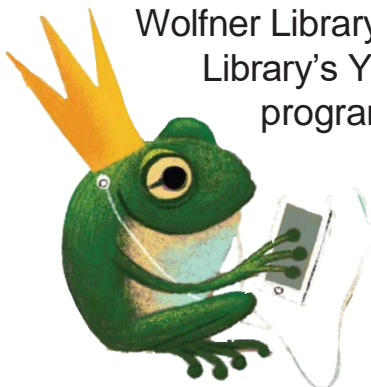
Pam, the daughter of patron Iona had a very nice conversation with a reader advisor about how much her mom enjoys our services. As they were finishing up, Pam said, "We couldn't function without you. It means a lot. You have no idea how grateful we are for you and your services. Thank you all." This was said with tears clogging her words and, the reader advisor was a little choked up as well.

Greg said that he really appreciated the five extra books because it helped him get through while Wolfner was closed.

Margie said, "Thank your team for all that they have done. I listen to my talking books in the evening and I really enjoy them."

Bob said, "Don't close again! I can't get my books and I need them!" To this, I say, "Bob, we will do our best."

Imagine Your Story!



Wolfner Library patrons ages 18 and under are invited to participate in Wolfner Library's Youth Summer Reading Club, entitled "Imagine Your Story." This year's program will feature a variety of fairy tales, fantasy books and mythological stories! Grand prize winners will have the opportunity to choose from four different prizes: an iPad, a Samsung tablet, a Victor Reader Stream or Beats wireless headphones. We will also provide top reader prizes again this year! The program runs through July 30. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/wolfner-2020-src> or contact the Youth Services Librarian at (800) 392-2614 or wolfner@sos.mo.gov.

Summer and Fall Book Wolfner Book Club Selections:

To register for one of the following book clubs, please call (800) 392-2614 or e-mail wolfner@sos.mo.gov. Registered patrons will be given the conference call phone number. Registration is limited to 25 patrons per event.

July:

July 16 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***The Prince and the Pauper*** by Mark Twain **DB59303; LP000645; BR09695**: The future Edward VI of England and a young pauper agree to trade places for a few days.

July 23 at 2 p.m. Good Books: ***Victoria the Queen: An Intimate Biography of the Woman Who Ruled an Empire*** by Julia Baird **DB87924**: Story of a woman who struggled with many of the same things as modern individuals, including work-life balance and raising children.

July 30 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***Catherine the Great*** by Simon Dixon **DB69496**: Biography of Catherine II that chronicles Catherine's 34 years on the throne after her husband was deposed in 1762.

August:

Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***My Brother Sam is Dead*** by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier **DB38902; LP000359; BR052050**: During the American Revolution, Tim finds himself caught between his father's loyalty to the king and his brother's support of the rebel cause.

Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. Good Books: ***The Cruellest Mile: The Heroic Story of Dogs and Men in a Race Against an Epidemic*** by Gay and Laney Salisbury **DB58310**: Chronicles the efforts of a dogsled relay to bring medication to icebound Nome, Alaska, during a deadly diphtheria outbreak.

Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***The Woman Who Ran for President: The Many Lives of Victoria Woodhull*** by Lois Beachy Underhill **DB42766**: Woodhull and her sister founded a newspaper in which Woodhull began a fight for women's rights that led to a presidential bid in 1872.

September:

Announcing the New African American Literature Book Club:

Wolfner Library is proud to announce a new quarterly patron-led book club featuring African American literature. The first meeting will be held on Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. to discuss ***Becoming*** by Michelle Obama (**DB92627; LP033366; BR22497; DB93194 para español**).

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Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***Memoirs of a Geisha*** by Arthur Golden **DB45008; BR012284**: A fictionalized account of the life of a typical geisha in 1930s and 1940s Japan.

Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. Good Books: ***Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two*** by Joseph Brushac **DB60312**: When the United States enters World War II, the Marines recruit Ned Begay and other Navajos as code talkers sending messages based on their native language.

Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***Kangaroo Squadron: American Courage in the Darkest Days of World War II*** by Bruce Gamble **DB93601**: An account of the U.S. Army's Australia-based Kangaroo Squadron, which carried out armed reconnaissance missions and rescued General MacArthur and his staff from the Philippines in 1942.

Workshops

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New Patron Workshop

Wolfner staff will host a workshop featuring overviews of BARD and WolfPAC. Upcoming dates are:

Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.

"Identifying Fake News" Information Literacy Workshop

Wolfner staff will host a workshop that looks at how to analyze information sources and best search for reliable information. Upcoming dates are:

July 14 at 2 p.m.

Sept. 15 at 2 p.m.

Lockdown Your Digital Life

Based on the model from Oasis, a training program for older adults, Wolfner staff will host a workshop that focuses on protecting oneself from scams and other real-life digital issues. Upcoming dates are:

Aug. 25 at 2 p.m.

Sept. 15 at 2 p.m.

BARD Reminder

Patrons with BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) accounts were able to download books during the Stay-At-Home order. Wolfner is encouraging all of our patrons with internet

access or who have family with internet access to consider signing up for BARD. To sign up, visit <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/cgi-bin/public/nlsbardprod/accountrequest.cgi?libcode=NLS> or call (800) 392-2614 to have a reader advisor help set up your account. Please have your e-mail address or the e-mail address of a family member ready.

Once you have a BARD account, Wolfner Library staff can add books to your wish list if you want. Then the files can be easily downloaded on a smart device or computer for transfer to a blank cartridge or a flash drive.

Volunteer Profile



John Wegman began volunteering as a narrator at Wolfner in June 2012. *The Bridge and The Longest Year* by Stan Crader were both fun reads for him because those books reminded him of how the world was when he was growing up. Not all books are John's favorite. There have been a few westerns where the author kept ending each chapter in the same manner, which John did not like.

John is a Jefferson City native who attended Helias Catholic High School and Missouri University of Science and Technology, though back then it was called the University of Missouri – Rolla. Before retiring, John worked in the IT field. He and his wife Connie have two sons. John enjoys playing guitar, barbequing and dancing in the Show-Me Bootscooters Dance Club. He also volunteers with Immaculate Conception Parish, Diocesan Excellence in Education Fund and the Samaritan Center.

New From the Recording Studio

Adult Books:

The Boyhood Memoirs of A. E. Hotcher: King of the Hill and *Looking for Miracles* by A. E. Hotcher **DBC16330**. Two boyhood memoirs relating to A. E. Hotchner's coming of age in the Midwest during the Depression.

Bushwacker Belles by Larry Wood **DBC16376**: Ozarks historian Larry Wood gives sketches of many of the women who actively supported Missouri guerilla fighters during the Civil War.

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The Christmas Cradle by Charlotte Hubbard **DBC16378**: The town of Willow Ridge rallies to help a teenage couple and their newborn baby. Seasons of the Heart series, book 6.

Dead Quiet by M.K. Coker **DBC16385**: An elder of the Anabaptist community is murdered. Sheriff Karen Mehafey and her uncle, Detective Marek Okerlund set out to find the killer. Dakota Mysteries, book 4.

Death on a Platter by Elaine Viets **DBC16377**: Josie loses her appetite when a fellow restaurant patron is poisoned and the owner asks her to investigate. Josie Marcus series, book 7.

Food in Missouri by Madeline Matson **DBC05749**. Traces the history of food preparation, preservation and marketing in Missouri.

The Gateway Arch by Tracy Campbell **DBC16355**: A surprising history of the spectacular Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

God Isn't Finished With Me Yet by Kathy Hughes **DBC05757**. After having been brain damaged in an auto accident, Kathy Hughes tells of her struggle to live with aphasia.

Hard Way Out of Hell: The Confessions of Cole Younger by Johnny D. Boggs **DBC16382**: Fictionalized autobiography of the famous outlaw.

Harvest of Blessings by Charlotte Hubbard **DBC16317**: Nora Glick Landwehr returns to Willow Ridge to help her community embrace the future and make amends to the daughter she had to give up. Seasons of the Heart series, book 5.

Holy Cow! by Harry Caray **DBC16366**: Harry Caray, the popular St. Louis Cardinals baseball announcer, speaks candidly of his life, his image, his love of the sport, and his opinions of the players.

Innocent Blood by Terry Ganey **DBC09578**: Story of Melvin Reynold, mistakenly convicted of murdering four-year-old Eric Christgen in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Live! At the Ozark Opry by Dan William Peek **DBC05391**. This is a behind-the-scenes story of the Ozark Opry that also spotlights some of the most fascinating characters of the times.

Messenger by Moonlight by Stephanie Grace Whitson **DBC16368**: Frustrated with her job as a cook at a station of the Pony Express, orphaned Annie Paxton follows her brothers onto the mail route.

Mission at Nuremberg: An American Army Chaplain and the Trial of the Nazis by Tim Townsend **DBC16331**: Henry Gerecke, a Lutheran minister from St. Louis was asked to minister to Nazi leaders standing trial at Nuremberg.

A Missouri Boy Growing Up in the Country by Dean L. Reno **DBC16419**. Humorous poetry depicting life as a young boy growing up in rural Missouri during the 1930s.

A Mother's Love by Charlotte Hubbard **DBC16380**. After learning she was adopted, a newly widowed Amish mother struggles to process this new information and reconcile it with her faith.

On This Hilltop by Sue Hubbell **DBC16349**: The author examines her adjustment to life on a farm in the Ozarks in writings on beekeeping, vegetable gardening, persuading ancient pickup trucks to run and other aspects of country life.

Pine Marten by Wallace J. Swenson **DBC16357**: Salem Greene sets out to search for the killers of his wife and daughter.

Shadows of Yesteryear by Jory Sherman **DBC05400**. A collection of Jory Sherman's best Western short stories.

Show Me the Murder by Carolyn Mulford **DBC16356**: Wounded ex-spy Phoenix Smith retreats to her hometown in Missouri to recuperate and reshape her life.

Swimming on Hwy N by Mary Troy **DBC16388**: On a journey from Missouri to Washington, disparate characters learn to reconcile and love in the least likely of places.

Taking Flight: The St. Louis Cardinals and the Building of the Baseball's Best Franchise by Rob Rains **DBC16400**: Rains gives insights into current Cardinals organization personnel, along with the effect George Kissell had, and still has, on young players.

Tomato Red by Daniel Woodrell **DBC01394**: In the Ozarks, if you're born in Venus Holler, you're not much. For Jamalee Merridew, Venus Holler just won't cut it.

Young Adult Books:

First Boy by Gary D. Schmidt **DBC16285B**. Dragged into the political turmoil of a presidential election year, fourteen-year-old Cooper Jewett, who runs a New Hampshire dairy farm since his grandfather's death, stands up for himself and makes it clear whose first boy he really is. For grades 5-8.

The House of Power by Patrick Carman **DBC16379**. Edgar, an eleven-year-old orphan, finds a book revealing significant secrets about Atherton, the strictly divided world on which he lives. For junior and senior high.

Moonpie and Ivy by Barbara O'Connor **DBC16396**. Twelve-year-old Pearl feels hurt, confused, and unwanted when her wild, irresponsible mother leaves her with Aunt Ivy in a little country house in Georgia and then disappears. For grades 5-8.

Orphan of Destiny by Michael P. Spradlin **DBC16303**: Young Squire Tristan makes one last desperate push to deliver the Holy Grail to safety in 1191 Scotland. Youngest Templar series, book 3. For grades 6-9.

Children's Books:

Benjamin Banneker: Self-Made Man by Jody Jensen Shaffer **DBC16415**. Explore the life of this self-educated mathematician, scientist, astronomer and civil rights advocate. For grades 4-7.

Big City Magic: Uncover the Secret of the Big Apple by Jeanne Bender **DBC16393**: Lindie Lou is looking for a Big Apple Tree in New York City. Lindie Lou Adventure series, book 4. For grades 2-4.

The Big One-Oh by Dean Pitchford **DBC16299**. Determined not to be weird all his life, Charley Maplewood decides to throw himself a tenth birthday party, but first he will have to make some friends to invite. For grades 3-6.

Callie Cat, Ice Skater by Eileen Spinelli **DBC06336**. Callie Cat learns a lesson about the joy of skating when she enters a skating contest. For grades K-3.

For the Love of Autumn by Patricia Polacco **DBC06411**. Miss Parks, a new teacher, is devastated when her cat, Autumn, disappears during a storm. For grades 2-4.

John Philip Duck by Patricia Polacco **DBC06381**. During the Depression, a young Memphis boy trains his pet duck to do tricks in the fountain of a grand hotel. For grades K-3.

The Last Holiday Concert by Andrew Clements **DBC16289**. Popular sixth grader Hart Evans must use his leadership skills to unite his fellow students when his music teacher puts him in charge of the holiday concert. For grades 4-7.

A Penguin Pup for Pinkerton by Steven Kellogg **DBC06413**. After dreaming that he is the father of a penguin egg, Pinkerton mistakes a football for a real egg. For grades K-3.

The Quickest Kid in Clarksville by Pat Zietlow Miller **DBC09714**. Alta's family cannot afford to buy her new sneakers—but she still plans to attend the parade celebrating her hero Wilma Rudolph's three Olympic gold medals. For grades K-3.

A Couch for Llama by Leah Gilbert **DBC16371**: When the Lago family's new couch accidentally falls off their car, it is found by Llama, who quickly discovers how much fun a couch could be. For preschool-grade 2.

Dear Dragon by Josh Funk **DBC06079**: As a school project, George and Blaise become pen pals, writing rhyming letters about their favorite things to do, unaware that one is human and the other a dragon. For preschool-grade 2.

Jack's Talent by Maryann Cocca-Leffler **DBC06345**. On the first day of school, as the children in Miss Lucinda's class introduce themselves and name their special talent, Jack wonders if he is good at anything. For preschool-grade 2.

Two Terrible Days in May: The Rader Farm Massacre by Billie Holladay Skelley **DBC16398**: Join Grandpa and Ringtail on a visit to the field in Jasper County, Missouri, for the story of the Rader Farm Massacre, a Civil War skirmish. For grades 2-4.

Trick or Treat in Missouri by Eric James **DBC16399**: A mysterious visitor travels through places readers know and love in Missouri for an unforgettable Halloween night! For K-3.

The Twelve Days of Christmas in Missouri by Ann Ingalls **DBC16386**: Welcome to Christmas in Missouri, the Show-Me State. For grades K-3.

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Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Lamb by Bridget Heos **DBC16311**. A little girl gets the words mixed up to Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Mary Had a Little Lamb. Star becomes Mary's new pet and Lamb doesn't like it. For grades K-3.

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins **DBC16370**: When the class pet bites Penelope, she finally understands why she should not eat her classmates. For grades K-3

MOKA Conference for the Blind

The MOKA (Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas) Conference for the Blind has been postponed until August 5-7, 2021. Visit www.MOKACFB.com or e-mail office@mokacfb.com for additional information.

Holidays

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

July 3, 2020	Independence Day Observed
Sept. 7, 2020	Labor Day
Oct. 12, 2020	Columbus Day
Nov. 11, 2020	Veterans Day
Nov. 26, 2020	Thanksgiving

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