



Wolfner NEWS

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Winter 2021

From My Perspective...

A perfect evening would include hot chocolate or herbal tea, homemade cookies, a good friend, a comfortable chair, a fire in the fireplace and a wonderful book! The word “winter” brings up that image for me. With the start of our Adult Winter Reading Program and the Missouri Bicentennial celebration, I hope you join me in reading about our great state!

In other news, we really want to hear from you. In this issue, you will find our biennial survey. Wolfner uses the information from the survey to create new programs, adapt services, and provide information to the National Library Service (NLS) about books you want recorded.

Wolfner is moving to the Duplication on Demand model. This new service uses the same player and cartridge, but the cartridge will have many books. When you receive your first DoD cartridge and put it in your player, an update will be installed. Please leave the cartridge in the player and wait for it to restart. There will be an opening announcement with instructions.

The cartridge will arrive in the same style of container, but with a list of books inside the folded mailing card. When you are ready to return the cartridge, do not include the mailing card, as there is an address sticker on each container.

Wolfner can now download any book in the collection on your cartridges!!! To access the titles on your DoD cartridges, you can use either the player’s bookshelf mode or the sequential play feature.

To use the **sequential play** feature, put your cartridge in the player and listen to the first book as usual. At the end of the book, let the closing announcements play; when they are finished, a voice will say “end of book, press play/stop to go to the next book”. Repeat until you have listened to all of the books.

To use the **bookshelf** feature, turn your player on and put the cartridge in. Next, hold down the green “play/stop” button until your player beeps and says “bookshelf mode”. From there you can use the “fast forward” and “rewind” buttons to scroll through the books or magazines recorded on the cartridge. When you have located the book you wish to read, press the green “play/stop” button again and it will start to play. Repeat the process for each item on the cartridge.

Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Real Story

Do you know Laura Ingalls Wilder? Not the girl from the books, and not the woman from the television show – this is the real Laura Ingalls Wilder. In this presentation, you will hear the real history of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and discover the times, places, and people who inspired her wonderful books. The beloved Little House books are based on Laura’s life, but they are fiction. This program explores the real life of Laura Ingalls Wilder with all its hardships and tragedies. (This program is designed for ages 10 and older).

Presented by Laura Keyes as Laura Ingalls Wilder, this historical reenactment will be the first of several Missouri-themed programs to celebrate our state’s bicentennial. Keyes will be delighting audiences with her presentation on Jan. 12, 2021, at 7 p.m. Call Wolfner Library to register, or sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3mpHhMV>. You will have the option to participate in the program online or via phone using Zoom.



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Wolfner Library 2021 Adult Winter Reading Program

This year’s program will feature a reading challenge based on the theme, “Missouri 2021: Past. Present. Future.” The program starts on January 2 and runs through March 8. The last day to register is February 23. The deadline for submitting the number of books read will be March 16. To qualify for prizes, you must complete six goals, and you can choose the books to fulfill those goals. You can track your progress on Beanstack or report the goals and titles to your reader advisor.

For a list of suggested titles, contact your reader advisor or visit the online version at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/awrp/2021>.

There will be two Drop-In Book Clubs to discuss Adult Winter Reading Program titles. These are scheduled for:

Jan. 21, 2021 at 2 p.m. **Feb. 23, 2021 at 2 p.m**

Introducing Evenings with Wolfner!

Starting in February, Wolfner will host a new book club that will meet at 7 p.m. We hope this new time slot will make the book club accessible to patrons who cannot attend daytime events. We will be meeting virtually so that you can participate via phone and/or computer from any location.

This new club will focus on popular titles across multiple genres, including mysteries, drama, thrillers, romance, and science fiction. You are welcome to join us for all titles or only those you want to discuss.

Our first book discussion on Feb. 9 will cover *Gone Girl*, an award-winning psychological thriller by Missourian Gillian Flynn. This book was made into a 2014 movie, and if you like suspense, mystery and crime drama, this story has it all wrapped up in a small-town Missouri package.

To join us for *Gone Girl* or any of the upcoming virtual book club discussions listed below, please contact Wolfner Library at 800-392-2614 or wolfner@sos.mo.gov to register.

Spring Book Club Selections:

February:

Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. Evenings with Wolfner: ***Gone Girl*** by Gillian Flynn **DB074888; LP030228; BR019868; DB079986 para español**

Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***I Am Mrs. Jesse James*** by Pat Wahler **DBC16394**

Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. Good Books (mild reads): ***A Mother's Love*** by Charlotte Hubbard **DBC16380; LP030997**. The author, Charlotte Hubbard, will be joining this discussion!

Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months that Changed the World*** by A.J. Baime **DB089835**

March:

Mar. 3 at 2 p.m. African American Literature: ***Rising from the Rails: Pullman Porters and the Making of the Black Middle Class*** by Larry Tye **DB059817**

Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. Evenings with Wolfner: ***Nothing to See Here*** by Kevin Wilson **DB097315; BR022957**

Mar. 11 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*** by Fannie Flagg **DB077825**

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March (continued):

Mar. 18 at 2 p.m. Good Books: ***Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog*** by John Grogan **DB061561; BR016584**

March 25 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***What's So Funny?: My Hilarious Life*** by Tim Conway **DB077694**

April:

Apr. 8 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*** by Mark Twain **DB053084; LP000020; BR011823; DB029965 para español**

Apr. 13 at 7 p.m. Evenings with Wolfner: ***The Story of Arthur Truluv*** by Elizabeth Berg **DB089990; BR022155**

Apr. 15 at 2 p.m. Good Books: ***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry **DB037689; LP002272; BR051959**

Apr. 22 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***Lady Blue Eyes: My Life with Frank*** by Barbara Sinatra **DB076652**

Workshops:

Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.: **Patron Workshop:** Wolfner staff will host a workshop featuring overviews of BARD and WolfPAC.

Mar. 16 at 7 p.m.: **Identifying Fake News:** Wolfner staff will host a workshop that looks at how to analyze information sources and best search engines for reliable information.

Apr. 28 at 2 p.m.: **Lockdown Your Digital Life:** Based on the model from Oasis, Wolfner staff will host a workshop that focuses on protecting oneself from fraud and other real-life digital issues.

Accessible Virtual Programs for Youth and Adults!

Since the summer of 2020, Wolfner Library has been providing pre-recorded storytimes, crafts and podcasts. Links to all these amazing and accessible programs are available at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/youthservices/youth-materials-and-programs> If you would like Wolfner Library to provide more content like this, please contact us at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or 800-392-2614. We would love your feedback!

We Need You!

This April we will be recognizing our incredible Wolfner Recording Studio volunteers who narrate, monitor and review audiobooks for you. We also have volunteers who braille children's books for the print/braille collection and other items for use at the library. We are asking you to write notes of appreciation to our volunteers. You can write to a specific narrator you enjoy, a recording studio team, or to the volunteers as a whole, so we can share with them how much you care during Wolfner's Volunteer Appreciation event. Please send notes of appreciation to wolfner@sos.mo.gov or Wolfner Recording Studio, 600 W. Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65101 no later than Wednesday, Mar. 31, 2021.

Volunteer Profile

Shelley Swoyer has been a volunteer narrator and monitor at the Wolfner Library Recording Studio for over 10 years. For her, reading is like breathing—it is absolutely essential. Shelley loves sharing her love of books and reading, and Wolfner allows her to share it with those who need books in a different format. She says reading for Wolfner is just so much fun!

Her favorite books to work on are the young adult Gateway Award nominees. Her favorite is *Love and Other Foreign Words*, a sweet and very funny story about two extremely bright teens who don't really fit in to the usual high school life. The books she most enjoys are the ones with quirky characters and a good dose of humor, but don't give her any dystopian books to narrate.

Shelley loves hiking and thought that a book about hiking long distance trails would be a great adventure; unfortunately, she was let down when she chose *Cinnamon: A Teen's Survival of Romance on the Appalachian Trail*. She can put up with dismal plots if the writing is strong, but if the writing is lifeless with uninteresting characters, Shelley finds she has a hard time plowing through.

Shelley was the librarian and quiz bowl coach at Helias High School for 22 years. She also volunteers at Common Ground and the Samaritan Center Legal Care, and is active in her church. She is married with two sons and three granddogs in California. Shelley loves to travel, and is always looking to find literary pilgrimages to make on every trip.



New from the Recording Studio:

Adult Books

I Am Mrs. Jesse James by Pat Wahler **DBC16394**: Fictionalized account of Zee Mimms, the wife of Jesse James, showing the reality of living with an outlaw.

I'll Push, You Steer: The Definitive Guide to Stumbling Through Life with Blinders On by Ronda Del Boccio and Bonnie Tesh **DBC06003**: Tesh, a cancer survivor, and Del Boccio, legally blind, write about how they deal with their struggles by maintaining a sense of humor and positive attitude.

Missouri Innovators Famous (and Infamous) Missourians Who Led the Way in Their Field by Paul W. Bass **DBC16411**: Short biographies of Missourians who have made significant contributions to entertainment, the arts, business, politics, sports, and other areas.

On a City Street by Pat Wahler **DBC16389**: Veterinarian Carolyn Becker plans to start a low-cost animal clinic in St. Louis and bury the past, but new beginnings can be complicated.

Rebel Against Injustice: The Life of Frank P. O'Hare by Peter H. Buckingham **DBC16401**: Frank P. O'Hare was a St. Louis native who became a prominent political activist of the American Left.

Reduced by Robin Tidwell **DBC16402**: Women who became friends working at a St. Louis area Girl Scout camp are survivors of an apocalyptic catastrophe. The women band together to develop survival skills.

While Angels Dance by Ralph W. Cotton **DBC16404**: After fighting with Quantrill's Raiders in the Civil War, Jesse Nash joins the Younger gang and searches for the former Kansas militiaman who killed his daughter.

Youth Books

Dry by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman **DBC16422**: A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone. She is forced to make impossible choices to survive. Gateway Award nominee for 2020-2021. For grades 9-12.

Fire & Heist by Sarah Beth Durst **DBC16435**: As Sky Hawkins, a weredragon, faces her first heist, she discovers many secrets. Truman Award Nominee 2020-2021. For grades 7-12.

Little White Lies by Jennifer Lynn Barnes **DBC16424**: Eighteen-year-old Sawyer accepts her estranged grandmother's bribe to live with her for a year. Gateway Award nominee 2020-2021. For grades 9-12.

Juvenile Books

The Christmas Barn by C.L. Davis **DBC16413**: 1930: When a snowstorm destroys their home, twelve-year-old Roxie and her family move into the barn and prepare for an unusual Christmas celebration. For grades 4-7.

Going Along with Lewis and Clark by Barbara Fifer **DBC16359**: Story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase. For grades 4-7.

Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood **DBC16444**: In 1940, a group of British children struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed. Mark Twain Award nominee, 2020-2021. For grades 4-7.

My Grandpa's Battleship Missouri Tour by Jeff Langcaon **DBC19422**: During career month at school, a young girl's grandfather shows the class around the *USS Missouri* and explains how he was stationed on the ship that played a big part in history. For grades K-3.

A Mustache Baby Christmas by Bridget Heos **DBC19425**: For grades preschool through grade 2.

Pokko and the Drum by Matthew Forsythe **DBC16437**: For preschool through grade 2.

Sand Dollar Summer by Kimberly Jones **DBC16301**: When twelve-year-old Lise spends the summer on an island in Maine with her self-reliant mother and bright--but oddly mute--younger brother, her formerly safe world becomes complicated. For grades 4-7.

What's Your Story, Frederick Douglass? by Jody Jensen Shaffer **DBC16453**: Learn how civil rights activist Douglass, a freed slave, inspired others through his achievements. For grades 2-4.

Upcoming Holidays

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 18, 2021
Lincoln Day	Friday, February 12, 2021
Washington's Birthday	Monday, February 15, 2021

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