



Wolfner NEWS

John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State

Winter 2020

Two Author Talks Scheduled!

Wolfner Library is proud to announce that two authors will be speaking with patrons via conference call this winter.



Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

Alex George, author of *A Good American* and *Setting Free the Kites*
Born in England, George calls Columbia, Missouri, his home and is known for his literary, historical, coming-of-age novels.



Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

Charlotte Hubbard, author of the *Seasons of the Heart* series
Hubbard, who also penned the *Angels of Mercy* series, writes Christian Fiction and is a former resident of Jefferson City, Missouri.

If you would like to register for one or both events, contact Amy at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or call 800-392-2614. Registered patrons will be given the conference call phone number. Registration is limited to 25 patrons per session. Depending on interest, a second session may be scheduled.

Adult Winter Reading Program – Exploring American Regionalism!

Wolfner Library 2020 Adult Winter Reading Program

This year's program will feature a reading challenge based on the American Regionalism theme.

The program began January 2 and runs through March 9. The last day to register is February 24 and the deadline to submit the number of books read is March 16. To qualify for prizes, you must complete five goals and you can even choose the books to fulfill those goals. You can track your progress on the provided log or report the goals and titles to your reader advisor.

For a full list of suggested titles, contact your Reader Advisor for a catalog or visit the online version at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/awrp>

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

From my perspective...

Winter is here and it is time to get cozy with a good book! The staff here at Wolfner have enjoyed preparing for the Adult Winter Reading Program. It has been fun listening to the Reader Advisors and librarians discuss the merits of books from each region to provide the samples and catalog. The objective of the program is to have fun and encourage literacy.

From your perspective...

Camilla would like for everyone to be safe. For that reason, she would like to share that if a first responder such as a police officer arrives at your door, you are encouraged to call 911 to make sure that the person has actually been sent and is not an imposter. Wolfner checked with the local police and they confirmed that this is how you can keep yourself safe.

I would really like to hear from you. Please email your comments, questions and suggestions to wolfner@sos.mo.gov and address it to Leslie Bowman.

Deborah Stroup Retires

After 20 wonderful years, we say thank you to Deborah Stroup. Deborah built the recording program at Wolfner Talking Books and Braille Library, organized a Volunteer Program, researched how to create audio recordings, used existing booths in radio stations and learned that Wolfner needed its own booth in order to pass NLS standards. Deborah then worked with many supportive people to have a recording booth built for Wolfner. Deborah and her team of volunteers have recorded over 800 books to add to the NLS collection through BARD. Congratulations Deborah! You have done a wonderful job!!!



Missouri Secretary of State Jay R. Ashcroft presents a proclamation to Deborah Stroup on Friday, December 6. Volunteer Laramie Thompson presented a quilt with the volunteers' names on the spines of the books.



The following are public service announcements submitted by patrons.

National Federation of the Blind of Missouri 2020 Scholarship Program

The National Federation of the Blind of Missouri announces our 2020 Scholarship Program. We will be accepting applications until February 1, 2020. We invite all qualified candidates to apply. Applicants must be legally blind and plan to enroll in a post-secondary institution for the fall of 2020. Applicants must live in Missouri but need not be a member of the National Federation of the Blind. Scholarships begin at \$500 and are based on merit. We encourage applicants to submit all information and documents online. All application materials must be received by February 1, 2020, either through the online form (found at www.nfbmo.org) or at scholarships@nfbmo.org.

Missouri Council of the Blind 2020 Scholarship Program

All legally blind Missouri residents enrolled in or under consideration for admission to post-secondary training programs, technical school and certified training institutions may apply. A legally blind resident of Missouri wishing to request an application may call (314) 832-7172 or toll free (800) 342-5632. Requests may be emailed to aa@moblind.org or mailed to the Missouri Council of the Blind, 5453 Chippewa, St. Louis MO 63109. Applications must be returned to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee by May 1. Members of the Missouri Council of the Blind shall receive the full benefits of the scholarship. Those who are not members may receive 50% of the scholarship. The scholarship grant is not to exceed \$2,000 for MCB members and \$1,000 for non-members.

Have You Heard the Monthly Audio Magazine NEWSREEL?

Established 61 years ago, NEWSREEL Magazine is a monthly audio publication for and by individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Each three-hour issue includes a variety of articles, most of which are submitted by the magazine's subscribers. The timely, informative, and entertaining magazine includes articles about news and adaptive products for people who are blind and visually impaired. Caring members also share experiences with guide dogs, travel and careers, as well as recipes, music, book reviews, and so much more. To request a three-month free trial subscription of NEWSREEL in one of several formats (including NLS-type cartridge), please e-mail: info@newsreelmag.org. For additional information, please visit <http://www.newsreelmag.org> or call 1-888-723-8737 (toll free).

Spring Book Club Selections:

Book clubs are held by conference call. Email wolfner@sos.mo.gov or call 800-392-2614 to register for the club or clubs you are interested in. Your books will be sent to you. We recommend registering at least two weeks in advance of your club meeting date.

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

February:

February 13 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***A Hope Divided*** by Alyssa Cole **DB 91333; BR 22253**. Marlie Lynch, freeborn daughter of a former slave, helps the Union during the Civil War by using her herbal skills and even hiding an escaped prisoner.

February 20 at 2 p.m. Good Books (mild reads): ***Christy*** by Catherine Marshall **DB 39327; LP033247; BR 15428**. This is the tale of 19-year-old Christy Huddleston's first year teaching in an Appalachian mountain cove.

February 27 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***The Oregon Trail*** by Francis Parkman **DB 25385**. Account of the author's experiences during the early days of the West, including big game hunts, Indian encounters, and camp life on the trail.

March:

March 12 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***The Twentieth Wife*** by Indu Sundareshan **DBC16846**. Historical novel of 17th century India. Mehrunnisa, the daughter of Persian refugees, sets out to marry Prince Salim, the son of Emperor Akbar.

March 19 at 2 p.m. Good Books: ***Waterlily*** by Ella Cara Deloria **DB 28216**. An evocation, in novelistic form, of the life of a female Dakota (Sioux) in the mid-nineteenth century, before whites settled the plains.

March 26 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***Born a Crime*** by Trevor Noah **DB 86608**. The host of TV's *The Daily Show* shares his coming-of-age story as the child of a white father and black mother in South Africa.

April:

April 16 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: ***The Dressmaker*** by Kate Alcott **DB 76900**. Aspiring dressmaker Tess Collins is designer Lady Lucile Duff Gordon's maid aboard the Titanic. After it sinks, the Gordons are accused of refusing to pick up survivors, and Tess testifies at their trial.

April 23 at 2 p.m. Good Books (mild reads): ***The Light Between Oceans*** by M.L. Stedman **DB 75192; LP033555**. On an island one hundred miles from the mainland, lighthouse keepers Isabel and Tom Sherbourne discover a boat carrying a dead man and a crying baby.

April 30 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: ***Battle of Salamis: The Naval Encounter that Saved Greece—and Western Civilization*** by Barry S. Strauss **DB 59746**. Classics professor outlines the momentous 480 B.C. naval battle in which the Greeks repelled the Persian forces under King Xerxes.

Volunteer Spotlight



Mary Beth Broughton began volunteering as a narrator at Wolfner in October 2010. She prefers reading children's and young adult books. She has recorded 40 books, her favorite book being *The Fixer* by Jennifer Barnes. *Evening News* by Marley Swick was her least favorite, because it was so depressing.

Mary Beth taught elementary school for 31 years. She has three children, and three grandchildren. She loves to read, does cross-stitch and volunteers at St. Martin's Catholic Parish School.

New Patron Workshop

On Feb. 18 at 2 p.m., Wolfner staff will host its next New Patron Workshop, which features overviews of BARD and WolfPAC, via conference call. To participate, please call Wolfner Library at 800-392-2614 or e-mail wolfner@sos.mo.gov to register. Registered patrons will be given the conference call phone number. Registration is limited to 25 patrons.

Imagine Your Story with Wolfner Library's Youth Summer Reading Club



Wolfner Library patrons 18 and under should mark their calendars for April 15 to register for the 2020 Youth Summer Reading Club: Imagine Your Story. The program will begin May 30. Registration will be available at www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/summer-reading. Contact Wolfner Library's Youth Services Librarian to learn more by calling 800-392-2614.

New Youth eNewsletter

In 2020 Wolfner Library is debuting a youth eNewsletter! This semi-annual eNewsletter will feature fun activities for our youth patrons, mini-recommended reading lists, programming events and much more. Patrons under the age of 18 who have an email in our system will automatically be signed up for the eNewsletter. If you are a youth patron who would like to receive this eNewsletter, but do not have an email, please contact the Youth Services Librarian at 800-392-2614.

Books for Adult Readers

The Gateway Arch: a biography by Tracy Campbell **DBC16355**. This history of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis details the competing agendas of its supporters and the mixed results of their ambitious plan.

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Limestone Wall by Marlene Lee **DBC16334**. After 40 years, Evelyn has decided to visit her mother in prison...the mother who is serving a life sentence.

The Secrets of Dawson Mills by Jean Carnahan **DBC16362**. A charming romantic comedy set in a small Missouri town.

Souls Along the Road: Villains, Saints, and Killer Cuisine by John Drake Robinson **DBC16333**. The third book in Robinson's journey across and around Missouri, telling stories of his encounters with people and places in his beloved state.

Books for Young Adult Readers

Exiled!: from Tragedy to Triumph on the Missouri Frontier by Louise A. Jackson **DBC16353**. Ruthy's family sends her with a family she doesn't know, by wagon train, to live with a cousin she's never met. Along the way she learns how to become independent and self-sufficient.

I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree: a memoir of a Schindler's List Survivor by Laura Hillman **DBC16342**. The true story of a young girl from a Polish ghetto who was sent to a series of concentration camps and survived the war after being placed on Schindler's List.

Missouri Association of School Library (MASL) Award Books

Show Me Award nominees, 2019-2020

Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna the very first chicken by Douglas Rees **DBC16280**;
Philomena's New Glasses by Brenna Maloney **DBC16279**

Mark Twain Award nominees, 2019-2020

The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street by Lindsay Currie **DBC16294**;
Joplin, Wishing by Diane Stanley **DBC16281**

Truman Award nominees, 2019-2020

The Trail Trail by Meika Hashimoto **DBC16297**

Gateway Award nominee, 2019-2020

Soldier Boy by Keely Hutton **DBC16367**

Children's Books

Hugh Armstrong Robinson: The Story of Flying Lucky 13 by Billie Holladay Skelley **DBC16361**. Hugh Armstrong Robinson was an outstanding engineer, inventor, and pilot and one of the most successful aviators of his time.

Lindie Lou Adventure Series by Jeanne Bender A puppy who loves adventure.
Flying High: Flying on an Airplane for the Very First Time DBC16372; **Up in Space: An Adventure at the Space Needle** DBC16373; **Harvest Time: A Celebration on an Organic Farm** DBC16374

My World How I See It by Alex Moore **DBC16375**. Kitaro's world is different from yours and mine. Let's follow Kitaro as he takes us through his sense-filled day as a blind dog.

Outreach Events

- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Accessible Story time, Jefferson County Library Arnold Branch, Feb. 12
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Accessible Story time, Jefferson County Library Northwest Branch, Feb. 12
- NFB Missouri Chapter Meeting, Mar. 26-29, St. Louis
- Power-Up, Mar. 30-31, Columbia

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Upcoming closing reminders

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20, 2020
Lincoln Day	Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Washington's Birthday	Monday, February 17, 2020

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