

The Sikeston Public Library

Library Card Sign-Up Month reminds students, families that libraries are the key to academic success

This September Sikeston Public Library is joining the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time to remind parents, caregivers and students that a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

A library card opens a world of infinite possibilities through resources and services that give students the tools to succeed in school and beyond. From Summer Reading, Preschool storytime, and Family Nights to digital books, audio books and inter-library loans, libraries transform lives through education.

Libraries offer free and fun educational resources and activities that bring families and communities together. During the school year we host family nights on the first Monday of the month for pre-K and second Monday for Kindergarten through 3rd grade. We also have a weekly preschool storytime on Wednesday mornings.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

"Our library programs serve students of all ages," says Ron Eifert, Library Director. "For younger children, we offer early literacy resources to help them learn to read and encourage school readiness, and for teens and older students, we provide access to technology and digital tools Overdrive, the Libby app, and Gale digital periodicals as well as GED and ACT resources."

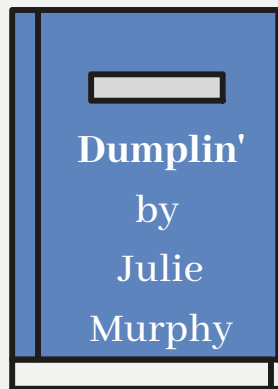
This year, Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 4" characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep and friends are going on adventure as Honorary Chairs of Library Card Sign-Up Month. In their role, they will promote the value of a library card and bring attention to the many ways libraries transform lives and communities.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card.

Library cards are free to all residents of Sikeston. Those living outside the city limits may sign up for a small fee. Children ages 5-16 must be signed up by a parent or legal guardian. If you have any questions see our website sikeston.lib.mo.us or call 471-4140 for details.



Book Club September selection



Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 630 pm
in the McAmis Room

New at the Library

The Fifth Column-Andrew Gross February, 1939. Europe teeters on the brink of war. In a Hell's Kitchen bar, Charles Mossman is reeling from the loss of his job and the demise of his marriage when a group draped in Nazi flags barges in. Drunk, Charlie takes a swing at one with tragic results and a torrent of unintended consequences follows.

Nothing Ventured- Jeffrey Archer This new series introduces William Warwick, a family man and a detective who will battle throughout his career against a powerful criminal nemesis. Through twists, triumph and tragedy, this series will show that William Warwick is destined to become one of Jeffrey Archer's most enduring legacies.

Talking to Strangers- Malcom Gladwell Through a series of puzzles, encounters and misunderstandings, from little-known stories to infamous legal cases, Gladwell takes us on a journey through the unexpected. You will read about the spy who spent years undetected at the highest levels of the Pentagon, the man who saw through the fraudster Bernie Madoff, the suicide of the poet Sylvia Plath and the false conviction of Amanda Knox. You will discover that strangers are never simple.

TOP 11

CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2018

The American Library Association tracked 347 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2018. Of the 483 books that were challenged or banned in 2018, here are the top 11 most challenged:



1 | George by Alex Gino
Banned, challenged, and relocated because it was believed to encourage children to clear browser history and change their bodies using hormones, and for mentioning "dirty magazines," describing male anatomy, "creating confusion," and including a transgender character



2 | A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo by Jill Twiss, illustrated by EG Keller
Banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ content, and for political and religious viewpoints



3 | Captain Underpants series written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey
Series was challenged because it was perceived as encouraging disruptive behavior, while *Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot* was challenged for including a same-sex couple



4 | The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Banned and challenged because it was deemed "anti-cop," and for profanity, drug use, and sexual references



5 | Drama written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier
Banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ characters and themes



6 | Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
Banned, challenged, and restricted for addressing teen suicide



7 | This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and certain illustrations



8 | Skippyjon Jones series written and illustrated by Judy Schachner
Challenged for depicting stereotypes of Mexican culture



9 | The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
Banned and challenged for sexual references, profanity, violence, gambling, and underage drinking, and for its religious viewpoint



10 | This Day in June by Gayle E. Pitman, illustrated by Kristyna Litten
Challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content



11 | Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan
Challenged, burned, and hidden for including LGBTQIA+ content

Artwork courtesy of the American Library Association, www.ala.org

Family Night

Preschool ages 2-5
October 7
6:30pm

Grades K-2
October 14
6:30pm

Reservations are required.
Please call the library at 471-4140
or visit our website beginning
September 2

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
10am-8pm

Friday
10am-6pm

Saturday
10am-4pm

Sunday
1pm-5pm
(beginning September 8)

Library will be closed September 2
for LaborDay

Now Open on Sundays!

Beginning September 8, the Sikeston Library will once again be open on Sundays. From now until Memorial Day the library will be open for book checkout, computer use, and studying as well as all other library services.

The Library closes during the summer months because there is no school and less need for services. However, once school starts many patrons benefit from the extended hours. Sunday hours are 1 pm until 5pm.



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