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# The Sikeston Public Library

## Tax assistance a huge help to the community

Once again, the AARP is providing tax assistance at the Sikeston Library. Trained volunteers show up to the library once a week and help people from the surrounding communities file their taxes online.

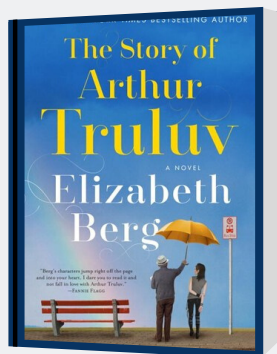
Tax assistance is a huge help to the community, especially to the elderly and disabled. Filing taxes online has become increasingly common and encouraged over the years, but there are still a lot of people confused about how to file, or who do not have access to computers and online service. The past several years the AARP has been training volunteers to help those who are unable to file online by themselves. According to the volunteers, they will help anyone who shows up, provided their taxes aren't too complicated.

They also have volunteers who are specifically trained to file the Missouri Property Tax Credit form. This form is specifically for certain people who receive disability and qualify for a rebate on rent.

Tax assistance is available every Thursday at 12:30-3:30 pm through April 9. It is on a first come, first serve basis and there is no need to make appointments. There is no charge for this service.



## Book Club March selection



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



[sikeston.lib.mo.us](http://sikeston.lib.mo.us)

## New at the Library

**Long Range- C.J. Box** The wife of a prominent local judge is shot and killed on Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett's turf. But as Joe investigates, all signs point to the shot having been taken from an impossibly long distance. Joe has seen a lot in his time as warden, but he's never seen a killing like this. How could the shooting have been arranged? And who else is in the cross hairs?

**The Night Watchman- Louise Erdrich** Based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C., this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman.

**The Red Lotus- Chris Bohjalian** The first time Alexis saw Austin, it was a Saturday night. Not in a bar, but in the emergency room where Alexis sutured a bullet wound in Austin's arm. Six months later, on the brink of falling in love, they travel to Vietnam on a bike tour so that Austin can show her his passion for cycling and he can pay his respects to the place where his father and uncle fought in the war. But as Alexis sips white wine and waits at the hotel for him to return from his solo ride, two men emerge from the tall grass and Austin vanishes into thin air. The only clue he leaves behind is a bright yellow energy gel dropped on the road.

## Children's Corner

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN  
MRS LISA'S SECTION

Storytime!

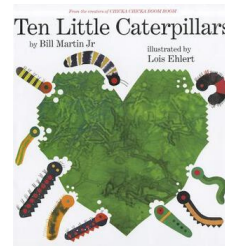
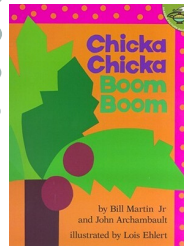
Color your  
world

Wednesdays  
10 am

CREATE



Author of the Month!



## Save the Date Family Night

Preschool  
April 6  
6:30pm

Grades K-2  
April 13  
6:30pm

Reservations required. Call  
library or visit our website  
beginning March 18

## Library Hours

Monday-Thursday  
10am-8pm  
Friday  
10am-6pm  
Saturday  
10am-4pm  
Sunday  
1pm-5pm

## Read Across America

Launched in 1998 by the National Education Association (NEA), Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading. This year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone. Read Across America offers limitless opportunities for involvement in children's reading throughout the year. The year-round program can fit reading fun into your calendar daily, weekly, or monthly and includes big celebrations of reading on March 2 and throughout National Reading Month in March. (from <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/frequently-asked-questions/>)

