

LIBRARY NEWS!

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July

Summer is in full swing, and our libraries are buzzing with activity! Whether you're looking for a great book to enjoy in the shade, exciting programs for children and families, or a cool place to spend a hot afternoon, we have something for everyone this month.

July brings a variety of events, activities, and opportunities to learn, create, and connect with your community. We encourage you to check out our upcoming programs, participate in our Summer Reading Program, and discover all the resources your library has to offer.

Thank you for your continued support of the Heartland Regional Library System. We are proud to serve our communities and look forward to seeing you at the library this month.

Wishing you a safe, fun, and memorable July!

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NEW ITEMS!

Visit our online catalog here.

<https://heartland.missourievergreen.org/eg/opac/home>

ADULT FICTION

The Divorce by Freida McFadden

Boy meets girl. They fall in love. They get married and start a family. Buy a house. Build a life. Then boy forces girl out of the house, retains the services of all the best family lawyers in town, starts dating a 20-year-old, and files for divorce. It's a tale as old as time. Naomi knows she should



accept her fate, move into a dingy one-bedroom, and try and land a job (since Jeremy drained their joint accounts). But Naomi won't settle for anything but a happy ending. Instead, she finds herself becoming increasingly obsessed over Veronica, her husband's new girlfriend. But soon, Naomi loses her grip on the situation -- and starts to build a body count, unearthing more from the past than she ever could have bargained for. But it's worth it, if it means keeping her perfect family, right?

YOUNG ADULT

How to Love You When You're Gone by Gabriela Gonzales

Told in two voices, seventeen-year-old Mayte grapples with her abuela's cancer, school, and her growing feelings for aspiring writer Auggie, until everything changes when her half sister Aida dies.



JUVENILE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Age of the Dinosaurs : the Library of the Lost Dinosaurs by Chas Pangburn

The mighty dinosaurs went extinct 66 million years ago...but Rex won't stand for it! Lucky for him, in his investigation into the origins and end of his kin, he can count on the support of wise Trixie and on Forky's help. Once their quest for explanations begins, the three toys will find out more than they bargained for!



Summer Library Programs

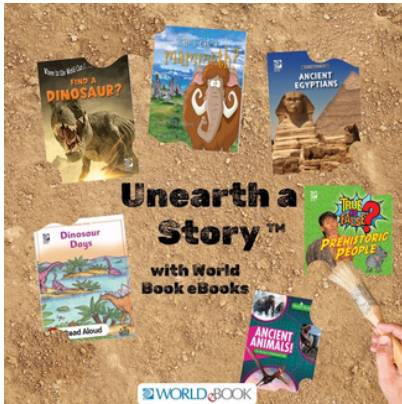
Our Summer Library Program is off to a fantastic start! We have been delighted to see so many children, teens, and adults participating in programs, attending events, and discovering all the library has to offer.

If you haven't joined us yet, there's still time! Summer programming will continue throughout July, with plenty of opportunities to read, learn, create, and have fun. Be sure to check with your local branch for upcoming events and activities.

Thank you to all of our participants, volunteers, sponsors, and staff who have helped make this summer such a success. We look forward to continuing the adventure and unearthing even more stories together throughout July!

These projects are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Resources



Stop the summer slide by accessing hundreds of educational eBooks (many which are read alouds) anytime, anywhere with your library card. No waiting, no due dates, and completely free!



Give it a try!

Go to www.heartland.lib.mo.us > Programs/Services tab, Books and Reading, then scroll down to click on this button.

Libby Reads!

July 9 - July 23

Obituary writer Bud Stanley isn't really living his best life. He's fallen into a funk after a divorce. (She left him for another man, who, in fairness, was far more interesting.) He's not doing his job well. He's given up on dating. And he's about to be fired for accidentally publishing his own obituary one mildly drunken night (though technically the company can't legally fire a dead person).

As Bud awaits his fate at work, he does the only logical thing: He goes to the wakes and funerals of total strangers to learn how to live again.

Starting **July 9**, libraries worldwide will have this title available free to read with **no holds or waitlists** as an ebook and audiobook.

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