

# Between Volunteers

A Newsletter for Springfield-Greene County Library Volunteers



NOON-1 P.M.  
THURSDAY,  
APRIL 22, IN  
THE LIBRARY  
CENTER  
AUDITORIUM,  
4653 S. CAMPBELL AVE.

Enjoy a superhero-style lunch,  
served by Library staff, suit-  
able to keep your hero powers  
in tip-top shape.

**RSVP** by Sat. April 17, to Volunteer Coordinator  
Martha Love at 417-616-0580 or  
e-mail at [marthal@thelibrary.org](mailto:marthal@thelibrary.org).

# SPOTLIGHT ON...



**Name:** Alana Myler

I have been a Library volunteer for almost two years. I volunteer an average of five hours per week.

**Occupation outside of volunteering:**

College student at Ozarks Technical Community College

and Missouri State University.

**Places I have lived:** Nixa

**Schools attended:** Nixa High School; I am currently attending OTC and will attend MSU in fall 2010.

**Family:** I live with my parents. I have two dogs and a cat.

**Where I volunteer and what I do:** The Library Center in the Children's Department

**I chose to volunteer for the Library because:** Libraries are very special places and I have always enjoyed coming to them. I would love to actually work at the Library Center and I am hoping someday to become a school librarian.

**The most rewarding part of being a Library volunteer:** Helping the Children's Department staff in any way that I can.

**The most memorable thing(s) that have happened to me as a volunteer are:** Getting to become friends with the wonderful librarians in the Children's Department and seeing the happy faces of the children who come to the Storytimes.

**One thing I've learned since volunteering at the Library:** is that I know even more now that this is the kind of environment that I want to work in and these are the kind of people that I want to work with.

**One thing that people don't know about me is:** I love to travel and I have been to nine countries outside the U.S.

**One childhood memory about a library experience that lingers with me is:** I have many happy memories about libraries, but the ones I remember the most are just about how excited I was to go to my school library, find a new book and "check it out."

**When I'm not volunteering, you can find me:** at school studying to become a history teacher/school librarian.

**My favorite author or favorite type of books I like to read:** J. K. Rowling, Jane Austen and C. S. Lewis

**My favorite quote or favorite words to live by:** There are so many great quotes that I like but this one is really nice: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." — Helen Keller

## Stay Current with Volunteers

**Update your volunteer file.**

Mail this form to:  
**Volunteer Coordinator Martha Love**  
P.O. Box 760  
Springfield MO 65801-0760

or e-mail the information to:  
**marthal@thelibrary.org**

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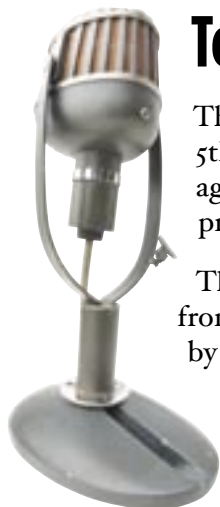
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## Tell us your story!

The Library District will celebrate the 5th annual Big Read in April, encouraging all to read one book as a way to promote reading and literacy.

This year's selection is "A Long Way from Chicago," a fun, young adult book by Richard Peck. It takes place during the Great Depression of the 30s, and touches on themes of coming of age in another era and recollections of the past.

To engage more families in the Big Read, several branch libraries are asking individuals or families to come and record brief stories or memories about the past. "Recollections and Connections" recordings will take place throughout March.

We're hoping to attract some older adults who have vivid memories about life during the Great Depression, or recall stories their parents told them about working, farming and being frugal during those hard times.

We especially encourage Library volunteers to join in the project and record a story. Or if you'd like to volunteer to help Library staff during the recordings, call the participating branch.

All the oral stories will be posted later on the Big Read Web page, [thelibrary.org/bigread](http://thelibrary.org/bigread). Radio station KSMU producers will choose several stories to air each Friday in April to promote the Big Read.

Call ahead to schedule a 15-minute time slot at a participating branch. Librarians will also have a sheet of "talking points" and questions to help jog memories.

The recordings will be conducted March 1 through 14 on selected days at these branches:

- **Library Center**, March 1 through 7
- **Ash Grove**, March 2
- **Willard**, March 1 and 3
- **Midtown Carnegie**, March 8 and 9
- **Republic**, March 11 and 12
- **Brentwood**, March 10 through 13
- **Library Station**, March 13 and 14

## Foundation News



### McDonald's of Republic donates \$500 for Republic Branch Library

The new Republic Branch has received a \$500 gift to put towards facility needs and programs to benefit the community.

Dan Blumenstock, owner of McDonald's of Republic, presented a check for \$500 on Feb. 3 to Executive Director Regina Greer Cooper, Republic Branch Manager Kim Flores and Foundation Director Michelle Creed.

The gift represents proceeds from a promotion Blumenstock offered McDonald's customers in October to mark the Oct. 31, 2009, opening of the new Republic Branch. Coupons entitled customers to a 10-percent discount on their food purchases, and the businessman donated the total discounted amount to the Library.

"McDonald's has always supported reading in the community, and I felt like it was an appropriate thing for us to do to support the new Republic Branch Library and to support the community," Blumenstock said.

"It's a first-class facility, and I would encourage everyone to visit and use it," he said. "We can all be proud of what we have in Republic."

### Library Station Receives Donation

Empire Bank, neighbor to the Library Station, donated \$500 to the branch as a thank you for its support during the bank's renovations. Branch Manager Mel Davis was invited to Empire's March 17 dedication of the new facility, where she will receive the check.

## 2-1-1 News

United Way took 2-1-1 day, Feb. 11, as an opportunity to announce a new partnership with the Missouri Association for Community Action. The human service organization hopes it will bring additional exposure to the already-busy service hotline.

"In 2009 for Greene County, there were over 4,200 calls placed to 2-1-1, with the top reasons given as electric bill assistance, rent payment assistance and tax preparation assistance," reported Special Projects and Volunteer Coordinator Martha Love in the United Way's news release.

## 3 tons collected during Foods For Fines



More than 3 tons of food were collected during January's Food For Fines food drive at

the Library. The collected food items weighed in at 6,261 lbs. and equaled \$3,168.12 in fine forgiveness for library patrons.

The generous donations of patrons will provide 5,008 meals to those served by the Ozarks Food Harvest – The Food Bank. Every 1.25 lbs. of food collected equals one meal.

## Reading with 'Bookies'

Bookies meet once a month at a member's home. One person is designated as the narrator and brings information about the author and recent reviews. Everyone jumps in with opinions, thoughts and insights. If you'd like to join the group, contact Between Friends Gift Shop Manager Shelli Kaminski for time, date and location information.

- In March, the Bookies will discuss "Sarah's Key," by Tatiana de Rosnay.
- April's selection is "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson.
- Then in May, Bookies will discuss "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet," by Jamie Ford.

To join, contact Shelli at 883-6936.

## The 2010 Census Count: 10 Questions, 10 Minutes



The 2010 Census questionnaire will be mailed in early March, encouraging all

residents to "Take 10 minutes to answer 10 questions in 2010."

As an official community partner with the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 count, the Library encourages everyone to complete their questionnaires and mail them back.

Why is it important? An accurate count of Missouri residents affects the number of seats it has in the U.S. Congress – your representation in the federal government. For every 100 Missourians not counted, the state will miss out on about \$1.3 million over the next 10 years.

## Holiday Closings

- Easter, April 4
- Memorial Day, May 31

## Volunteering a recipe

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt or paprika
- 4 medium-large Russet potatoes

### Seasoned Baked Potato Wedges

Try these yummy potato wedges from volunteer Sarah McMurray as a side dish or enjoy them on their own.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut potatoes in half, then cut into 1/4-inch-thick wedges. The recipe tastes great when the potato skins aren't peeled, but it works with peeled potatoes, too. Mix the oils and seasoning in large bowl and toss the potato slices in the bowl.

Place the wedges on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 40 minutes, turning the wedges over 2-3 times during baking.

Want to share a recipe? E-mail [marthal@thelibrary.org](mailto:marthal@thelibrary.org) or mail your recipe to The Library, P.O. Box 760, Springfield, MO 65801-0760.