MAILING LIST UPDATE
The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, or you would like to be added to or deleted from the mailing list.

HOLIDAYS
The library will be closed for the following holidays:
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 1, 2

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Hayner Library Databases
Hayner Library subscribes to multiple databases, helpful to anyone interested in topics for research or for self-improvement.

If your student is working on a research paper, try MasterFILE Premier or Primary Search to find a wide array of full-text articles that are reliable and authoritative. This is not the same as searching the Web. These articles come from trusted journals, magazines and newspapers, offering searchable current and archived articles compiled in the database, with the added benefits of emailing and citation formatting.

Auto Repair Source. Auto Repair Source provides the most accurate and up-to-date service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles. Step-by-step repair information, diagrams, maintenance schedules, parts and labor estimates, service bulletins and recalls are available.

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ConsumerReports.org. This database provides the most current reviews of consumer products.


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These databases, along with helpful websites, are found on the Online Resources page of the library’s website. Visit www.haynerlibrary.org and click on the Online Resources icon located at the top of the page; click on the database link you wish to use.

To access the databases 24/7 from home, simply click on the link of the database you wish to use and enter your last name and Hayner Library card number (listed on the back of your Hayner Library card). The databases can also be accessed from any Hayner Library computer. Please note: The Telegraph digital archive database can only be accessed via the library’s computers.

For help using these databases, please stop by the Reference desk or call (618) 433-2864.

You can also quickly access the Online Resources page of the Hayner Library website by using your smartphone to scan this code:

To access the databases using this code, please follow the directions listed above. For your convenience, the code has also been posted throughout the library’s stacks to help you quickly locate more information when researching topics.
Grandpa’s Passel of Piglets and Grandma’s Roses, a Love Story

My grandmother loved roses. All over her yard she grew big colorful bushes full of blooms. She embroidered their images on napkins and pillowcases. Her walls held photographs and paintings of these magnificent flowers. The centerpiece of her old rugged farmhouse table always held a cumbersome bouquet of red and yellow blooms enveloped in haphazard greenery. She even kept rose water on the sink in her bathroom so she could smell like her beloved flora. I always believed the roses were an obsession, but in our family, it was considered taboo to talk about such indiscretions, so I never questioned the eccentrics of her hobby. Up until a few weeks ago, I just always accepted that grandma loved roses and everything associated with them. But one afternoon, not too long ago, the reason for her obsession became clear.

A few weeks ago while doing some genealogy research, I came across an old newspaper article about my grandfather when he was a young lad growing up along the bluegrass hills of Kentucky. The passage wasn’t much more than just a few lines informing the citizens of Calloway County that little Clarence Walker of Murray, Kentucky, was raising a passel of piglets to sell at the annual Pig Day Roundup being held at the county fairgrounds. I thought about this for a moment before I realized that I had no idea what a passel of piglets were. I am not a youngster myself anymore, so I was a little disappointed that I did not know more history about grandpa’s smelly little hog-hobby involving some kind of passel of piglets. So, I Googled it. There it was. Not only a definition, but some really cute images of pint-sized baby pigs in a wide range of colors!

According to the Merriam–Webster Dictionary, my grandpa Clarence was raising a “large quantity or a group” of piglets to take to market when he was only 12 years old. Grandma loved her roses, but grandpa’s obsession was swine!

It should be of no surprise when I reveal that my grandpa was a hog farmer. Obviously his hobby as a young boy grew with him and became a passion in his adult life. No doubt the fostering of those passels of piglets gave him the knowledge and desire he needed to choose it as his occupation.

During my grandparents’ marriage, grandma refused to go anywhere near the hogs or their messy little mud pens and grandpa wouldn’t even consider trimming her rose bushes. It was obvious that they had come to an understanding about each other’s obsessions.

The mystery of my grandparents’ fascinations has finally come to fruition. I believe grandma used those roses to help her see right past the sight of passels of muddy piglets and the smell of putrid slop buckets. Roses brought beauty and sweet aroma into the malodorous little farm she happily shared with grandpa. Roses and pigs were their passions, not their madness.

Genealogy isn’t just about adding names and dates to a family chart. It is also about the addition of stories which will allow us to bring out the personalities of the folks we call family.

Do you know what your grandparents’ passions were? Visit our Genealogy & Local History Library and let us help you start your family history research today.

—Pam Bierman

Check Out a Telescope

Everyone knows that you can check out a book using your library card. But you can also check out a lot of other fun things with your library card—including a telescope! Hayner Library offers four Orion StarBlast 4.5” telescopes for patron check out at our Downtown and Alton Square libraries.

Each telescope captures the equivalent amount of light of 250 human eyes. Each has a zoom eyepiece, which gives a range of magnifications from 20 power to 60 power and provides a large field of view. You will be able to obtain clear observations of the craters on our Moon, Jupiter and its moons, Saturn and its rings, and the brighter star clusters and nebulae.

The telescopes may be checked out for up to seven days by adult Hayner Library card holders. A picture ID must also be presented. A refundable $25 deposit is required for checkout. The telescopes come with a learning kit and everything you need to start your stargazing adventure. Enjoy the great outdoors and night skies with your family and friends.

Take the Library Along on Your Vacation

Packing for vacation can be stressful, especially if you’re trying to avoid those pesky airline baggage fees. Long road trips, time by the pool and on the beach, and waits at the airport also present another conundrum—you want to be sure to pack enough books to entertain yourself but there’s not always enough room in your suitcase. The solution? Hayner Library’s digital collection of e-books, e-magazines and e-audiobooks.

Simply download the Cloud Library and RBDigital apps to your phone or tablet and get instant access to thousands of digital titles for free.

You can access more information about Cloud Library and RBDigital, including step-by-step instruction guides, on the library’s website at www.haynerlibrary.org. Simply click on the Download Audio & eBooks or Help with Your eReader icons and get instant access to over 100 magazines, 7,000 e-audiobooks, and 57,000 e-books. Bon voyage!
How to Protect Yourself from Fake News

As the presidential election cycle begins to pick up speed, we will likely hear the term “fake news” used increasingly by political commentators across all forms of media. But what does the term really mean and why should we care about it?

Fake news is false information spread with the deliberate attempt to mislead, especially for financial or political gain. The information may be invented, manipulated, or presented out of context or with a deliberate ideological slant. While misinformation is not new, technological advances have made fake news much easier to create and disseminate than ever before. And creators now have the knowledge and tools to make their content even more believable and persuasive.

So how can we protect ourselves from fake news?

1. **Read beyond the headline:** Headlines are often exaggerated or falsified to attract clicks. Make sure you’ve read (and evaluated) the whole story.

2. **Check the date:** Old stories may be recirculated to confuse readers about current events.

3. **Examine the source:** Fake news sources may attempt to mimic authentic sources by making small changes to a trusted web address or name. Misspellings and incorrect grammar are also often signs of an unreliable source. Always ask yourself these questions: What is the mission or purpose of the site presenting the story? Is the author real and credible?

4. **Evaluate the evidence:** A trustworthy author should provide links or references to supporting sources, such as legitimate experts in the field. Additionally, those experts should be represented fairly. Remember that a story isn’t automatically fake news just because it contradicts our current beliefs. Draw your conclusions from evidence that holds up under objective and repeated scrutiny.

5. **Read laterally:** How do other news sources present the story? Are there multiple experts on this topic? Do they agree? Be sure to consider their credentials. Reading laterally is a great way to avoid echo chambers (when our beliefs are reinforced by viewpoints repeated inside closed groups of like-minded individuals) and filter bubbles (when website algorithms isolate us by only presenting information they predict we want to see).

6. **Consult a fact-checking website:** Fact-checking sites (such as Politifact.com, Factcheck.org, Snopes.com, and TruthOrFiction.com) often provide evidence and sources for their evaluations of a topic. Review these sources yourself to evaluate the original story.

7. **Recognize your biases:** We all have biases as a result of our life experiences and cultures. Creators of fake news work hard to manipulate our biases and emotions to their advantage. Consider how your beliefs could affect your judgement.

8. **Don’t perpetuate the problem:** Take your time when evaluating a news story—resist pressure to quickly share stories or information that you have not first examined for accuracy and intent.

To learn more about fake news and media literacy, check out the many books and articles available through www.haynerlibrary.org. Our Reference staff members are always happy to assist you in locating and evaluating information sources.

Help Us Help You

Do you know what looks good on college applications and resumes? Volunteer work! If you are sixteen years of age or older and are looking to lengthen your professional profile, become a Hayner Library volunteer. We have several different opportunities available, ranging from greeting patrons to being a Book Detective! For more information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie Munson, at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2882. Volunteer applications can be found on our website at www.haynerlibrary.org or at any of our library locations.

New in Our Illinois Room

1950 Alton Civic Award: Spencer T. Olin. 
IR 367.977386 NIN

IR 796.72068 STO

Alton Methodism: First Church, German, Washington Street, Upper Alton, East Alton, 1905-06. 
IR 287.677386 ALT

Bernard Maybeck and Principia College: The Historic District by Charles B. Hosmer, Jr. 
IR 727.3 HOS

The Centenary of Catholicity in Kentucky by Ben J. Webb. 
IR 976.9 WEB

IR 968.12 MOS

A Century of Progress: A Pictorial History of The Principia by Henry S. Hamlin; with historical text by Norman Anderson. 
IR 378.77386 IAM

Civil War Fashions: Coloring Book. 
IR j391 TIE

IR 977.386 MOS

Emigrants from Ireland, 1847-1852: State-aided Emigration Schemes from Crown Estates in Ireland by Elish Ellis. 
IR 941.5 ELL

The Families of County Limerick, Ireland: Over One Thousand Entries from the Archives of the Irish Genealogical Foundation by Michael C. O’Laughlin. 
IR 941.5 OLA

IR B OLIN

History of Hettick [Macoupin County, Ill.]. 
IR 977.383 LAD

Lincoln for President: An Unlikely Candidate, an Audacious Strategy, and the Victory No One Saw Coming. 
IR 973.7092 CHA

Middle Town Alton Past and Present by Michael Mossman. 
IR 977.386 MOS

Onlzed Auxiliary Cook Book compiled by employees of Owens Illinois Glass Company. 
IR 641.5 ONI

Peoria Spirits: The Story of Peoria’s Brewing and Distilling Industries by Bryan J. Ogg. 
IR 977.352 OGG

IR 282.977386 STA V.1 and V.2

Upper Alton Past and Present by Michael Mossman. 
IR 977.386 MOS
**Highlights of the Hayner Art Collection – River Landscape by Frederick Oakes Sylvester**

Welcome to the first installment of a series on some of our most treasured artwork. We invite you to come into the Genealogy & Local History Library to see this and other beautiful works in person.

**River Landscape; triptych; signed and dated, lower right 1911-12; oil on canvas, Frederick Oakes Sylvester (1869-1915), American**

This painting depicts the Mississippi River and bluffs near Elsah, Illinois, north of Alton. The center panel shows a path leading towards the bluff's edge with a birch tree in the foreground, the river and distant bluffs in the background beneath a sky with billowing clouds. The side panels frame the central view with mature sycamore trees, forming a continuous, harmonious landscape.

The painting was given to Hayner Library in 2011 by Thomas E. Morrissey in memory of his wife, Mary Josephine McGrath Morrissey.

Frederick Oakes Sylvester was born in North Bridgewater, Massachusetts, on October 8, 1869. He studied at the Massachusetts Normal School in Boston before becoming an instructor in the Art Department at Newcomb College in New Orleans. At Newcomb, Sylvester further developed his interest in the Arts & Crafts movement and created works in metal and tooled leather. He left Newcomb College and moved to St. Louis in 1892 for a teaching position at Central High School. The next year he accepted the position of Art Director for The Principia, a Christian Scientist school in St. Louis. In 1902 he bought a cottage, Oak Ledge, in Elsah, Ill., and spent summers teaching and painting there.

Sylvester's work divides broadly into two periods briefly separated by a summer painting trip taken to Italy and other parts of Europe in 1906. The first period focused on the St. Louis riverfront, specifically the Eads Bridge and surrounding area. By 1904 the number of oils depicting the bridge as subject grew to over one hundred.

In his second period, Sylvester shifted his river theme from Eads to Elsah. From this time on his paintings depicted nature untouched instead of urban accomplishments. Poems accompanied many of his paintings.

Sylvester's work did win him some acclaim while he was still alive.

In 1904, he won a bronze medal at the St. Louis World's Fair and a silver medallion at the Portland Exposition. In 1906, he was awarded the Fine Arts Building of Chicago Prize by the Society of Western Artists, and in 1909 and 1910 he served as president of the St. Louis Artists’ Guild. Articles on him appeared regularly in the St. Louis newspapers, and his work was discussed and illustrated in *Harper's Weekly* and in *Scribner's Magazine*.

Sylvester continued to work at both Central High School and The Principia until his declining health forced him to take a leave of absence in 1913. He died on March 2, 1915, in St. Louis, and his ashes were strewn on the river he loved.

Affectionately referred to as the “Poet Painter of the Mississippi,” Sylvester is best known for his serene, majestic views of that river. William H. Gerdts, in his three-volume *Art Across America*, calls Sylvester, “the finest professional to work in southern Illinois.” You can see more of Sylvester’s work at The Principia in Elsah and at the St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

**Related books from our collection:**

- Sylvester, Frederick O. *The Great River: Poems and Pictures*. Saint Louis: Clark-Sprague Printing Company, 1925. IR 811.54 SYL
- Sylvester, Frederick O. *Poems*. Place of publication not identified, 1911. IR LOCKED CASES 811 SYL
- Williams, Paul O. *Frederick Oakes Sylvester: The Artist's Encounter with Elsah*. Elsah, Ill.: Historic Elsah Foundation, 1986. IR 977.3855 WIL
**Monday, August 19, 2019**
- Movers & Shakers Story Time
  - 10 a.m. Ages 3-5

**Monday, August 19, 2019**
- Evening Story Time (Downtown)
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**Thursday, August 22, 2019**
- Mommy and Me Story Time
  - 10 a.m. Ages Birth-2

**Monday, August 26, 2019**
- Movers & Shakers Story Time
  - 10 a.m. Ages 3-5

**Monday, August 26, 2019**
- Evening Story Time (Downtown)
  - 6:30 p.m. Ages 2-6

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**
- Mary Kay’s Story Time (Downtown)
  - 10 a.m. Ages 3-5

**Thursday, September 5, 2019**
- Mommy and Me Story Time
  - 10 a.m. Ages Birth-2

**Monday, September 9, 2019**
- Movers & Shakers Story Time
  - 10 a.m. Ages 3-5

**Monday, September 9, 2019**
- Evening Story Time (Downtown)
  - 6:30 p.m. Ages 2-6

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**
- Mary Kay’s Story Time (Downtown)
  - 10 a.m. Ages 3-5

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**
- Legos @ Your Library
  - 3:30 p.m. Ages 6-12

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**
- Mommy and Me Story Time
  - 10 a.m. Ages Birth-2

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**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**
- Grandparents Day Celebration
  - 10 a.m. Ages 3-5

**Saturday, October 12, 2019**
- Star Wars Reads Day
  - 2 p.m. Ages 6-12

**Monday, October 14, 2019**
- Riverbend Raptor
  - 10 a.m. All Ages

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**Back-to-School Bash**
- Come join us at the Riverbender.com Community Center for a wacky game of Emoji Bingo. Each game winner will receive a ticket for a sweet treat. The fun will take place Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 4 p.m. To register, call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

**Graphic Novel Book Club**
- Hey, teens! Come join Hayner Library’s new “Graphic Novel Book Club.” Once a month get together with other teens to share your thoughts and opinions about that month’s read. As always, snacks will be provided. Meetings will be held at Riverbender.com Community Center library. Our first club date is Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 4 p.m. Bring a friend! To register, call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

**Teen Movie Nights @ Riverbender.com Community Center**
- Come join the fun after school at our Teen Movie Nights @ Riverbender.com Community Center. Each month Hayner Library will host a movie event exclusively for teens. The movie will be a PG-13 new release and pizza is on the menu! Our first movie will be Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 3:45 p.m. To register, call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

**Color Meet-Ups**
- This program gives teens a stress-free afternoon of coloring, listening to music and eating snacks. The fun takes place Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 4 p.m. To register, call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.
Be Safe While Having Fun

Ah, summer! While a child's main priority for the season is having fun, a parent's main priority is safety. Good news! The Riverbender.com Community Center meets both of these requirements. The RBCC hosts events for children and teens of all ages. Recent events include dances, a water balloon fight, a flippy cup night, a cornhole competition, a lightsaber battle, open play days, and much more!

The RBCC also hosts a Hayner Library room, complete with books, computers and games for teens. The library also hosts free weekly teen programs such as arts & crafts, book clubs, and movie nights!

For more information about the Riverbender.com Community Center, please visit their website at www.riverbendercommunitycenter.org or call (618) 465-9850, ext. 212. For more information about the Hayner Library teen programs held at the Riverbender.com Community Center, please contact Shannon at (618) 433-2872 or visit the TeenSpace page on the library's website.
Word Magic

Anagrams are words, phrases or names formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. By using your creativity and imagination, it's possible to create some very clever anagrams. Here are a few examples.

Anyone can tell you that you need to be silent in order to listen.

Show me a freshman dormitory and I'll show you a dirty room.

Vacation time is when I'm not active.

To see a place that is far away, use a telescope.

Voices rant on while having an intense conversation.

Hayner Library is Interested in Your Home, Business or Property!

The Alton Area Landmarks Association is best known for their considerable efforts at saving buildings from a wrecking ball and restoring old structures to serve a purpose. Their mission helps to keep the heart of history beating inside the architectural walls of Alton.

Many years ago, Hayner Library received a unique donation from the Alton Area Landmarks Association. The association donated information on 300 Alton properties, to be archived in specially selected file cabinets at our library. This gift became the foundation for what is now known as the Property Files Collection. After receiving this donation, the staff of the Genealogy & Local History Library began adding additional property information to the files, including information on historic homes, buildings, businesses and landmarks. The collection has grown to thousands of addresses on hundreds of streets in the Alton and Godfrey area. File information about a particular address may include a short history, photographs, newspaper clippings about events or people associated with the property and lists of owners.

We also have title abstracts for a few of the addresses in our collection. A title abstract is a history of ownership for a piece of property. Information in an abstract can include references to deeds, mortgages, wills, marriages, probate records and other legal proceedings that can affect property ownership. One of the abstracts in our collection even includes information about an adoption! As you can see, these documents can hold a gold mine of information for the genealogist in your family, or local historians.

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library would like to supplement the Property Files Collection with more title abstracts. We are asking anyone in the Alton, Godfrey and Fosterburg area who is fortunate enough to have a title for their property to donate a copy to the library.

If you are willing to donate a copy of your abstract, the staff at the Genealogy & Local History Library will be happy to make copies of your paperwork and process it into the Property Files Collection, which is housed at our 401 State Street location.

Placing a copy of your abstract in the library's collection assures that your paperwork is archived and preserved in a central location. We also encourage you to include photos of your property in addition to the abstract. And of course, all abstracts and photos will be copied by our staff at absolutely no cost to you!

If you would like to archive a copy of your property abstract at the library, please call the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2865, or just bring it down during normal business hours.

Don’t have an abstract, but are still curious about the Property Files Collection? Then come visit us and let us show you how to look for information about your home or business.

Lights, Camera, READ!

Take advantage of this year's Summer Reading Program theme, “It's Showtime at Your Library!,” and read about your favorite superstar. Here are just a few biographies of today's biggest celebrities.

Adele by Sara Tieck
Beyonce Knowles by Jen Jones
Chadwick Boseman by Pete DiPrimio
Gal Gadot: Soldier, Model, Wonder Woman by Jill Sherman
Lady Gaga: Pop Singer and Songwriter by Katie Marsico

Babysit with Confidence

Babysitting can be a good way to earn extra spending money for the summer but it can be stressful for amateurs. Here are a few pieces of advice to aid you in being the best babysitter you can be:

1. Ask questions: Every family is different therefore every job will be different. Before meeting the parents for the first time, prepare a list of questions covering their child's routine and what they expect from you.

2. Have an emergency contact sheet: Inside the front cover of the book The What to Expect: Baby-Sitter's Handbook, you will find a reproducible contact page which will allow you to list all the emergency phone numbers you might need, as well as spots for medical information about the child for whom you are caring.

3. Be a good role model: Remember that the child you are caring for is looking up to you both physically and figuratively. Be a positive influence for the impressionable youngster you are babysitting!

Don’t forget, Hayner Library has a wide variety of babysitting guides available for you to check out.
Join us for our Summer 2019 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they’re all free of charge. All programs do require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.

NOTE: 225 Alton Square Mall is located on the east side of the mall, on the second floor between the escalators and JCPenney.

REMINDER
Often program registration fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program for which you are registered, PLEASE call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know so we can fill your reservation from the waiting list.

Branching Out
Note: Branching Out classes are two-part. They are held the second Thursday of each month with a collaborative session offered on the following Thursday. All classes will take place at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street.

From the Courthouse to the Church: Using Official Records
July 11* & 18, 10–11:30 a.m.
*On July 11, we’ll have a special guest speaker from the Illinois State Archives. Please join us, and bring your questions!

All that’s Fit to Print & More: Newspaper Research
August 8 & 15, 10–11:30 a.m.

Where We’ve Lived: Researching Property
September 12 & 19, 10–11:30 a.m.

These classes include many aspects of genealogical research and are suitable for the beginner as well as the more experienced researcher. Updated information and new tips every year! We also take requests if there are specific things you’d like to learn about. Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Bow-wow Pow-wow
Note: This program is held the second Saturday of each month at the Hayner Alton Square Library, 132 Alton Square Mall, Alton, IL.
Saturday, July 13, 10–11 a.m.
Saturday, August 10, 10–11 a.m.
Saturday, September 14, 10–11 a.m.
Join us for a Bow-wow Pow-wow. Certified therapy dogs will be at the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, and your child can read stories to them or just visit to receive furry hugs and wet kisses. It’s a great way to increase your child’s reading skills and is absolute fun for everyone. Bring your camera! No registration necessary.

Curtis the Mentalist
Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m.
Curtis presents a mind-blowing and hilarious show that you will remember long after the event is over. This humorous, fast-paced and highly interactive one-man mind reading, magic and mentalism show is sure to keep you engaged and thoroughly entertained.

Curtis tells random audience members the names of people they’re thinking about, plays games with the money in their wallets, draws pictures they create in their mind, and performs crazy stunts while completely blindfolded that always has audiences reeling in utter amazement, and laughing the entire time! No one is ever sure whether Curtis is a magician, a real mind reader, or a comedian! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

Switchback
Note: This program will be held in the Benjamin Godfrey Chapel on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Ill.
Sunday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.

Switchback returns! Two of our favorite performers on the circuit! “A successful show for us is like an amusement ride—it’s a rush,” says Brian FitzGerald of the renowned musical duo Switchback. “Our Irish is a little more aggressive, and it’s coming at you a little harder because we are coming out of small, jaunty Irish bars. There’s a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of energy to our show.”

FitzGerald and Martin McCormack showcase a repertoire ranging from sentimental ballads to blistering honky-tonk. The duo delivers a powerful, riveting sound rivaling that of larger ensembles. They move through a variety of genres but never abandon their Celtic roots. They accompany their music with the rhythmic cadence of their dancing shoes. Don’t miss your chance to see and hear these amazing performers! This program is jointly presented by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
**SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER**

**Gardening Classes**

**Herbal Drinks and Nibbles**

*Saturday, August 17, 10–11 a.m.*

*Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.*

You are invited to a sampling of herbal drinks and appetizers at the library! Members of the St. Louis Herb Society will be on hand to show us how to use herbs in drinks and appetizers. You won’t want to miss out on a chance to try these tasty treats and to learn how to make them! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Importance of Pollinators**

*Wednesday, September 18, 6:30–8 p.m.*

*Note: This class will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Alton Square library.*

There is a lot of talk in the news about how important pollinators are to the stability of our environment. Come learn why we should care. Bill Klopfenstein, Illinois Master Gardener and retired chemistry professor, will present a class on pollinator insects and how they help our gardens and their valuable role in nature. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

**George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass**

*Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 p.m.*

George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass is one of the most versatile performing groups in the area as they blend their fiery bluegrass roots with some traditional Irish and Louisiana Cajun. Their “Cajun Set” has won raves from crowds throughout the Midwest. This five-piece musical group's enthusiasm, top-notch musical ability, wit, and humor are always evident during their performances. George, the group's leader and founder, has won more than 130 first-place fiddling championships, played for two presidents, and performed at the Grand Ole Opry. George's musical philosophy is to always “leave 'em wanting more” ...and they always do! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Dennis Stroughmatt and His Swingin’ Band**

*The Sounds of Western Swing and the Music of Legendary Fiddler Wade Ray*

*Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.*

Western swing is a musical style that continues to influence musicians across the planet. Southwestern Illinois was home to one of the most influential of Western swing musicians, the legendary Wade Ray. Wade was a contemporary of Bob Wills, mentored Willie Nelson, worked with Ray Price, and was well known in the St. Louis area for his KSD Radio road shows. Fiddler, vocalist, and historian Dennis Stroughmatt studied fiddling and singing styles with Wade in the 1990s and continues to perform many of the songs he learned while studying with him. His performance and presentation will include a mix of songs from the era of Bob Wills, Ray Price and Wade Ray. Like his mentor Wade Ray, Dennis will make you want to swing! Register at 1-800-613-3163.

**Steve Davis**

*Elvis! Live!*

*Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.*

Elvis (yes, THE Elvis) returns to Hayner Library with his Las Vegas-style revue that will have you rockin’ in your blue suede shoes. Elvis sings and reminisces about his career in this great show that will take you back to Elvis’s Vegas performances of the 1970s. Don’t miss this chance to see The King live, onstage! Please register at 1-800-613-3163.
Research Tips from the Genealogy & Local History Library: Death Records

One of the first things you might learn about an ancestor may be when he or she died. Maybe you read the obituary in the newspaper. Or you know the relative who clips newspaper articles about everyone in the family! Now you want to find your ancestor’s death record.

The cause of death stated on a death record can alert you to potential inherited health issues. Or it may reflect the lack of antibiotics during the time your ancestor lived; for example, your ancestor may have contracted tuberculosis and died. Perhaps epidemics were sweeping the area where your ancestor lived; cholera claimed many lives in the mid-1800s in Missouri and Illinois. Or there may be evidence of a violent death: e.g. a gunshot wound!

Death records may also record your ancestor’s birth date and the names of his or her parents. This information was given by the family informant, who told the clerk what he or she knew. Usually a family informant was a sibling, spouse or child of the person who died.

Where do you look for death records? Before you spend money at the county courthouse or state archive, look for an index of your ancestor’s death record. Online indexes list the names of family members included in the record as well as birth and death information. Once you find the indexed information, look for a digital image of the actual record. This shows the rest of the information, such as the name of the family informant, the cause of death, the name of the funeral home and the cemetery where the person is buried.

Genealogical research websites such as Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org have indexes of birth, marriage and death records for many states, countries and time periods. Many state archives have placed indexes and/or images of their death records online. Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library staff can help you find the websites that you need.

Your ancestor may have lived before counties were recording all deaths. For example, death records of all citizens were not required in Illinois until 1916.

If there is no government death record, look for a record of your ancestor’s death in his or her local church records. Among our library church records is Saints Peter & Paul Church Alton, Illinois, Names of Deceased 1856-1872. The library collection also contains funeral programs from St. James Baptist Church, Alton, and other local churches, which include life stories.

The local newspaper may highlight births, marriages, family businesses and obituaries of your ancestors. You can read newspapers from Alton and other cities at the Genealogy & Local History Library. Funeral home records can be full of family information. The Genealogy & Local History Library collection contains the records of Burke’s Funeral Home in Alton covering the years 1970-1995. Cemetery records can also be a gold mine of information. The Genealogy & Local History Library has burial listings and CDs of tombstone photos of cemeteries in Madison and other counties. Burial records on FindaGrave.com may lead you to information about parents, siblings, spouses and children.

Staff at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library are happy to help you search all the genealogy records on the library shelves and online!

Sharing the Memories

Yearbooks are an amazing genealogy and local history resource. We are very lucky that our patrons are generous in donating yearbooks to us. We keep multiple copies of yearbooks on the shelves of the Genealogy & Local History Library, but when we have extras, we try our best to find homes for them. Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library Manager, Lacy McDonald, has mailed several boxes of duplicate copies of yearbooks to the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri, a nationally recognized destination for family historians. Thank you, everyone, for helping us to share Alton’s history with the whole Midwest. Don’t forget, you can access digital copies of the Alton High Tatler, Marquette High Explorer, and Western Military Academy Recall at https://archive.org/details/@hayner_genealogy_&_local_history_library.

Please keep donating yearbooks! We love them!

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Thank You, BJC Healthcare!

In March, The Hayner Public Library District received a generous donation from BJC Healthcare to commemorate their twenty-fifth anniversary. Through this donation, additional test preparation books were added to the library’s collection for high school students taking ACT, SAT, subject tests and Advance Placement exams. Many of these books have already been checked out by students!

The donation also allowed the library to purchase ten Book Buddy bags, filled with books and activities, aimed at students grades K–5, to help them avoid the summer learning slide and complement school work. In addition, ten Big Book kits and activity sets for storytelling are also available for patrons wanting to use them in story times, storytelling, or for preschool classes.

The funds were also used for display and work tables in the children’s area at the Downtown Library. Noise cancelling headphones were also purchased with the funds; the headphones will aid patrons who need quiet to focus. Lastly, a wireless amplifier, similar to those used by classroom teachers, was procured for use in enhancing library programming.

The Hayner Public Library District is one of 13 St. Louis area organizations selected for the BJC Healthcare grant. Employees were asked to nominate an organization near and dear to their heart. The Hayner Public Library District was nominated by Hayner patron Tom Morrissey, who works in BJC Shared Services. Tom’s mother, Jody Morrissey, served on The Hayner Public Library District Board for 12 years and was involved in many library activities throughout her life.

Thank you, BJC Healthcare and Tom Morrissey!