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Director's Note

I can't believe it's already June and summer is upon us! June is a very busy month at the library, as you will see in this newsletter! After two years of virtual events, we are happy to have the Summer Reading Program returning in person this year. We have so many fun things planned for both kids and adults-make plans to join us. In addition, we have some really amazing guest speakers this month! I'm especially excited for children's author, Kevin Sherry, to visit us. This visit was made possible through the MO State Library Grant System-it should be a great day! Candance O'Conner is also visiting us. She wrote a book about the history of the Homer G. Phillips Hospital and much of her research took place here at the library-she will be here June 4. In addition, we have the Sedalia Chapter of the NAACP speaking in honor of Juneteenth-set up for June 6. I hope to see you at one or all of these events! If you have made your way downstairs recently, you have probably noticed lots of moving and shifting of books! We have been working hard to clean and organize our collection-which means making room for new materials and assessing the state of outdated items. We want the library to be easy to use, with a wide variety of materials for you to enjoy! Our staff is working hard on this project. Stop by and see our progress sometime.

Finally, if you are ever in need of a meeting space-we can help! We offer two spaces for the community to use at no cost. Contact us to fill out an application and set your date for your group!

Hope you find some time to grab a good book and read outside! Be kind to one another.

Happy Reading,
Jamie Sparks, Director

Meeting Room Application
[HERE](#)

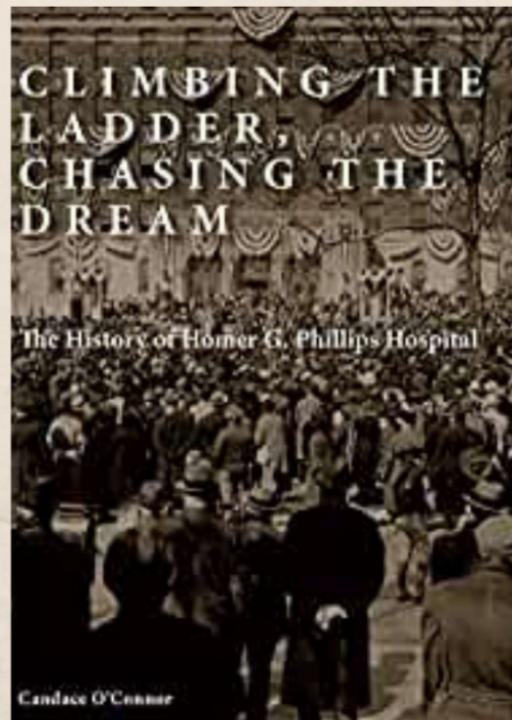
Educational Outreach Grant



We were recognized as a recipient of an Education Outreach Grant offered through the Pettis County Community Partnership. We were awarded \$1,322.90 to purchase 10 different Penworthy STEM kits for all age groups! We have kits that teach about magnets, shapes, building, coding, circuits, space and more! We are so excited to offer these kits to our patrons. Thank you to John Thompson, Executive Director at PCCP for this opportunity and for supporting our mission to meaningfully engage more kiddos!

Sedalia's Second Favorite Son

THE HISTORY OF
HOMER G. PHILLIPS &
HIS FAMED ST. LOUIS
HOSPITAL



Join Author, Candace O'Connor, at The Sedalia Public Library for a morning of lecture and Q&A. Ms. O'Connor draws upon newspaper articles, institutional records, and dozens of interviews to write the first full history of Homer G. Phillips Hospital, with much of her research done right here at the library. She also brings new insights into the life and still-unsolved murder of the hospital's namesake, a pioneering Black attorney who spearheaded efforts to build the much-needed medical facility in the historic Ville neighborhood.

Space is limited. [Sign up on our Facebook event](#) or call 826-1314..

Candace O'Connor
Saturday, June 4
11am



311 W. 3rd Street
660-826-1314

Sign Up for Candace O'Connor
HERE!

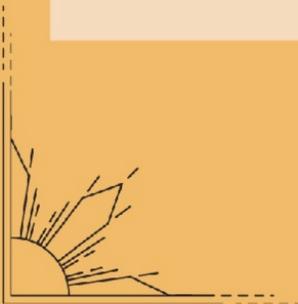


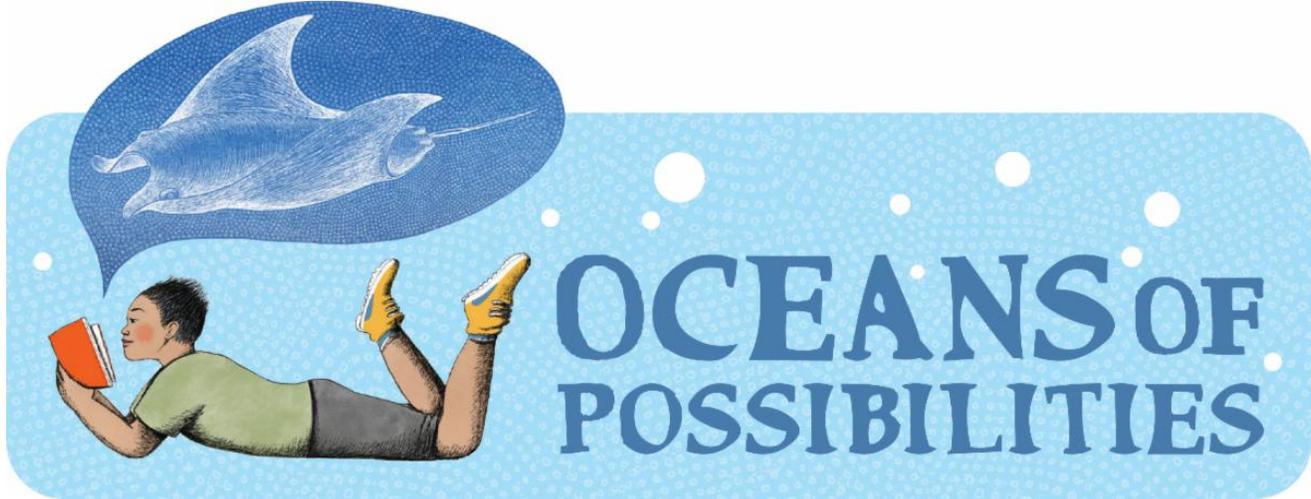
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CELEBRATE FREEDOM



Join us for a presentation by
Sedalia's chapter of the NAACP
Monday, June 6th at 5:30 pm





Summer Reading Program Sign Ups Start June 6

Did you know that reading just 20 minutes per day exposes kids to 1.8 million different words each year? Not only that, but it increases language & brain development. For our Summer reading program this year, we are asking you to read just 20 minutes a day-you can do that & just think of all the places you'll go along the way!

We start our Summer Reading Program for both kids & adults on June 6! Stop by to get your log sheet. In the Children's Department we are making Ocean Trail Mix until June 12, so come in and sign up! We have various events planned all summer, along with prizes to keep you motivated. We will end the children's program with a pool party on July 29. The adults will have a "Challenge Sheet" and fun prizes as well.

All of the events will be listed on our website or social media or just stop by the library!

Visit our
Website



KEVIN SHERRY

Author-Illustrator of the young graphic-novel series
SQUIDDING AROUND and other award-winning books for children

Bio:

KEVIN SHERRY has written and illustrated graphic novels and chapter books for Scholastic, and picture books for Penguin Random House. He is a man of many interests: a chef, a cyclist, a screenprinter and a performer of hilarious puppet shows for kids and adults. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland, with his wife, Erin, and their cat, Kinkos.

Awards:

- Oprah's Book Club
- Society of Illustrators' Original Art Award
- International Literary Association Children's Choices Reading List
- Starred reviews in *Kirkus Reviews* and *Publishers' Weekly*
- Four state awards

Praise for Kevin:

- "Charming characters, hilarious illustrations, and a big bunch of fun!"
Dav Pilkey, creator of Captain Underpants, for The Yeti Files
- "A new level of visual subtlety and emotional activity."
Publisher's Weekly starred review for Turtle Island
- "Author/illustrator Sherry brings an empathetic tale of self-examination and change to life with easy-to-read chapters and an eye-catching comics format."
Kirkus Reviews for Squidding Around
- "A simple, infectious crowd-pleaser with wonderful comedic timing."
The New York Times Book Review for I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean

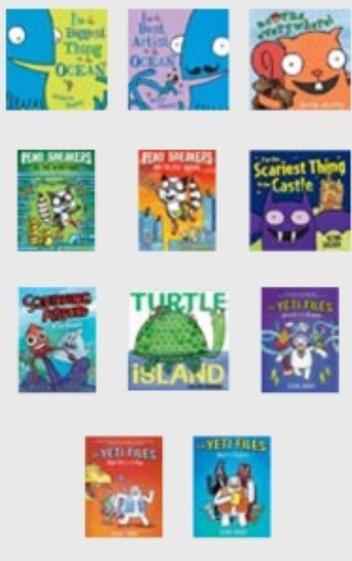
Kevin performs at over 100 schools every year!

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**Kevin Sherry will be here June 28th at 2pm!
Don't miss this event!!**

Adult Book Club

Adult Book Club meets
June 13 at 5:30pm & June 14
at 2pm.
You are welcome to come

to either option!
We are discussing
Resistance Woman by
Jennifer Chiaverini.
We meet in the Queen City
Room. Come join us!



Calling All Crafters

Let's meet up and work on our craft projects, share and socialize!

June 25th & July 16 at 9:30am



Kids in the Kitchen Class

We are partnering with the University of MO Extension to offer a 6 week Kids in the Kitchen Class. This class starts June 16 and will be every Thursday from 1-2pm for 6 weeks. Sign up required, as space is limited.

Suggested for ages 6-13.

Call or come by to sign up.

Please note: Starting June 3, we will close at 5pm on Friday's.



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