

SPRING 2025



COMMUNITY READ

An Entire Community Reading & Discussing One Book

MICHELLE
COLLINS ANDERSON

"Vivid and evocative. . ."
—Kim Michele Richardson,
New York Times bestselling author
of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*

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ANALYZING POSSUM FLATS:

Secrets and Silence in Small Town Life,
A Forum Discussion Presented by
East Central College's Department of
Social Science

ADULT Featured presenters: Wendy Pecka, Timothy Derifield, Dr. Travis Eakins, and Dr. Coreen Derifield.

- *Wednesday, April 16, 6pm | East Central College, Room HS 100*



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

ADULT Connect with your community in a conversation discussing the book's themes and ideas.



- *Wednesday, April 2, 10am | Washington Public Library*
- *Thursday, April 3, 11am | Owensville*
- *Thursday, April 3, 5:30pm | Warrenton*
- *Tuesday, April 8, 6pm | Pacific*
- *Wednesday, April 9, 10am | Pacific*
- *Tuesday, April 15, 6pm | Owensville*
- *Tuesday, April 15, 6pm | Sullivan*
- *Wednesday, April 16, 2:30pm | Hermann*
- *Wednesday, April 16, 6pm | Washington Public Library*
- *Thursday, April 17, 2pm | St. Clair*
- *Thursday, April 17, 6pm | New Haven*
- *Thursday, April 17, 6pm | Union*
- *Tuesday, April 22, 2pm | East Central College Library*
- *Wednesday, April 23, 2pm | Warrenton*
- *Wednesday, April 23, 5:30pm | East Central College Library*
- *Tuesday, April 29, 6pm | Sullivan*
- *Wednesday, April 30, 5pm | Wright City*



CHERRY & JERRY LIVE

ADULT With Isaac Cherry on percussion and Jerry Rabushka on piano, this duo will entertain with wonderful tunes from the era of ragtime, early blues, and jazz.

- *Tuesday, April 1, 6pm | Sullivan*
- *Tuesday, April 15, 6pm | Wright City*



EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH FLOWERS

ADULT Join a Moment of Grace florist to learn techniques and craft a stunning floral arrangement in a fun, artistic experience.

- *Tuesday, April 1, 6pm | Warrenton (Limit 25)*
- *Tuesday, April 22, 6pm | Washington Public Library (Limit 25)*



50 YEARS OF FASHION & SOCIAL INFLUENCE

ADULT Christine Miller and Louise Hermes lead an in-depth discussion on women's fashion from 1890-1930, featuring authentic garments that highlight style and cultural significance.

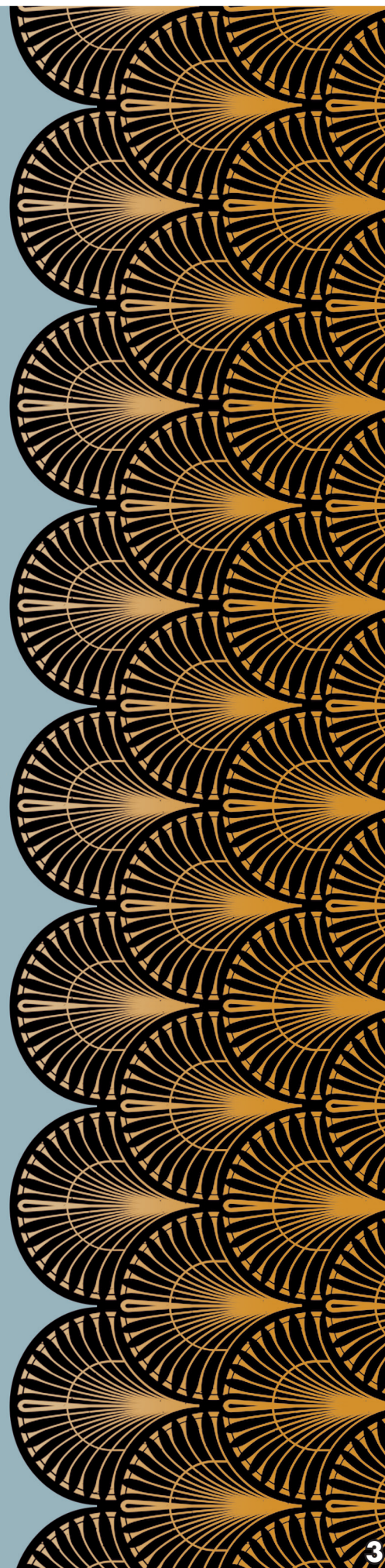
- *Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 PM | Hermann*
- *Thursday, April 10, 6:00 PM | Union*
- *Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 PM | Warrenton*



GLITTERSBY MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

ADULT Calling all masters of mystery, we want your help to solve a murder at Jay Glittersby's mansion! Actors and sleuths are needed.

- *Monday, April 7, 6pm | Sullivan (Limit 30)*
- *Tuesday, April 8, 6pm | Warrenton (Limit 40)*
- *Thursday, April 10, 6pm | Owensville (Limit 20)*
- *Thursday, April 10, 6pm | Pacific (Limit 20)*
- *Monday, April 21, 6pm | Union (Limit 20)*





JAZZ BAND CONCERTS

ADULT Experience the vibrant energy and talent of your local community high school jazz band in an unforgettable performance.

- *Thursday, April 3, 6pm | Union*
- *Thursday, April 10, 6pm | New Haven*
- *Tuesday, April 15, 6pm | St. Clair*
- *Thursday, April 17, 6pm | Owensville*
- *Tuesday, April 22, 6pm | Pacific*
- *Tuesday, April 22, 6pm | Warrenton*



THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

ADULT Join Jackie Kitson to explore flower meanings and watch a demonstration on crafting a beautiful centerpiece for any occasion.

- *Thursday, April 3, 6pm | Pacific*
- *Tuesday, April 8, 6pm | Union*
- *Tuesday, April 22, 6pm | St. Clair*



LEARN TO DANCE THE 1920S WAY

ADULT Grab your dancing shoes and join us to learn the Charleston. No experience necessary.

- *Tuesday, April 1, 6pm | St. Clair (Limit 20)*
- *Thursday, April 3, 6pm | Wright City (Limit 20)*
- *Monday, April 14, 6pm | Union (Limit 40)*
- *Thursday, April 17, 6pm | Sullivan (Limit 25)*
- *Tuesday, April 22, 6pm | Hermann (Limit 25)*
- *Thursday, April 24, 6pm | Owensville (Limit 20)*



MOONLIGHT SERENADE: Dance Hall Musicians in Missouri

ADULT Author Dr. Kenneth Johnson shares rare images and fascinating insights about the musicians who brought Missouri's dance halls to life.

- *Thursday, April 3, 6pm | New Haven*
- *Thursday, April 10, 6pm | Wright City*
- *Monday, April 14, 6pm | Pacific*
- *Tuesday, April 15, 6pm | Hermann*
- *Tuesday, April 22, 6pm | Sullivan*
- *Thursday, April 24, 6pm | Union*



PROHIBITION WITH PINCKNEY BEND

ADULT, 21+ Explore the Prohibition-era and sample iconic spirits of the 1920s with Pinckney Bend. Ages 21+ required.

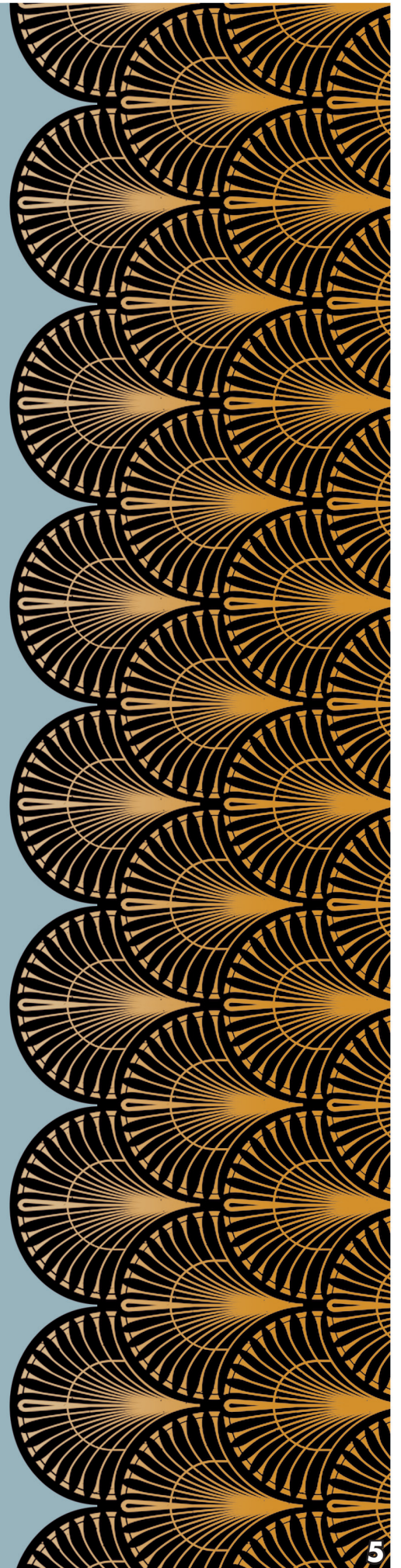
- *Tuesday, April 1, 6pm | Owensville (Limit 20)*
- *Wednesday, April 9, 6pm | Warrenton (Limit 60)*
- *Tuesday, April 15, 6pm | Washington Public Library (Limit 40)*
- *Thursday, April 24, 6pm | New Haven (Limit 20)*



ROARING '20S ESCAPE

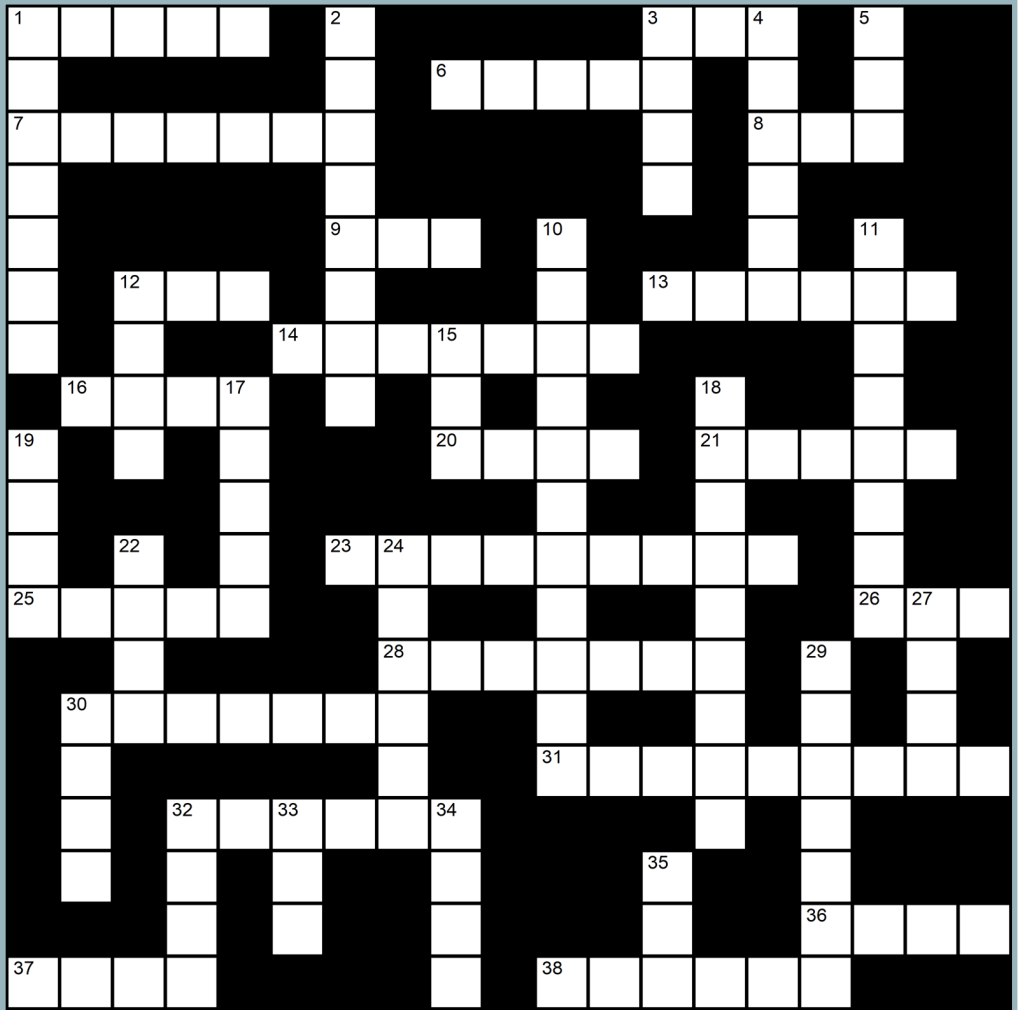
ADULT Travel to a time of speakeasies, jazz and Al Capone. Teams of 4 will race to see who can solve the mystery first.

- *Thursday, April 3, 6pm | Washington Public Library (Limit 32)*
- *Tuesday, April 8, 6pm | Hermann (Limit 52)*
- *Tuesday, April 8, 6pm | St. Clair (Limit 32)*
- *Wednesday, April 9, 6:30pm | East Central College Library (Limit 40)*
- *Thursday, April 24, 6pm | Wright City (Limit 24)*





COMMUNITY READ CROSSWORD



Across

1 Visible vapor from burning materials - 3 Trendy and up-to-date - 6 Move rhythmically to music - 7 Hidden information kept from others - 8 Religious transgression - 9 Law enforcement officer - 12 Short, straight-cut hairstyle - 13 Warmest season of the year - 14 Current style or trend - 16 Criminal organization - 20 One of an identical pair - 21 Keyboard musical instrument - 23 Funeral director - 25 Powerful explosion - 26 Notable historical period - 28 Written composition - 30 Free-spirited 1920s woman - 31 Daily printed publication - 32 Eighth month - 36 Female title of honor - 37 Leafy woodland plant - 38 Related household members.

Down

1 Female siblings - 2 Professional performer of music - 3 Admired person of courage - 4 Nocturnal marsupial - 5 Juniper-flavored spirit - 10 Legal alcohol ban - 11 Musical performance for someone - 12 Rhythmic pulse - 15 Head covering - 17 Supernatural apparition - 18 Illegal drinking establishment - 19 Young sheep - 22 Large corridor or room - 24 Mountain region in MO - 27 Thorned flowering plant - 29 Sorrowful dramatic event - 30 Burning flames - 32 Prayer ending - 33 Socializing visit - 34 Factually correct - 35 Female parent.



Scan for puzzle solution



MEET AUTHOR MICHELLE COLLINS ANDERSON

ADULT Michelle Collins Anderson was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and grew up on a registered Angus cattle farm outside of West Plains, Missouri. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Journalism degree and spent the next fifteen years as a copywriter in advertising and public relations agencies in St. Louis, Palo Alto, Denver and Houston.

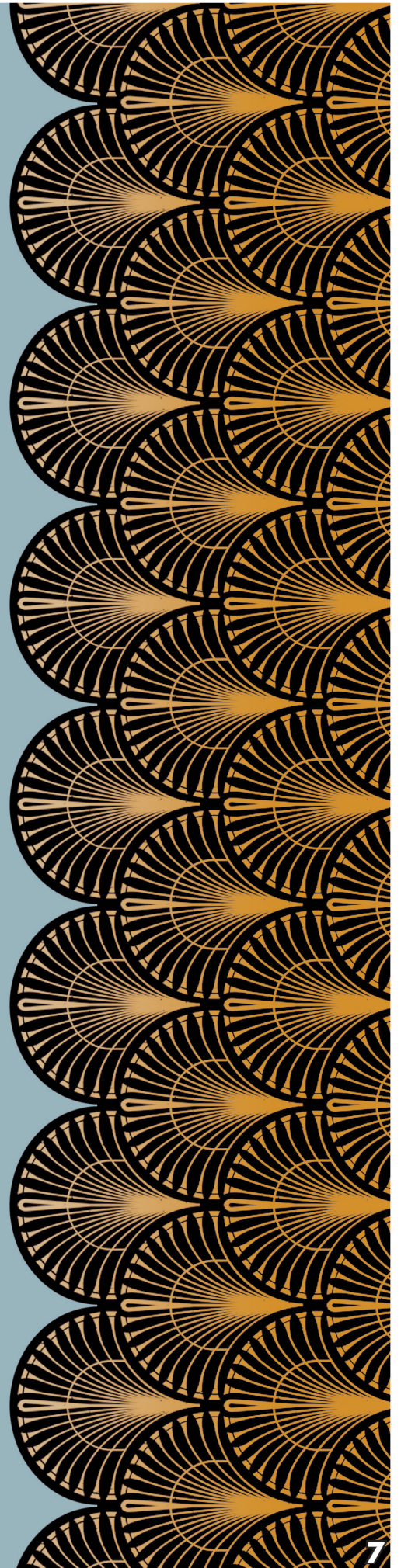
Ms. Anderson has been an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri and Stephens College, taught creative writing at her local elementary school, and serves on the board of *The Missouri Review*. She began writing *The Flower Sisters* in 2011 after her father gave her a copy of *The West Plains Dance Hall Explosion* by Lin Waterhouse.

In 2013, Ms. Anderson graduated with an MFA in Fiction from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina. Her short fiction has appeared in *Nimrod International Journal*, *Literal Latté*, *Midwestern Gothic*, *Elder Mountain: A Journal of Ozarks Studies*, *Bosque*, *The Lascaux Review*, *Pooled Ink*, *Storied Hills: An Anthology of Contemporary Ozark Fiction*, and other publications.

The Flower Sisters, published in 2024, is her debut novel and appeared on *USA Today's* Best-selling Booklist. Currently, Ms. Anderson is working on another historical fiction novel set in the Ozarks in the late 1920's and early 1930's about a close-knit family that makes moonshine during Prohibition.

Ms. Anderson and her husband, Clay, have three adult children and live in a 1907 brick row house in St. Louis, Missouri, with two cats and a border collie. Her website is <https://www.michelleanderson.me/>.

- Monday, April 28, 6pm | Warrenton
- Tuesday, April 29, 6pm | Hermann
- Wednesday, April 30, 6pm | Union



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251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-0652
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Sat/Sun: Closed
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Hermann

123-A Bavarian Hills Blvd.
573-486-2024
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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New Haven

200 Douglas St.
573-306-6189
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Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Owensville

503 S. Olive St.
573-299-0006
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Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
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Pacific

111 Lamar Parkway
636-257-2712
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
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Sat: 9am-5pm
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St. Clair

515 E. Springfield Rd.
636-629-2546
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Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Sullivan

525 Cumberland Way
573-342-6505
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Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
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Sat: 9am-5pm
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Union

251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-3224
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Warrenton

912 S. Hwy. 47
636-456-3321
Sun: Closed
Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Wright City

60 Wildcat Dr.
636-384-1136
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
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Washington Public Library

410 Lafayette St.
636-390-1070
Sun: 12pm-4pm
Mon-Thurs: 8am-8pm
Fri: 8am-6pm
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