An Entire Community Reading & Discussing One Book

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One of the Best Books of the Year – Washington Post

HARRY TRUMAN’S Excellent Adventure
The True Story of a Great American Road Trip

Matthew Algeo

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Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of Harry S. Truman, will kick off the annual Community Read with a theatrical performance of *Give ‘Em Hell, Harry*.

- **Friday, March 1, 7pm | East Central College, Anglin Performing Arts Center, Multipurpose Building, 1964 Prairie Dell Rd., Union, MO 63084**

This one-man show written by Samuel Gallu, is a faithful and often humorous portrayal of President Harry S. Truman’s life and presidency. It spans his childhood, his “political apprenticeship” as a judge in Jackson County, MO, his years in the US Senate and his momentous two terms as President. Daniel took on the role in October 2017, marking the first time in history a US President would be portrayed onstage by a direct descendant in this case, his oldest grandson.
Food of the Truman Era

Suzanne Corbett, award-winning writer and food historian, will guide you through culinary trends of the Truman-era in Missouri.

- Tuesday, March 12, 6pm | Warrenton
- Wednesday, March 13, 6pm | Union
- Thursday, March 14, 6pm | Hermann

Great Turkey Walk

Can you escape to deliver the turkeys on time?

- Tuesday, March 5, 6pm-8pm | Union
- Wednesday, March 6, 3pm-4pm | Wright City
- Monday, March 11, 6pm-8pm | St. Clair
- Thursday, March 14, 6pm-8pm | Sullivan
- Tuesday, March 19, 6pm-8pm | Hermann
- Wednesday, March 20, 6pm-8pm | Warrenton
- Saturday, March 23, 1pm-4pm | Washington Public Library
- Monday, March 25, 6pm-8pm | Pacific
- Tuesday, March 26, 6pm-8pm | New Haven
- Thursday, March 28, 6pm-8pm | Owensville

Historic Missouri Roadsides

Author, Bill Hart, will take you on a road trip presentation through Missouri’s small town histories, natural attractions, and local amenities.

- Saturday, March 9, 2pm | Warrenton
- Saturday, March 16, 2pm | Washington Public Library
- Saturday, March 23, 2pm | St. Clair
I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

**YOUNG ADULT** Make homemade ice cream with us and learn some ways to make it at home, even if you don’t have an ice cream maker.

- Wednesday, March 13, 2pm | *Wright City*
- Tuesday, March 26, 4pm | *St. Clair*
- Thursday, March 28, 6pm | *Union*

Missouri Turkeys

**ALL AGES** Join Emily from the Mastodon State Historic Site to learn about the wild turkeys that call Missouri home.

- Tuesday, March 5, 6pm | *Pacific*

Number 9 Coal

**ADULT** Enjoy the musical stylings of Number 9 Coal as they perform a mixture of old time, bluegrass, country, and rock music.

- Thursday, March 7, 6pm | *Pacific*
- Tuesday, March 12, 6pm | *New Haven*
- Monday, March 25, 6pm | *Sullivan*
- Thursday, March 28, 6pm | *Wright City*

Ozark Bourbon Distilling

**ADULT, 21+** Micro-distillery owner, Jon Downard, will guide audiences through the distilling process the “old-fashioned way” and explain why it makes all the difference.

- Thursday, March 7, 6pm | *Union*
- Tuesday, March 12, 6pm | *Sullivan*
- Thursday, March 21, 6pm | *Owensville*
- Tuesday, March 26, 6pm | *Washington Public Library*
Road Trip: Kids Club

Get ready for spring and summer road trips! We’ll be reading *Road Trip* by Claudia Friddell then painting and making car games.

- Monday, March 4, 4pm | Sullivan
- Saturday, March 9, 1:30pm | Union
- Monday, March 11, 3:30pm | Hermann
- Thursday, March 14, 3:30pm | St. Clair
- Thursday, March 14, 4:30pm | Owensville
- Monday, March 18, 6pm | Pacific
- Wednesday, March 20, 4pm | New Haven
- Wednesday, March 20, 6:30pm | Washington Public Library
- Thursday, March 21, 5pm | Warrenton
- Friday, March 22, 4pm | Wright City

Road Trip Tips and Tricks

Join Sarah Newbanks from The Explorer Travel Co as she discusses how to plan the perfect family road trip without breaking the bank. Learn all the things to see, do - and pack - for the perfect trip.

- Thursday, March 7, 6pm | Owensville
- Tuesday, March 19, 6pm | Wright City
- Tuesday, March 26, 6pm | Sullivan
- Thursday, March 28, 6pm | New Haven

Super Friends Talking Turkey

Gather your friends to join kids’ comedian Dennis Porter for interactive, improvisational fun. We will create and perform stories, including *The Great Turkey Walk*.

- Wednesday, March 20, 3pm | Wright City
- Wednesday, March 20, 6:30pm | Union
- Thursday, March 21, 4pm | Sullivan
- Thursday, March 21, 7pm | Hermann
Travel Map Crafts

**ADULT**
Create your own travel journal, coordinating pencil, bookmark, and vacation fund jar using old maps.

- Tuesday, March 5, 6pm | Hermann
- Tuesday, March 5, 6pm | St. Clair
- Tuesday, March 5, 6pm | Warrenton
- Thursday, March 7, 6pm | Sullivan
- Thursday, March 7, 6pm | Wright City
- Tuesday, March 12, 6pm | Owensville
- Thursday, March 14, 6pm | New Haven
- Thursday, March 14, 6pm | Pacific
- Thursday, March 14, 6pm | Union
- Thursday, March 14, 6pm | Warrenton
- Monday, March 18, 6pm | St. Clair
- Tuesday, March 19, 6:30pm | Washington Public Library
- Tuesday, March 26, 6pm | Union
- Thursday, March 28, 6pm | Hermann

Trivia Night

**ADULT/YOUNG ADULT**
Join an evening of trivia with questions themed to presidents, road trips, automobiles, and more.

- Thursday, March 7, 5:30pm | St. Clair
- Friday, March 8, 6pm | Washington Public Library
- Monday, March 18, 5:30pm | Union
- Tuesday, March 19, 5:30pm | Warrenton
- Tuesday, March 26, 5:30pm | Owensville
- Tuesday, March 26, 5:30pm | Hermann
- Thursday, March 28, 5:30pm | Pacific

Truman the Human

**ADULT/YOUNG ADULT**
Educator and historian, Tom Bennett will discuss the extraordinary life of the ordinary man, Harry S. Truman.

- Tuesday, March 5, 6pm | Owensville
- Thursday, March 7, 6pm | New Haven
- Monday, March 11, 6pm | Union
- Tuesday, March 12, 6pm | Hermann
- Thursday, March 14, 6pm | Wright City
- Monday, March 18, 6pm | Sullivan
- Thursday, March 21, 6pm | Pacific
- Tuesday, March 26, 6pm | Warrenton
- Thursday, March 28, 6pm | St. Clair
Book Discussions

Join in the conversation to discuss the book’s themes and ideas with others in your community.

- Thursday, March 7, 11am | Owensville
- Thursday, March 7, 5:30pm | Warrenton
- Monday, March 11, 10am | Washington Public Library
- Tuesday, March 12, 6pm | Pacific
- Wednesday, March 13, 10am | Pacific
- Tuesday, March 19, 6pm | Sullivan
- Tuesday, March 19, 6pm | Owensville
- Wednesday, March 20, 2:30pm | Hermann
- Wednesday, March 20, 6:30pm | Washington Public Library
- Thursday, March 21, 2pm | St. Clair
- Thursday, March 21, 6pm | St. Clair
- Thursday, March 21, 6pm | New Haven
- Thursday, March 21, 6pm | Union
- Tuesday, March 26, 1pm | East Central College Library
- Wednesday, March 27, 2pm | Warrenton
- Wednesday, March 27, 5pm | Wright City
- Wednesday, March 27, 5:30pm | East Central College Library

Meet Matthew Algeo

Author and award-winning journalist, Matthew Algeo, will take audiences through his experience researching and writing about Harry S. Truman. A book signing with the author will follow.

- Wednesday, April 3, 6pm | Union
- Thursday, April 4, 6pm | Warrenton
Administration
251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-0652
Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm
Sat/Sun: Closed

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

New Haven
200 Douglas St.
573-237-2189
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm

Owensville
503 S. Olive St.
573-437-2188
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm

Pacific
111 Lamar Parkway
636-257-2712
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm

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

Sullivan
525 Cumberland Way
573-468-4372
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm

Union
251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-3224
Sun: Closed
Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm

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

Washington Public Library
410 Lafayette St.
636-390-1070
Sun: 12pm-4pm
Mon-Thurs: 8am-8pm
Fri: 8am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm

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1964 Prairie Dell Rd.
Union, MO 63084
636-584-6500
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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
Sat: 9am-5pm
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IN THE DRIVER’S SEAT

A smiling former President Harry S. Truman drives his big black sedan out of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel garage in New York July 5 as he and Mrs. Truman (beside him) set out for Independence, Mo., and home. Daughter Margaret (partly hidden), in rear seat, was dropped off at her New York hotel. Truman told newsmen that his New York visit constituted “a very happy and satisfactory week.”

HARRY S. TRUMAN