



# Wolfner NEWS

John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State

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## Michael Hingson Presents: From Virus to Victory—A Special Wolfner Library ZOOM Event



Join Wolfner Library for a very special ZOOM event featuring Michael Hingson, author of the #1 New York Times Bestseller, *Thunder Dog* (DB073300, BR019434).

Amidst the challenges and uncertainties of today's pandemic, we can survive and thrive. Michael Hingson, survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attack and bestselling author of *Thunder Dog*, shows how audiences can live and stay calm when confronted by unexpected changes in their lives.

This event will be held via ZOOM on November 10 at 7:00 p.m. and will be recorded.

To register, call (800) 392-2614 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/michael-hingson-wolfner>.

## Adult Winter Reading Program – Missouri 2021: Past. Present. Future!



The 2021 Adult Winter Reading Program's theme is the official Missouri Bicentennial theme: "Missouri 2021: Past. Present. Future." We will celebrate the 200th anniversary of our state by exploring Missouri-related literature. Whether it is a book set in Missouri, about our state's history, or written by a Missourian, this program will show the depth and diversity of our state.

The challenge is simple: Read six (6) books that each fulfill a goal and earn a prize for participating.

When you sign up, we will set you up with a BeanStack account to track your progress. There is a catalog with book suggestions and a pre-loaded sample cartridge available. As always, reader advisors can also help record your progress or give you additional ideas about books to read.

The program begins January 2 and will run through March 8.



## Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

Registration will open on Dec. 1, 2020, and continue through Feb.23, 2021. The deadline for submitting the list of books read as part of the challenge will be March 15, 2021.

There will be two Drop-In Book Clubs to discuss Adult Winter Reading Program titles. These are schedule for:

Jan. 21, 2021 at 2 p.m.

Feb. 23, 2021 at 2 p.m.

### **Imagine 152 Participants!**

Wolfner Library is excited to announce a **RECORD BREAKING YEAR** for this year's "Imagine Your Story" Youth Summer Reading Club! Out of 152 patrons registered for the program, **125** completed the program. The Friends of Wolfner Library funded the program prizes. Congratulations to all who participated and completed this year!

The 2021 summer reading club slogan will be "Tails and Tales," which will focus on animals with a Missouri twist, as next year is also Missouri's Bicentennial!

### **Storytimes, Podcasts, and Crafts...Oh My!**

Wolfner Library is excited to announce our new prerecorded virtual storytimes, podcasts and crafting videos for our youth patrons. Visit <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/youthservices/youth-materials-and-programs> to find what is new for youth at Wolfner Library!

### **From My Perspective...**

I am so proud of the Wolfner staff. They have worked very hard to provide great customer support in a very challenging environment. Recording studio staff and volunteers are recording books on a reduced schedule to allow for disinfection of the booth between recording sessions. The circulation team have quarantined incoming materials to insure the safety of patrons. They have processed the mail as quickly as possible. They have downloaded books from BARD onto cartridges to meet patron requests. The reader advisors and librarians have called patrons to make sure you are getting your books and checking on your players. Staff enjoy talking with patrons and helping. I will admit that staff get very frustrated when they cannot solve the issue or find the material in an accessible format.

Congratulations to Lori Brown on her promotion from Reader Advisor to Reader Services Manager. Lori will lead the team of ReaderAdvisors. We are very excited about her ideas to improve service to our patrons!

## From Your Perspective...

Tom says he is eager for the mailman to deliver the audio books.

Mary's family says, "Thank you so much for your services. She so enjoyed her tapes! Her stroke left her with no use of her left side and your books on tape made life easier for her."

Sharon says, "This service was the highlight of her days for a long time."

Francie wrote, "Please know how much I appreciate Wolfner Library, the staff who work to improve the lives of visually impaired Missourians, and the state for supporting your efforts. I have adapted well to life with visual impairment and the services you provide are a big part of my satisfaction with my life. Thank you, every day, from this grateful client."

According to her mother, a youth patron woke up from coma completely paralyzed and could not verbally communicate. Her mother taught her to communicate by pointing her eyes at pictures on a board. The first time the mother tried this, the mother put one picture in the bottom corner of the board and a picture of the talking books player in the top corner. The patron looked up at the talking books player. Because the patron was able to grasp the concept of communicating through looking at items on a board, she is now able to communicate better and can listen to her favorite books.  
#ThePowerOfTalkingBooks

## With a Little Help from Our Friends!

Wolfner Library would like to give a huge shout out to our Friends of Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library. Besides funding our summer reading, early literacy, outreach, and upcoming adult events, the Friends also funded our very first ZOOM special event with sled dog racer, Karen Land, this past August. The event was well received and we hope to host more events like this in the future. For those interested in sled dog races, especially the Iditarod, check out these titles from Wolfner Library:

### Adult Books:

***No End In Sight: My Life as a Blind Iditarod Racer*** by Rachael Scdoris (DB061948, BR016418).

***Tracks Across Alaska: A Dog Sled Journey*** by Alastair Scott (DB033380).

***Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod*** by Gary Paulsen (DB043280).

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## Youth Books:

***Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod*** by Robert J. Blake (BR012007\*; for grades K-3)  
\*Print/Braille.

***The Iditarod: The Greatest Win Ever*** by Monica Devine (LP001292, BR050899; for grades 3-6).

***Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northers: Reflections on Being Raised by a Pack of Sled Dogs*** by Gary Paulsen (DB047869; for grades 6-9 and older readers).

***Race Across Alaska: First Woman to Win the Iditarod Tells Her Story*** by Libby Riddles (DB031221; for junior and senior high readers).

## Book Clubs:

December 2 at 2 p.m., African American Topics Book Club: ***Something to Celebrate*** by Felicia Mason, Monica Jackson, and Margie Walker DB057518: Three stories of holiday romance by African American authors focusing on Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Day.

## Workshops:

To participate in one of the following Zoom workshops, please call (800) 392-2614 or email [wolfner@sos.mo.gov](mailto:wolfner@sos.mo.gov) to register. Registered patrons will be given the information to call or log in.

### New Patron Workshop

**November 5 at 2 p.m.:** Wolfner staff will host a workshop featuring overviews of Braille Audio Recording Download (BARD) and Wolfner's catalog, WolfPAC.

### Missouri Assistive Technology Overview Workshop

**November 17 at 3:30 p.m.:** Do you have questions about Missouri Assistive Technology's programs? Whether your questions are about the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP), ICanConnect, or another program, this workshop will answer them. This workshop is open to educators and caregivers in addition to patrons.

### Lockdown Your Digital Life

**December 9 at 10 a.m.:** Based on the model from Oasis, a training program for older adults, Wolfner staff will host a workshop that focuses on protecting oneself from frauds and other real-life digital issues.

## Voting Information:

The November election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3. The ballot language is posted to NFB-Newsline's Missouri Channel and is available online at <https://voteroutreach.sos.mo.gov>. Information about ways to vote in this election is available at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections>, by calling the Secretary of State Elections Division at (800) 669-8683, or by contacting your local county clerk's office.

## Volunteer Profile:

Patty Lockenvitz has been a narrator and monitor at Wolfner Library Recording Studio for over ten years. As a retired teacher of 30 years, she has always loved reading aloud, so volunteering at Wolfner is a perfect fit for her. Patty looks forward to every session she has. She has two grown children, three step-grandchildren, and a four-year-old granddaughter.

*Paper Wings* by Marley A. Swick (**DBC09666**) has been one of her favorite books to record because it parallels her youth. It takes place in Nebraska in 1963, and the main character is 12. Patty was born and raised in Nebraska, and in 1963, she was 12 as well. The book is full of places, expressions, landmarks, and news events that brought back many memories for her, making it fun to read.



Not all books are as easy as that one to read. One unnamed book was a real struggle for her to read aloud. The book was trying hard to be a slightly racy romance, but some of the descriptions were so cheesy she could not get through them without breaking down laughing. Patty says she and her monitor, Shelley Swoyer, pretty much howled their way through that one.

During the pandemic, Patty has spent much of her time reading, wasting time on her iPad, and watching a lot of BBC. Patty considers herself very fortunate to be a part of Wolfner and is grateful the volunteers are able to be back.

## New from the Recording Studio:

### Adult Books:

*Catnapped* by Elaine Viets **DBC16406**. Helen and Phil go undercover as cat show participants after an argument between a celebrity couple over the custody of their cat ends abruptly when the husband is murdered and the cat goes missing. Dead-End Job Mysteries series, book 13.

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***If Fried Chicken Can Fly*** by Paige Shelton **DBC16354**. Betts and Gram, the owners of Gram's Country Cooking School, stumble upon a dead body in their supply room and must serve up a killer before they take the fall for the crime. A Country Cooking School Mystery, book 1.

***The Life of Helen Stephens: The Fulton Flash*** by Sharon Kinney-Hanson **DBC16364**. A fascinating look at the life of the influential sports icon who set a world record at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

***Selections from Across Two Novembers*** by David L. Faucheux **DBC06375**. An autobiography of David Faucheux as he shares one year of his life through a journal.

### ***Children's Books:***

***Crash, Splash, or Moo!*** by Bob Shea **DBC16325**. For preschool–grade 2.

***Duck!*** by Megan McKinlay **DBC16440**. Building Block Picture Book Award nominee, 2020. For preschool–grade 2.

***Everybody Says Meow*** by Constance Lombardo **DBC16441**. Building Block Picture Book Award nominee, 2020. For preschool–grade 2.

***Giraffe Problems*** by Jory John **DBC16436**. Show-Me Book Award nominee, 2020–2021. For preschool–grade 2.

***Kick, Pass, and Run*** by Leonard P. Kessler **DBC06406**. Football terms and rules are tackled in a comical story of two animal teams imitating the Giants and the Jets. For grades K–3.

***McDuff Goes to School*** by Rosemary Wells **DBC06085**. When McDuff and his new neighbors' dog enroll in obedience school, it seems as though McDuff has not learned his lessons. For grades K–3.

***Natsumi!*** by Susan Lendroth **DBC16429**. Show-Me Book Award nominee, 2020–2021. For preschool–grade 2.

***A Place for Pluto*** by Stef Wade **DBC16430**. Shocked to be stripped of his planet status, Pluto goes on a quest to find his place in the universe. Show-Me Book Award nominee, 2020–2021. For grades K–3.

***Shake the Tree!*** by Chiara Vignocchi **DBC16447**. Building Block Picture Book Award

nominee, 2020. For preschool–grade 2.

***Shawn Loves Sharks*** by Curtis Manley **DBC16446**. For preschool–grade 2.

***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival*** by Kirby Larson **DBC06338**. Tells the true story of Bobbie the dog and Bob Cat, two pets who bonded together and survived the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. For grades K–3.

***What Does an Anteater Eat?*** by Ross Collins **DBC16439**. Building Block Picture Book Award nominee, 2020. For preschool–grade 2.

### **Outreach-Annual Wolfner Library Overview Webinar:**

**October 27 at 10 a.m.:** Geared towards those who can refer potential patrons to Wolfner Library, such as librarians, medical professionals, and rehab teachers, this webinar will discuss how potential patrons may qualify for Wolfner Library services. It will also cover the new offerings at Wolfner Library, including Zoom programming, prerecorded storytimes, and more. Presented by Adult Services Librarian Amy Nickless and Youth Services Librarian Lisa Hellman. Register using the following website address: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/8872965786541650946>.

### **Upcoming Holidays**

Just a reminder to patrons, Wolfner Library will be closed on the following holidays:

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| Nov. 11, 2020 | Veteran’s Day              |
| Nov. 26, 2020 | Thanksgiving Day           |
| Dec. 25, 2020 | Christmas Day              |
| Jan. 1, 2021  | New Year’s Day             |
| Jan. 18, 2021 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |

For a list of Wolfner Staff, please go to our website.

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### **Hours**

Wolfner Library is open Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Closed for state holidays.

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