

# Bryan-Bennett Library Newsletter

**February  
2020**

## Learn about property tax assessment

State Representative Blaine Wilhour and Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller are educating the public about property tax assessments. Mr. Miller will be the first speaker at an evening spelling out the fundamentals of the tax assessment process on March 12 at 6-8 p.m. State Communications Specialist Mark Decker says that this should be of particular interest to farmers, as home and farmland reassessments are scheduled. RSVPs are not required to attend. However, organizers would appreciate RSVPs so that they can prepare the appropriate number of materials that will be distributed. For more information about the evening, phone the Representative's Effingham District Office at (217) 994-9348.

**Save the date:  
Seuss  
celebration  
March 2  
at 6 p.m.**

*Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood: A Visual History*

## Salem's own Tim Lybarger to sign Copies of book on February 22

Tim Lybarger will be signing copies of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: A Visual History* on February 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bryan-Bennett Library in Salem.

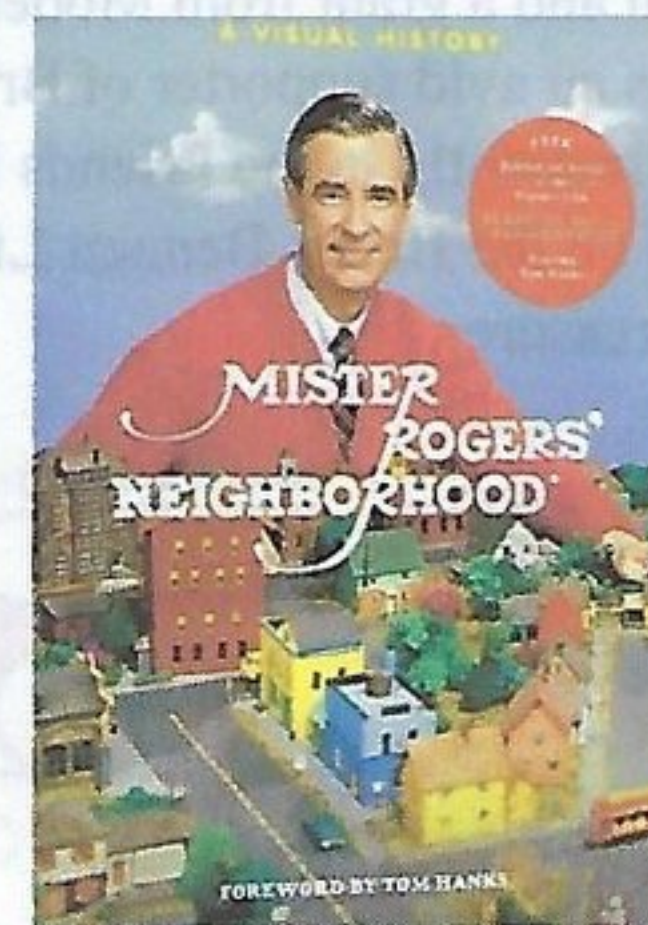
Lybarger is an educator and pop culture enthusiast. He is best known for his work archiving the life and career of Fred Rogers through the Neighborhood Archive, an online collection of all things Mister Rogers (NeighborhoodArchive.com).

He is a 1994 graduate of Salem Community High School and earned a bachelor's degree in History Education and master's degree in School Counseling from Eastern Illinois University. He lives in Mahomet, with his three children and has served as a school counselor at Mahomet-Seymour High School for nearly 20 years. He is the son of Bob and the late Susan Lybarger of Salem.

Lybarger co-authored the book with Melissa Wagner and Jenna McGuiggan. Wagner is a Pittsburg-based editor and author, who

worked with Fred Rogers on several books. McGuiggan, also of Pennsylvania, is an editor and author who works with the Fred Rogers Center in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. The book was published in the fall of 2019 and features a forward by actor Tom Hanks.

*Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: A Visual History* is described as a visual celebration of the Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood program that has delighted youngsters for more than 50 years.



The book features rarely seen photographs; a guide to the characters, puppets, and episodes; original interviews; and documented insights into the development of the beloved show.

Lybarger will have copies of his book to sell.

## Friday story times at 11 a.m.

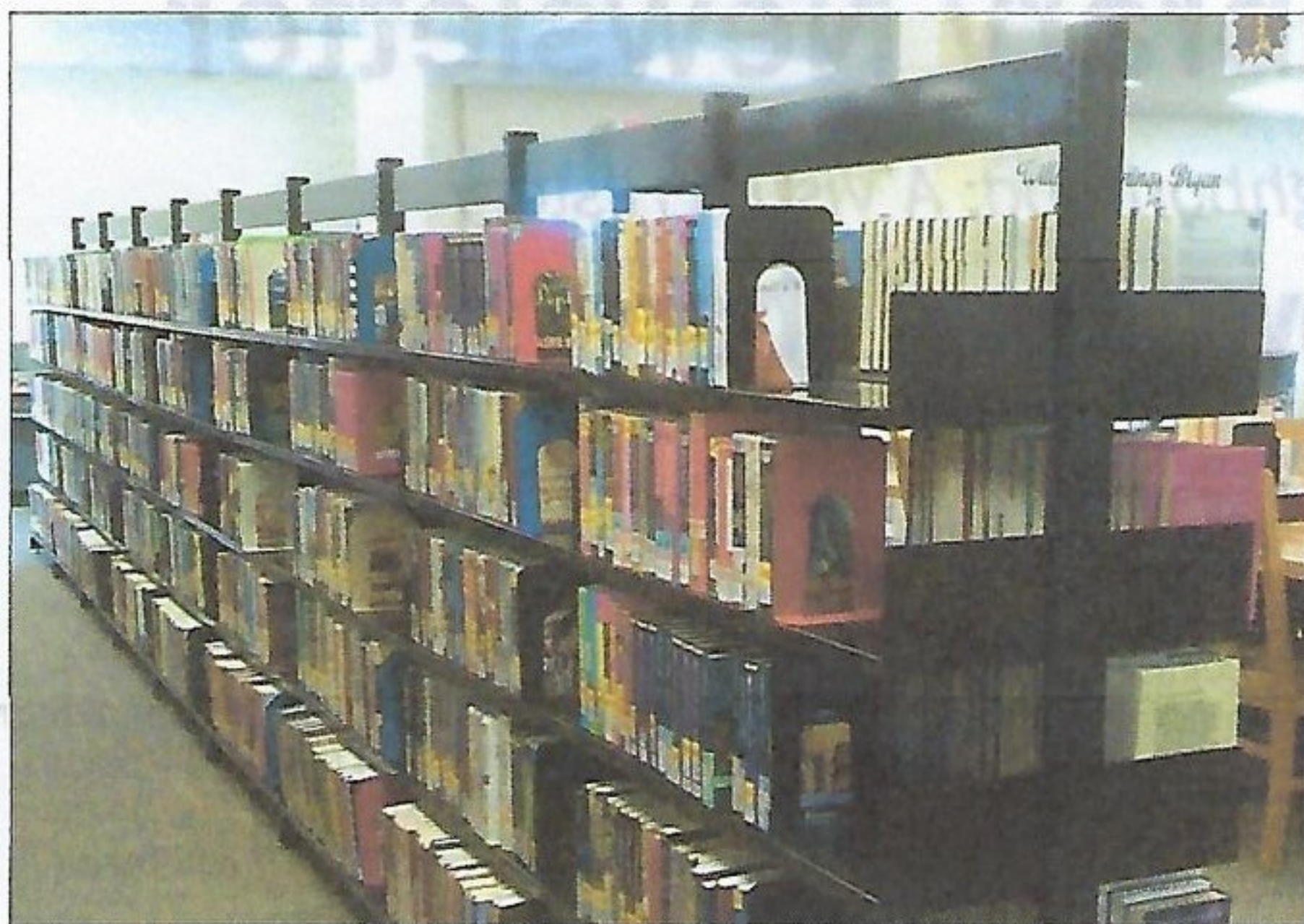
Friday morning story times are designed for children age 5 and younger. The following books will be featured in February: February 7, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost, illustrated by Susan Jeffers; February 14, *Bat Loves the Night*, by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Sarah Fox-Davies; February 21, *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers*, by Karen B. Winnick; February 28, *And Then It's Spring*, written by Julie Fogliano, illustrated by Erin E. Stead. At each session, there will be a couple of books, a craft or activity, and a light snack. There is no fee to participate in the story times.

## Eat, Play, Grow hours continue February 4 & 18

The Eat, Play, Grow story times continue February 4 and 18 at 3:30 to 5 p.m. This story time is designed for children age 5 and younger. On February 4, the featured book will be *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. *Oliver's Fruit Salad*, story by Vivian French and illustrations by Alison Bartlett, will be the featured book on

February 18. This series for youngsters is a cooperative effort between the Illinois Extension and Bryan-Bennett. Each session involves a good book, age-appropriate activities and snacks. Preregistration is not required for this event. There is no fee to attend.





## **Bob Hahn Memorial, Modern Woodmen Grant fund new shelving**

Purchase of the new shelves for Large Print books was funded by the Bob Hahn memorial and a grant from Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Hahn was an avid supporter of Bryan-Bennett Library. He volunteered frequently in the Friends Book Sale Room. His wife, Joyce, served on the Bryan-Bennett Library Board and was Board treasurer.

## **March Madness stirring at Bryan-Bennett**

Bryan-Bennett Program Director Karen Shanafelt is busy creating brackets of contemporary versus classic book characters for a fun competition—much like the bracket contests for sporting groups. Brackets will be available February 17 at the Library Circulation Desk. The contest pages must be returned on or before March 2. In this activity, patrons vote for their favorite character among the offered selection. The results will be announced at the Library Circulation Desk, on Facebook and on the Library Website.



## **Book Club for Adults meets February 27**

The Book Club for Adults will meet February 27 and March 26, from 3 to 4 p.m. on both dates. This is an opportunity for people who love books to network with those of like mind. Unlike other book clubs, there will not be an assigned reading. Anyone wanting to participate can read what they wish and stop by during the club hour.

## **Attention gardeners**

## **Seed Swap February 29**

### **Presentations to focus on nutrition, lifestyle**

Anyone, with seeds left over from past growing seasons, is welcome to a seed swap on February 29 from 10 to noon.

Gardeners can swap packets or saved seed for other varieties.

No items will be sold. This is simply a swap.

At 10:30 a.m., Illinois Extension Community Worker Krystal Pruden will talk about healthy eating. Her presentation is entitled, "Choose Your Veggies."

At 11 a.m. Nurse Practitioner Kelly Hall will present a program entitled "Feeling Better at Home." She will discuss herbs and their possible uses. Mrs. Hall enjoys spending time outdoors harvesting wild edible herbs and mushrooms.

There is no fee to attend this event. Preregistration is not required.

## **Card making class February 7**

On February 7, patrons of all ages are welcome to make a high-tech card just in time for Valentine's Day. The unique thing about these cards will be the LED circuitry that will create lights in the design. The class is scheduled from noon until 1 p.m. All materials will be supplied. There is no cost to attend.

## **Walking site available**

Want to stretch your legs a little ... try walking in the Library's large meeting room on Tuesdays and Fridays in February and March from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This opportunity is only available for adults.

**The Friends of Bryan-Bennett Library Book Sale**  
**Room hours:** Mondays through Thursdays, 12:30 to 3 p.m., & Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Proceeds from the room support Library programming and special projects.

**Bryan Bennett Library hours:** Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., & Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library address: 315 South Maple, Salem. Phone 548-3006.

**\*\* Card Games for Adults, each Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. \*\* Dominos for adults, each Thursday, 1-3 \*\***