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University City Public Library



## Adult Summer Reading

### *Invisible Man* comes into focus as our Big Book

It's time for the 2018 Big Book Challenge! We're back with another classic of American literature with Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*.

First published in 1952, it tells the story of an African-American man whose color renders him invisible. Winner of the 1953 National Book Award for Fiction, the novel addresses themes of individual identity both specific to the experience of African Americans in the 20th century and to people everywhere at all times.

In short, this is a Big Book for everyone. Over the course of the summer, we'll read deeply; explore Ellison's jazz connections; and learn, discuss, and expand our literary landscapes, assisted by lectures, a musical performance, and a documentary screening. Check out the following pages for more info on our summer of *Invisible Man*.

## Letter from the Director

### Many thanks for supporting UCPL's events, services

We are getting ready for another summer full of fun and learning at the University City Public Library. We have a great many programs and events planned and a great number of people to thank, starting with our hard-working staff, who have organized all of the programs and activities associated with Youth Summer Reading and the Big Book Challenge. All of the activities are listed in the following pages.

But this summer's programs are only possible thanks to the tremendous support the Library has received from groups and individuals in our area. The Friends of the University City Public Library have generously supported our summer programs once again. With their help we have purchased multiple copies of our Big Book and hired performers. They have also helped us improve the library itself — the Friends donated money for new water fountains and electrical upgrades.

We would also like to give a big thank-you to CALOP. The Commission on Access and Local

Original Programming has funded not only our three movie-making camps this summer, but has also given the Library funding to purchase some much-needed video and editing equipment. We are all grateful to the CALOP board and its members and look forward to working with them in the future.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Missouri State Library have played a major part in funding this summer's reading through a sizeable grant that helps support all aspects of our programs.

Most importantly, we are grateful for the support we receive from all of the residents of University City. UCPL is your Library, and with your help we can make this the best Library in the area. If you are wondering how you can help us in our mission to serve everyone in University City, consider joining the Friends of the Library. More information on the Friends is available on the back page.

— Patrick Wall

## Gerald Early to discuss Ellison, *Invisible Man*, jazz on June 20

UCPL's Big Book Challenge aims to bring readers together to experience



a big, important work of literature. And we always hope to enrich that reading by offering summer programs that expand our knowledge of the author and his or her work.

To that end, we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Gerald Early, the Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters in the Department of English and professor in the African and

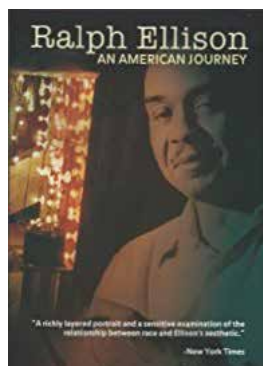
African-American Studies Department at Washington University for a lecture on Ellison, *Invisible Man*, and jazz on Wednesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Among Dr. Early's many achievements are multiple Grammy nominations for writing album liner notes for titles such as *The Sammy Davis Jr. Story* and *Rhapsodies in Black: Music and Words from the Harlem Renaissance*. He has also taught and lectured widely on jazz and American culture. Don't miss this exploration of music and writing!

### About the author

## Join us for a Ralph Ellison documentary on Aug. 15

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, our Summer Reading focus will shift from the book to the author. We'll screen the PBS documentary *Ralph Ellison:*



*An American Journey* at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Directed by Avon Kirkland and narrated by Andre Braugher, the hour-long documentary originally aired in 2005 as part of PBS's American

Masters series. The film explores Ellison's upbringing in Oklahoma and its effect on his provocative writing. It also considers Ellison's

lasting influence, with commentary from luminaries such as Cornel West, Amiri Baraka, and Toni Morrison.

The screening is free and open to the public. For more information, call 314-727-3150.

### Kicking off in style

## Big Book Challenge: *Invisible Man* kicks off with keynote May 23

Why should we read *Invisible Man*? If you want the answer, ask someone who decorates his office with a beautiful vintage poster of the book cover.

That would be Dr. William Maxwell, professor in the Department of English with a joint appointment with African and African-American Studies at Washington University and self-professed *Invisible Man* fan.

On Wednesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, Dr. Maxwell will deliver the keynote

lecture for the Big Book Challenge: *Invisible Man* kickoff event. He'll tell us why this novel of identity, consistently ranked as one of the best English-language novels of the 20th century, is a must-read for all of us.

Our kickoff event begins at 5:30 p.m. to give us time to check out your copy of the book and supporting materials, enjoy some refreshments, and meet our fellow readers. And there'll be plenty of time for questions after the lecture. Be there and be ready to meet the Challenge!

### Run for the Library!

## 44th annual Memorial Day Run set for Monday, May 28

The Library will be closed on Memorial Day, but that doesn't mean everything will be quiet here! UCPL will be hosting the 44th annual Memorial Day Run on the morning of Monday, May 28.



Registration is now open for the 44th annual Memorial Day Run. The 5K and 10K races kick off at 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 28 at UCPL, followed by the fun run at 9:20 a.m. Registration for

the 5K and 10K is \$30 through May 20, when it jumps to \$35 through May 27; registration on race day is \$40. Family registration is available for \$70, online only through May 20. The

fun run is \$15 per person. Visit [www.ucitymemorialdayrun.com](http://www.ucitymemorialdayrun.com) to register.

Proceeds from the race benefit UCPL, The Green Center, and UCity in Bloom. See you on race day!

Experience jazz

## Jazz quartet Second Nature Horns to perform June 6

Jazz played an important role in Ralph Ellison's life, and in *Invisible Man*. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, we'll take a closer look at jazz ourselves, with a performance by Second Nature Horns.

The Second Nature Horns are a popular St. Louis jazz group that plays a wide variety of jazz styles, from traditional jazz styles to Latin to contemporary jazz.



The band features the talents of singer Charles Glenn, keyboardist and bassist Steve Hoover,

trumpeter Vicky Smolik, and saxophonist Steve Radick. The quartet's wide-ranging background includes performances with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Bob Kuban Band, various Motown groups, and the national anthem at Blues hockey games.

We're excited to host this musical presentation in our auditorium. The event is free and open to all.

**Don't Quit Your Day Job!**

## UCPL Gallery to feature staff art, variety this summer

The Gallery at UCPL will host a wide variety of art this summer, starting with *Home* with art by the Sharp Shooters in May. This group exhibition features a wide variety of artistic techniques from 11 members of a local art collective. *Home* remains on display through May 30.

In June, The Gallery will feature the work of UCPL staff members and

their families in *Don't Quit Your Day Job*. This biennial exhibition always features a wide range of artistic techniques and abilities, and offers a great look at what your favorite UCPL staffers can do!

In July, Carolyn Philipponne's silver gelatin prints of hiking trails in the U.S. and South Korea will be on display. August's exhibition features

watercolor paintings of Forest Park and golf courses by Paul Kuchno. Kuchno's exhibition coincides with the arrival of a PGA tournament in St. Louis.

Exhibits are available for viewing any time the library is open. Reception dates and times for each exhibit are listed in the calendar on page 5.

**Connect online!**

## Join UCPL on Facebook, blog, Twitter for *Invisible Man*

Not ready to take on *Invisible Man* this summer? Or maybe it's not enough for you? Here is another way you can participate in our adult summer reading program.

Read along with us, or even another Ellison work, and send us your thoughts via Twitter (@UCPL\_Librarians) using #UCPLBigBook, or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/UCityLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/UCityLibrary). You can even chat with us about our summer reading events!

Additionally, we'll be blogging about *Invisible Man* at [ucplsummerreading.blogspot.com](http://ucplsummerreading.blogspot.com), where we'll also share comments from the online and in-person book discussions. If you feel up to it, you can offer up your own blog post on the themes of the book, tidbits about the author, or even just your between-meeting thoughts on the book — in past years, we've featured posts on everything from Zora Neale Hurston's hats to the U.S.S. Tommy Traddles, named after the character in *David Copperfield*. See you online!

Want to talk about more books this summer?

Check out our newest book discussion group

### Orcs & Aliens

7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month  
See calendar for upcoming titles

Ready, set, action!

# Youth services department to offer filmmaking camps

The UCPL youth services department is excited to host three film camps for teens this summer! Sponsored by CALOP, these week-long camps have been created to help budding filmmakers between the ages of 12 and 18 learn the ins and outs of making movies.

Taught by members of Cinema St. Louis, each camp focuses on a different film style — live action, stop motion animation, and green screen films — so one of them is sure to be the right fit, whether they're interested in animation,

special effects, editing, script writing, or acting!

All camps will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday of their scheduled week, and registration is required. Space is limited, so register now by calling 314-727-3150.

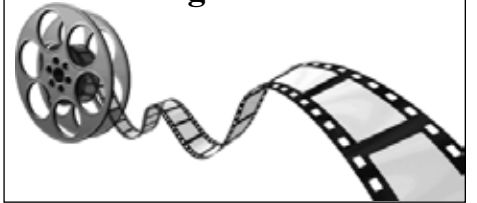
Do you prefer watching movies over creating them? Don't miss the Teen Film Festival at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 30 for an exclusive opportunity to view the films created by teens during the live action and stop motion animation camps.

## Camp Schedule

**Live Action Film Camp**  
June 18-22

**Stop Motion Film Camp**  
June 25-29

**Green Screen Film Camp**  
August 6-10



## Thanks to everyone who makes our summer programs possible!

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These programs are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

# Adult Summer Reading Events

## May

**IN THE GALLERY:** *Home* by Sharp Shooters, a group show with a variety of artistic techniques

10 Author Visit: David Linzee, 7 PM

**13 CLOSED FOR MOTHERS DAY**

14 Orcs & Aliens Book Group: *Autonomous*, 7 PM

15 Read the Classics Book Group: *To the Lighthouse*, 2 PM

19 HPES Health Screening, 9 AM

23 Adult Summer Reading Kickoff, 5:30 PM; Keynote speech at 7 PM

23 U City Book Group: *Manhattan Beach*, 7 PM

28 44th Annual U City Memorial Day Run, 7:30 AM

**28 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

## June

**IN THE GALLERY:** *Don't Quit Your Day Job*, UCPL staff and family

3 Gallery reception, 2 PM

6 Jazz Performance: Second Nature Horns, 7 PM

11 Orcs & Aliens Book Group: *Annihilation*, 7 PM

16 HPES Health Screening, 9 AM

**17 CLOSED FOR FATHERS DAY**

20 Adult Summer Reading: Gerald Early, 7 PM

27 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Intro through Chapter 9, 7 PM

28 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Intro through Chapter 9, 3 PM

29 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Intro through Chapter 9, noon

## July

**IN THE GALLERY:** Carolyn Philippone's prints of trails in the U.S. and South Korea

**4 CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

6 Gallery reception, 6 PM

9 Orcs & Aliens Book Group: *The Fifth Season*, 7 PM

25 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Chapters 10 through 18, 7 PM

26 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Chapters 10 through 18, 3 PM

27 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Chapters 10 through 18, noon

## August

**IN THE GALLERY:** Paul Kuchno's watercolor paintings of golf courses and Forest Park

5 Gallery reception, 2 PM

13 Orcs & Aliens Book Group: *Provenance*, 7 PM

15 Film Screening: *Ralph Ellison: An American*

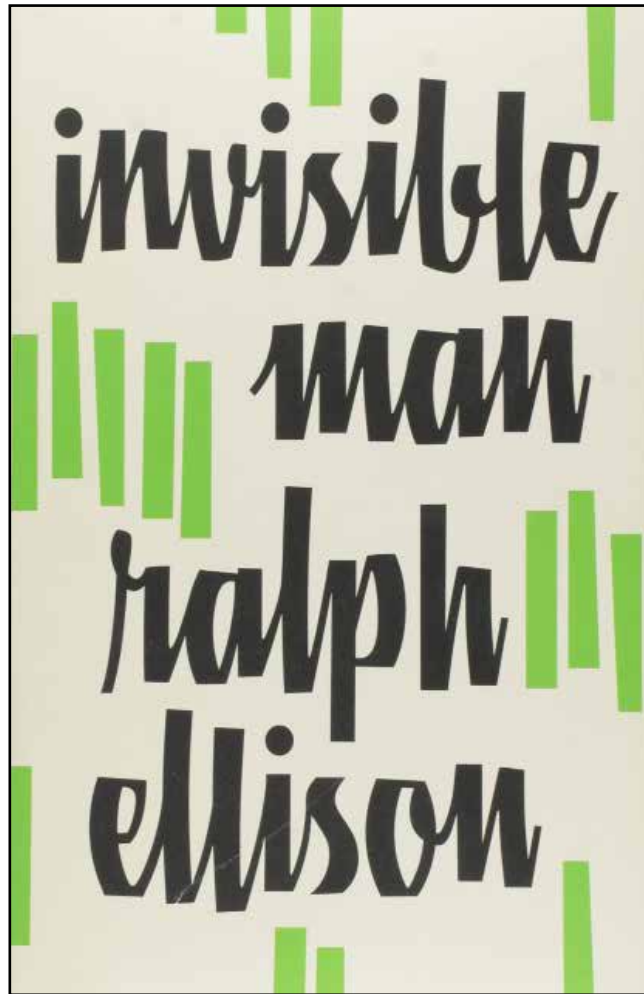
*Journey*, 6:30 PM

18 HPES Health Screening, 9 AM

22 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Chapter 19 through Epilogue, 7 PM

23 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Chapter 19 through Epilogue, 3 PM

24 Big Book Discussion: *Invisible Man*, Chapter 19 through Epilogue, noon



All events are free and open to the public.

For more information on any of these events, call 314-727-3150.

# YOUTH SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Get ready to rock out and read this summer! Children of all ages are invited to read for fun, participate in exciting activities, enjoy special events, and win fabulous prizes. The children's and teens' Summer Reading Program runs Saturday, May 19 through Friday, July 20, and reporting opens Friday, May 25 from 3 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Services department at UCPL.

In addition to reading, the youth summer reading program also includes plenty of fun programs including a kickoff event featuring stories and live animals courtesy of the St. Louis Zoo at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2. Other special summer events include live musical performances from Dino O'Dell and Celia & Friends, hands-on science with The Magic House, a family fun and craft night, LEGOs, movies, storytimes and more! All events are free and open to all.

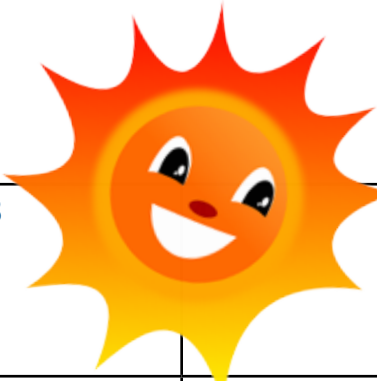


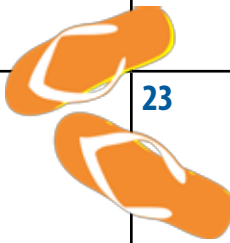


## MAY

- **Teen Gaming**  
Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. Teens
- **Tuesday Night Tales**  
Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. Families.

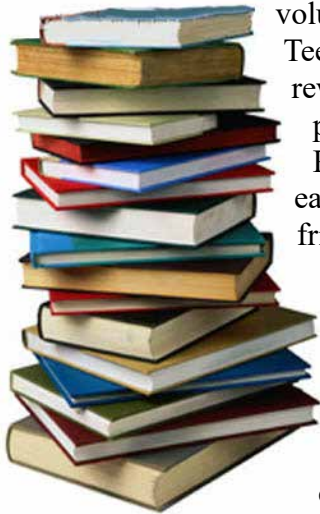
- **Movie Matinee: Wonder**  
Thursday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m. Families
- **START COUNTING!**  
Saturday, May 19

- **Teen Gaming**  
Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. Teens
- **REPORTING BEGINS!**  
Friday, May 25 at 3 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<h1>JUNE</h1>				<b>1</b> Story Walk Opens <i>Pete the Cat: Rockin' in My School Shoes</i> in Heman Park	<b>2</b> Summer Reading Kickoff: The St. Louis Zoo presents <i>Animal Tales</i> 2 p.m. Families
		<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Lego Fun 4:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up		<b>7</b> Read to a Dog 4:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up	<b>8</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Lip Sync Battle 6:30 p.m. Teens	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Drive-in Movie: <i>Cars</i> 4 p.m. Families  Teen Gaming 7 p.m. Teens	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Kids Gaming 2 p.m. Grades 3-5	
		<b>19</b> Music with Celia and Friends 6:30 p.m. Families	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Make Music Day with Robert Bernstein 6:30 p.m. Families		<b>23</b>	
		<b>26</b> Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m. Families	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Teen Gaming 7 p.m. Teens		<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Preschool Dance & Play 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6  Teen Film Festival 3 p.m. Teens

# WANTED: TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

The summer teen volunteer program is a strong tradition at University City Public Library. One of the things that makes our summer reading program unique is that kids talk to teen volunteers about their summer reading. Teen volunteers offer encouragement and rewards to the children and assist with parties and other summer programs. Participating teens can win prizes, earn service hours, and even make new friends.


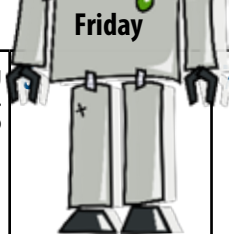





All dedicated and energetic teens are invited to participate; applications are available at the Youth Services desk. Volunteers must attend a May training session. For more information, including training dates, call the Youth Services department at 314-727-3150.

## REQUIREMENTS

- You need to have completed 6th grade.
- You need to attend a 2-hour training session in May.
- You need to read and report on 12 hours of reading.
- You need to be available to work for 4 weeks of program.

# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4 <b>CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	5 Read to a Dog 4:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up		6 Rockin' Robots 2 p.m. Grades K-5
8	9	10 Music with Dino O'Dell 6:30 p.m. Families	11 Storytime 10 a.m. Families LEGO Free Play 4:30 p.m. Ages 3+	12 Teen Gaming 7 p.m. Teens	13	14 Rockin' Robots 2 p.m. Grades K-5
15 	16 Snark Attack: Movie TBD 7 p.m. Teens	17 The Magic House: A Little Bit of STEAM 6:30 p.m. Families	18 Storytime 10 a.m. Families	19 Movie: Coco 4:30 p.m. Families	20 <b>REPORTING ENDS! 7 p.m.</b>	21 Kids Gaming 2 p.m. Grades 3-5
22	23	24	25 Storytime 10 a.m. Families	26	27 	28 Preschool Dance & Play 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6
29	30	31				



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[ucplfriends@gmail.com](mailto:ucplfriends@gmail.com)

## Loop Arts Fest returns June 21-23

Be sure to visit the Delmar Loop for the Loop Arts Fest June 21 through 23. The library will once again host a community piano outside, and will present events for each day of the three-day celebration of the arts.

A performance by Robert Bernstein will kick things off at 6:30 p.m. on June 21, Make Music Day.

In a celebration of visual arts, make sure you swing by The Gallery on Friday, June 22, during the Loop gallery walk. Finally, we'll wrap up the Loop Arts Fest with chalk art outside at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 23.

All events are free and open to all. Call 314-727-3150 for more information about these events.