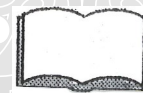




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Better Book Sale Slated for September 20



The 2013 Better Book Sale was well-attended thanks to the beautiful weather and the availability of a large selection of gently used books and media.

Saturday, September 20, between 9 and 4 p.m. is a great time for book lovers to find a range of better quality books and media while they enjoy the Gazebo Art Festival and Al Sears Jazz Festival in Chandler Park. Many new good condition donations have come in since the Heritage Days book sale including a large like-new collection of mysteries and action/adventure novels along with over 250 CDs. The sale includes other subject areas such as: fiction, the classics, science fiction/fantasy/horror, history and biography, religion and philosophy, wellness (psychology, health humor, etc.), cook books, nonfiction, as well as children and youth

books and media.

The sale is a fair weather sale only, so it will be cancelled if persistent rain, beyond a slight drizzle occurs.

Saturday, September 20, we need volunteers to help with the Better Book Sale at Chandler Park. We need the most volunteers at the beginning and end. One or two sales people are needed during the regular sales times.

To volunteer, email Becky Parker parkers@macomb.com or sign up at the library.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The one-day Better Book Sale on Saturday, September 20, needs volunteers. Shifts are:

• **7:45 a.m.**

MANY volunteers needed. Meet at Sam Parker's studio, 112 E. Washington St., to load small boxes. Extra trucks, vans or station wagons are also needed.

• **8:15 a.m.**

Display books in boxes at Chandler Park.

• **9 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Sell or restock books.

• **10 a.m. to Noon**

Sell or restock books.

• **Noon to 2 p.m.**

Sell or restock books.

• **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Sell or restock books

• **4 p.m.**

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the park to pack and move small boxes to trucks and to unload at a local garage.

What your FOL Board Members are Reading . . .

Laura Egler

Gulag by Anne Applebaum is a fascinating, comprehensive history of the Russian prison system which explores the toll of human suffering and its contribution to the rise of the Soviet Union.

Kate Joswick

In The Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick is well researched and compellingly presented documentation of a famous misadventure at sea. It received the National Book Award for non-fiction in 2000. (I bought the book at the Friends' book sale in June.)

Candace McLaughlin

Vertigo 42 by Martha Grimes is book #23 in a charming Scotland Yard detective (Richard Jury) series where all the titles are names of English pubs/bars.

Becky Parker

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford is an amazing story set in Seattle WA about the relationship between a Chinese boy and a Japanese girl during the time when the US was swept up in the emotions of World War II.

Karen Proulx

The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman is the absorbing and heart-wrenching story of two good people – an Australian lighthouse keeper and his wife - whose misguided choices have devastating consequences.

Paula Wise

Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi is a fictional view of the rise and fall of the Nazis in Germany through the eyes of a bright and observant young woman.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

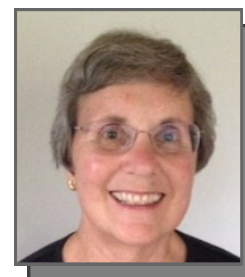
As you read this newsletter, summer is changing to fall. For many in Macomb, that means calendars and lives in general are getting busier. Children are back to school, WIU is in session, and after school activities begin in earnest, Not to mention the increased traffic flow we will be experiencing all around town.

I have always loved the first days of school. As a student, I loved the promise that came with a new notebook, a new teacher, and especially a new box of crayons!!

As a faculty member, I loved the challenge of new classes and the opportunity to get back into a routine. As a parent, I loved listening to my son's usually humorous stories about his school adventures.

Reading has been a constant in my life. Much of what I enjoyed as a student at all levels of the educational system, were the opportunities to learn new things and to be exposed to new ideas. There were required readings I liked better than others, but I got through all the assignments one way or another. (Okay, in truth, I relied on Cliff notes for the novel, Billy Budd, in high school! Herman Melville and Joseph Conrad were torturous reading for me.)

I hope that you have a wonderful and busy school year but that you can also carve out some time to read. Oh, and don't forget the better books sale described elsewhere in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.



Paula Wise

What are YOU Reading?

"What Are You Reading?" is a project sponsored by the Friends of the Macomb Public Library District. Every weekend, the *McDonough County Voice* publishes brief reviews written by local readers about books that they have read. The purpose is to encourage reading and book discussion in our community. Reviews do not have to be about books that are recently published or even available in the library. Would you like to share your comments about your favorite books with other readers? Please send your name, occupation or grade level, book author and title, and a brief statement about the book and why you liked it to Kate Joswick, 1161 Debbie Lane, Macomb, or k-joswick@wiu.edu. Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.

"Paws to Read " Delivers Summer Reading Fun



Another great Summer Reading Program at Macomb Public Library came to an end on July 31. This summer, 286 children signed up to tackle the program's reading goals, with 174 children completing the program. The end of the year party at Glenwood Pool was attended by 113 children and parents. Unfortunately, no one was allowed in the water due to the stormy weather. Hot dogs, popcorn and lemonade were served anyway. SRP had three special programs/entertainers this summer, and they were well attended. Because of the construction at the library, crafts were held again at City Hall with a total of 72 kids who enjoyed making a weekly craft.

Story time was well received, and our special guests included the K9 unit, Nancy Chu and her service dog, corn snakes, and the Humane Society with five kittens (we think some even got adopted!). The WIU mascot Rocky strutted his stuff, and the dog Elvis was seen leaving the library after story hour! Dr. Karen Blakeley of All Pets Veterinary, Illinois State

Representative Norine Hammond, Joyce Johanson of Joyslyn's Lhasa Apsos with her champion dog, and Mayor Mike Inman and his family dog also helped read. Clifford the Big Red Dog topped it off with a special appearance! It was a busy summer.

Thanks go to all the staff – Alexis, Amy, Andrew, Carla, Hannah, Marla, Margaret, Rebecca and Renee - for pitching in with the move of all of the children's books to our new temporary location. We are looking forward to the 2015 Summer Reading Program in our new building, when the theme will be "Read to the Rhythm." Persons who play musical instruments will be sought out to help with the program.

This fall in the Children's Library:

Mondays, 9:30-10:00 am

Itsy Bitsy Baby Storytime

Ages Birth-18 months

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30 am

Preschool Storytime

Ages 2 & 3

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30 am

Family Storytime

All Ages

Great Reads Schedule for 2014-2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
Sept. 10	Steinbeck, John	<i>East of Eden</i>	Group Discussion
Oct. 8	Kidd, Sue Monk	<i>Invention of Wings</i>	Sandy Shearer
Nov. 12	Franklin, Tom	<i>Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter</i>	Becky Parker
December	No Meeting		
Jan. 7	Kline, Christina Baker	<i>Orphan Train</i>	Polly Upton
Feb. 11	Russell, Maria Doria	<i>Doc: A Novel</i>	Leslie Walker
Mar. 11	Lurie, Alison	<i>Foreign Affairs</i>	Sandy Nelson
Apr. 8	Doig, Ivan	<i>The House of Sky</i>	Nancy Coney
May 13	Morrison, Toni	<i>Sula</i>	Helena Lira

Great Reads is an adult reading/discussion group sponsored by the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. From September through May (except for December) it meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Everly House, 811 S. Lafayette, until the library renovation is completed. Books are available at the Library, through inter-library loan or can be ordered from New Copperfield's.

Mystery Book Club Schedule for 2014-2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
Sept. 24	Hillerman, Anne	<i>Spider Woman's Daughter</i>	Martha Norcross
Oct. 22	Carrell, Jennifer Lee	<i>Haunt Me Still</i>	Alice Robertson
Nov. 19*	Leon, Donna	<i>Death and Judgment</i>	Margene Weiss
December	Holiday Party TBA		
Jan. 28	Estleman, Loren D.	<i>Frames</i>	Lois Ganyard
Feb. 25	Dunning, John	<i>Booked to Die</i>	Judy Kerr
Mar. 25	Mankell, Henning	<i>Faceless Killer</i>	Mel Kerr
Apr. 22	Anthony, Michael David	<i>The Beckett Factor</i>	Bill Burton
May 27	Penny, Louise	<i>A Trick of the Light</i>	Julie Tomlianovich

The Friends of the Library Mystery Book Club meets from 7-8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month (*except November) at the Everly House until our new library is ready. It is a discussion group of reading adults who read the books ahead of time and come to share views. A member serves as a discussion leader. There are no dues, just conversation and occasional treats. Books are available from New Copperfield's and the library. New members are welcome at any meeting.

Heritage Days Book Sale Results

The challenge of two untimely bursts of short-lived rain didn't dampen the spirit of hundreds of book lovers who purchased just over \$6,000 of books and media this past June.

The event remained a highly popular part of Macomb's Heritage Days celebration offering the public thousands of good conditioned books and media at low prices. Just over 50 volunteers from the Friends of the Library and the morning Rotary Club participated in this six tent event.

Please keep your book and media donations coming! Recycle your paperback and hard bound books and media (DVDs and CDs) by bringing them to the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson, while the main Library is under construction. Please—no video tapes, magazines, encyclopedias or text books. If you need donations picked up, call the Library or contact the Parkers (836-7206 or parkers@macomb.com).

Thank you for your past donations!

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From the Library Director

The large hole in the ground is now transforming into a basement. The half basement has been poured and now is waiting for the steel to arrive. The large pile of stone is gone and has been used as backfill for drainage. The new addition will start at the northern most basement wall and attached with 2 floors to the Carnegie building. The library will be one seamless building. Once the steel arrives, the inner frame will be erected (Have you been watching how fast the addition to McDonough District Hospital is erected?). The library continues to operate at 2 locations, children in Carnegie Building, adult in Annex across the street. Because of staffing issues, Sunday hours will not be instituted in September. The Friends of the Library and Library Trustees have partnered to purchase the old Citizens National

Bank Drive In and parking lot on Jefferson Street. This land will be used for future programs and book sales. THANKS to Citizens Bank, a division of Morton Community Bank, for their community support in this purchase. You can watch the progress of the new addition by going to the Macomb Public Library webpage www.macomb.lib.il.us and clicking on library construction cam. The picture is refreshed every 60 seconds, 24/7. The project is still on schedule with completion at the end of December 2014. Keep your fingers crossed. THANKS to all for your encouragement and support of the Macomb Public Library.

- Dennis Danowski

