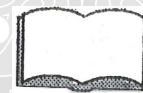




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## Better Book Sale Slated for September 19



*FOL Board Member Kate Joswick helps some satisfied customers at last year's Better Book Sale.*

Saturday, September 19, between 9 a.m. 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 number of children/youth books, cook books, and classic literature along with over 250 CDs. The sale includes other subject areas such as: fiction, science fiction/fantasy/horror, history and biography, religion and philosophy, wellness (psychology, health, humor, etc.), and nonfiction.

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

Saturday, September 19, 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.

**Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen are co-chairs for the sale. To volunteer, email Becky Parker [parkers@macomb.com](mailto: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 the Library Annex, 119 E. Jefferson 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 the Library Annex.

## Library Director Danowski Shares Highlights of Completed Project

Have you visited the remodeled and expanded Macomb Public Library?

The Macomb Public Library had a "soft opening" on Sunday June 28 during Heritage Days. Two weeks prior to the opening of the Carnegie Library, the staff moved all the books from the Annex and POD to their new locations in the building. The annex is now closed to the public and is used for storing books for the Friends of the Library book sales. Over 250 people attended the opening in the rain to see the expanded Carnegie rooms, new public restrooms with automatic lights, water that goes on when you place your hands in the sink, and auto flush toilets and well as Dyson hand dryers (no paper towels). The old



reading room is now called the Gathering Area and has a replica of the original metal ceiling. The 100 year old original ceiling could not be saved as removal caused it to crumble and the white paint contained lead.

Also in the Carnegie building is a meeting room that will accommodate 30 chairs for lectures. The meeting room was constructed from the old mystery cave, romance section, and large print rooms. Walls were removed and replaced with 20 foot steel beams to hold the second floor in place. The front doors remain as a reminder of the original Carnegie doors. A new circulation desk is now in place where patrons can ask questions, check out books, pick-up reserves, fax, and make copies.

On the first floor is the new children's library with its own information desk.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is ending and if you are like me, a lot of things on your to-do list for the summer have not budged from the list. I did, however, make time to tour the Macomb Public Library not once but twice. The newly designed building is so much airier, lighter, and more modern looking than it was before – it's almost hard to believe that it is the same space! I attended the "soft opening" on a rainy afternoon during Heritage Days and was surprised at the number of people of all ages who showed up to see the new look. I was reminded of how many area citizens had contributed to the fund for the renovation. The library is truly a beloved community treasure. We hope that if you haven't already come to see the new look, you will stop by soon!



Paula Wise

On a side note, our Friends of the Library Board is happy to be back in the library for our monthly meetings (although we do genuinely appreciate the spaces in Macomb City Hall and Citizens National Bank that we occupied during the construction!) We feel as though we are back home!

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the Fund for the library.

## What are YOU Reading?

Every Saturday, *The McDonough County Voice* prints reviews written by local readers. In the column, area residents write 3-5 sentence descriptions of books they want to share, including a brief summary of the book and the reason they liked or did not like it. This column is one way the Friends of the Macomb Public Library encourage reading and book discussion in our community. Please consider submitting a review for publication. We encourage articles from any age group, toddlers through adult. The book does not have to be current, recently read, or held in the library. Share your opinions with fellow readers in our community. They will be happy that you did! Reviews may be submitted by sending your name, occupation or grade level, book author and title, and a brief statement about the book and why you liked it either to the Macomb Public Library or to Kate Joswick, 1161 Debbie Lane, Macomb, or [kjoswick@wiu.edu](mailto:kjoswick@wiu.edu).

## "Read to the Rhythm" Hits a Sweet Note with Young Readers This Summer



Another great Summer Reading Program at Macomb Public Library came to an end on August 16.

This summer, a remarkable number of children participated in Read to the Rhythm - 341 signed up to tackle the program's reading goals, with 216 children completing the program. The end of the year party at Glenwood Pool was attended by 107 children.

The various Special Events programs were well received with 200 children attending.



Levi Reynolds is about to get his Summer Reading Program bag. The Program is funded by the Friends of the Library and the bags were part of the reward for participating.

Next summer's program "Sports and Games" promises a lot of fun and action. Keep an eye out for more details.

### *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*

Dehlia and Hattie Graham are just two of the many children who are enjoying the Macomb Public Library's new children's section.



**Great Reads Schedule for 2015-2016**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Discussion leader</u></b>
<b>Sept. 9</b>	Moriarty, Laura	<i>The Chaperone</i>	Martha Norcross
<b>Oct. 14</b>	King, Lily	<i>Euphoria</i>	Marian Swisher
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Benjamin, Melanie	<i>The Aviator's Wife</i>	Becky Parker
<b>December: Joint Meeting with the Mystery Book Club, details TBA</b>			
<b>Jan. 13</b>	Tobar, Hector	<i>Deep Down Dark</i>	Gloria Hurh
<b>Feb. 10</b>	Boyne, John	<i>The House of Special Purpose</i>	Discussion Leader TBA
<b>Mar. 9</b>	Bryson, Bill	<i>The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir</i>	Lois Ganyard
<b>Apr. 13</b>	Doerr, Anthony	<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i>	Polly Upton
<b>May 11</b>	Manning, Kate	<i>My Notorious Life</i>	Kim Cunningham

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. in the Library Community Room. Books are available at the Library, through inter-library loan or can be ordered from New Copperfield's.

**Mystery Book Club Schedule for 2015-2016**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Discussion Leader</u></b>
<b>Aug. 26</b>	Barnard, Robert	<i>A Murder in Mayfair</i>	Phil Weiss
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Grimes, Martha	<i>The Man with a Load of Mischief</i>	Sue Zendt
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Walker, Martin	<i>Black Diamond</i>	Lois Ganyard
<b>Nov. 18*</b>	French, Tana	<i>In The Woods</i>	Mel Kerr
<b>December</b>	<b>Holiday Party TBA—joint meeting with Great Reads</b>		
<b>Jan. 27</b>	Hirahara, Naomi	<i>Blood Hina</i>	Nancy Coney
<b>Feb. 24</b>	Rosenfelt, David	<i>New Tricks</i>	Polly Upton
<b>Mar. 23</b>	Kerr, Philip	<i>March Violets</i>	Judy Kerr
<b>Apr. 27</b>	Rinehart, Mary Roberts	<i>Circular Staircase</i>	Bill Burton
<b>May 25</b>	Hamilton, Steve	<i>North of Nowhere</i>	Margene Weiss

The Friends of the Library Mystery Book Club meets from 7-8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month (\*except November) in the Library Community Room. 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 Challenges & Results**

The 2015 Heritage Days Book Sales faced unusual and extreme weather challenges Friday with heavy rain and excessive winds making for some unpleasant shopping conditions and damaged books and tents.

However, Saturday was very pleasant and just over \$5,000 of books and media were sold for the entire weekend. We thank the public and the volunteers for their support of this major fundraising activity. Proceeds will be reinvested in the library.

**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. 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!

*Friends of the Macomb Public Library*

**2015-2016**

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Entering the children's area you will see display shelving for young children to browse book covers. Each shelf is color coordinated with either a picture or animal to help children find the books in their age group. There is now a play area and foam core steps to sit on for story time and programs. There is a reading nook with couches for parents to read to their children.

There are two ways to visit the second floor or adult area: by the 1903 staircase or elevator. The Adult area is divided into two great rooms: a reading room and the library materials collection. The suspended ceiling is removed and the domes with their globe lighting supply the lighting for the second floor. The second floor outside windows has a distinct appearance with star shaped windows. This design is carried throughout the second floor and replicated on the furniture, chairs, and shelving units (**see photos**). The second floor new

addition houses the library collection (books, CD, DVD, audio, and magazines), an information desk, reference materials, public access internet, and a teen corner. There is also a reading nook with natural lighting, large windows, and oversize chairs.

The Macomb Public Library Board of Trustees and staff encourage you to visit the Macomb Public Library and see how we have changed to accommodate for the next 100 years.

