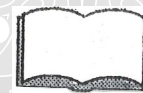




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## Better Book Sale Slated for September 24



*Browsers enjoy the fine fall weather at last year's Better Book Sale.*

Saturday, September 24, 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 and an extensive quantity of DVDs and CDs. The sale includes subject areas such as: fiction, science fiction/fantasy/horror, history and biography, religion and philosophy, wellness (psychology, health, humor, etc.), children/youth books, cook books 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 24, 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).**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

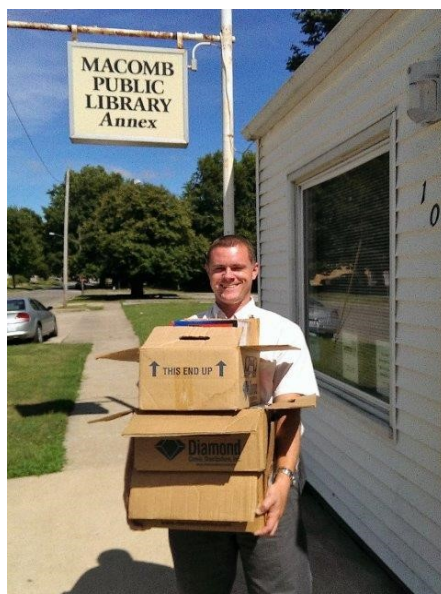
The one-day Better Book Sale on Saturday, September 24, needs volunteers. Shifts are:

- **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.

## After the Sales: What Happens to Unsold Books?

What you don't see after a book sale is a flurry of activity by volunteers determining what to do with the stacks of books that are not sold. Each book is examined by volunteers and placed into 3 categories in the Annex: (1) good for the next sale, (2) mark down for the bargain tent for Heritage Days 2017, or (3) distribute to other locations or recycle.

Although we sold volumes of books during Heritage Days 2016 and saved the best for future sales, a large number of books remained in our third category this year. Some of these would be going to the train station free books rack, the library in-house Friends' book donation sale, and our new "Little Free Library," but – we still needed to remove unsalable books from our sorting and storage area in the Annex. This year we contacted a large number of service agencies, other



libraries, and a few book dealer/sellers we have worked with in the past in order to find a home for these books before recycling them.

Pictured is Aaron Hacker, from the Illinois Department of Human Services Treatment and Detention Center in Rushville. Aaron picked up a number of boxes to expand the facility's library. He was just one of 19 social service agencies receiving books. An example of just some of the other agencies include Loaves & Fishes, WIRC, Samaritan Well, Wesley Village, McDonough County Jail, and the Everly House.

We now have room for the incoming new books and media donations. Our book sales will continue to try to sell the best materials and to distribute the rest as best we can.

- Becky Parker

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think of myself as a life-long learner. I have always enjoyed learning new things (although I certainly have many gaps in my education). Back-to-School was always my favorite time of the year – I'm sure the fact that my birthday falls right at that time has nothing to do with it being my favorite time!?!? One of the reasons I love being involved with the Friends of the Library is my desire to make sure that learning opportunities exist for everyone in the community.

New parents are encouraged to read to their infants as soon as possible. The Macomb Public Library provides story times for the youngest readers as well. In addition, the Library has a large collection of books and media for children and youth.

The summer reading program is one of our most popular activities. This year's program was another great success. During the school year, school-aged children can find many resources in the library to help with homework in addition to lots of pleasure reading choices.

In addition to all of the books and media choices in the library available free of charge to those with library cards, we have our ever-popular Friends of the Library Book Sales during Heritage Days and also during the Gazebo Art Festival.

This year, we also made an effort after the Heritage Days sale, to donate some unsold books to many of the area senior living facilities. Books, especially large-print books, are often prized by those with limited mobility who may have difficulty getting to the Library.

Hope to see you all at the Gazebo Art Festival Better Book sale on September 24.



Paula Wise

## Summer Reading Program Scores a Big Win

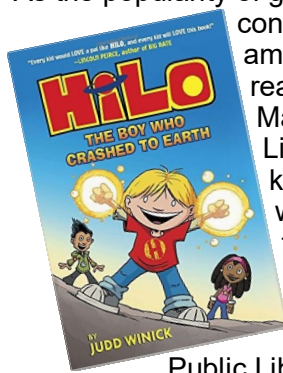
The Macomb Public Library wrapped up another successful Summer Reading Program with help from the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. The theme this year was Read for the Win and featured guest readers, including the mayor and several area coaches; sports-themed crafts; and special programs such as a visit from Brown's Oakridge Zoo and a performance by comedy magician Richard Landry.

The program encourages area children to keep track of how many books they read (older readers can keep track of how many pages they read) by documenting their progress in a reading log. As they meet certain milestones they receive prizes, coupons for ice cream or frozen yogurt, a certificate documenting their achievement, a book compliments of the library and the Macomb Kiwanis Club, and the opportunity to attend a finishers' party at the end of the program. The Friends of the Library helps support this effort through its contribution of over \$1600 for the purchase of prizes, decorations, craft supplies, and for funding special events.

This year 432 children signed up for the program with 265 children completing the program for a 61 percent completion rate. Fifty-two children did extra reading logs and continued reading after they had met their goals. These numbers are up over last year when 341 children signed up for the program and 220 completed it.

## FOL Donation Expands Graphic Novel Collection

As the popularity of graphic novels continues to soar among younger readers, the Macomb Public Library is keeping pace with this trend thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Macomb



Public Library. The Friends voted at its July board meeting to give \$1000 to the Children's Library which enabled the purchase of 66 graphic novels for the middle grade and young adult collections. According to Children's Librarian Tiffany Erickson, who spearheaded the effort to obtain more graphic novels, the money will be used to add award-winning graphic novels to the collection. Several new series were added, like *Hilo* by Judd Winnick and *Stone Rabbit* by Erik Craddock, while replacement copies for popular series like *Bone* by Jeff Smith and the *Warriors* graphic novels were added to fill gaps in the collection. Graphic novels have been gaining in popularity and quality with many

talented authors and artists putting together great stories with both visual and literary punch. Soon, the middle grade graphic novels will have their own shelving location separate from chapter books, similar to the young adult collection. Interest in graphic novels continues to grow and the library would like to make popular types of books more accessible for everyone.



- Laura Egler & Tiffany Erickson

## New DVD Additions

For the TV mini-series lover, the Friends are purchasing eleven more BBC, HBO, and PBS series. Programs including *Lonesome Dove*, *The Brain*, *Baseball*, *Bleak House*, *Kennedys (PBS)*, *Kennedys (Lionsgate)*, *Olive Kitteridge*, *Roosevelts: An Intimate History*, *Roots*, *Show Me a Hero*, and *I, Claudius* are on order and will be labeled and processed shortly. Watch for the complete library listing of the new DVD acquisitions. Enjoy!

**Great Reads Schedule for 2016-2017**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
<b>Sept. 14</b>	Hannah, Kristen	<i>The Nightingale</i>	Kim Cunningham
<b>Oct. 12</b>	Johnson, Shoshana	<i>I'm Still Standing</i>	Gloria Hurh
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Millard, Candace	<i>River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey</i>	Becky Parker
<b>December: Joint Social Meeting with the Mystery Book Club, details TBA</b>			
<b>Jan. 11</b>	Doerr, Anthony	<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i>	Polly Upton
<b>Feb. 8</b>	Barbery, Muriel	<i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i>	Marian Swisher
<b>Mar. 8</b>	McCann, John	<i>Let the Great World Spin</i>	TBA
<b>Apr. 12</b>	Frazier, Charles	<i>Thirteen Moons</i>	TBA
<b>May 10</b>	Ferrante, Elena	<i>My Brilliant Friend</i>	Jeanne Nehls

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 2016-2017**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Dunnett, Kaitlyn	<i>Kilt Dead</i>	Judy Kerr
<b>Oct. 26</b>	McBride, Susan	<i>Blue Blood</i>	Margene Weiss
<b>Nov. 16*</b>	Oppenheim, E. Phillips	<i>The Great Impersonation</i>	Kim Cunningham
<b>December: Joint Holiday Party with Great Reads, details TBA</b>			
<b>Jan. 25</b>	Goldsborough, Robert	<i>Death on Deadline</i>	Phil Weiss
<b>Feb. 22</b>	McDermid, Val	<i>Splinter the Silence</i>	Alice Robertson
<b>Mar. 22</b>	Winspear, Jacqueline	<i>The Mapping of Love and Death</i>	Bev Braniff
<b>Apr. 26</b>	Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane and the Canterbury Tale</i>	Lois Ganyard
<b>May 24</b>	King, Laurie R.	<i>Dreaming Spies</i>	Polly Upton

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 Results**

What a difference a year makes! Remember the torrential rains of last year? This year we expanded the protected coverage of our sales area with a 40' x 40' airy tent and two small bargain tents as well as including more books with the media inside the Annex. The weather (of course) was warm but sunny and brought out many, many book and media buyers. Purchases totaled \$7,794.45 and kept the numerous volunteers busy. We are happy to report proceeds will be invested in the Macomb Public Library. Just a few weeks after the sale, \$1,000.00 was approved for purchase of popular graphic novels for the Children's Library.

**Keep donating those good conditioned books, CDs, DVDs, and audio books for future sales.**

**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 [k-joswick@wiu.edu](mailto:k-joswick@wiu.edu).

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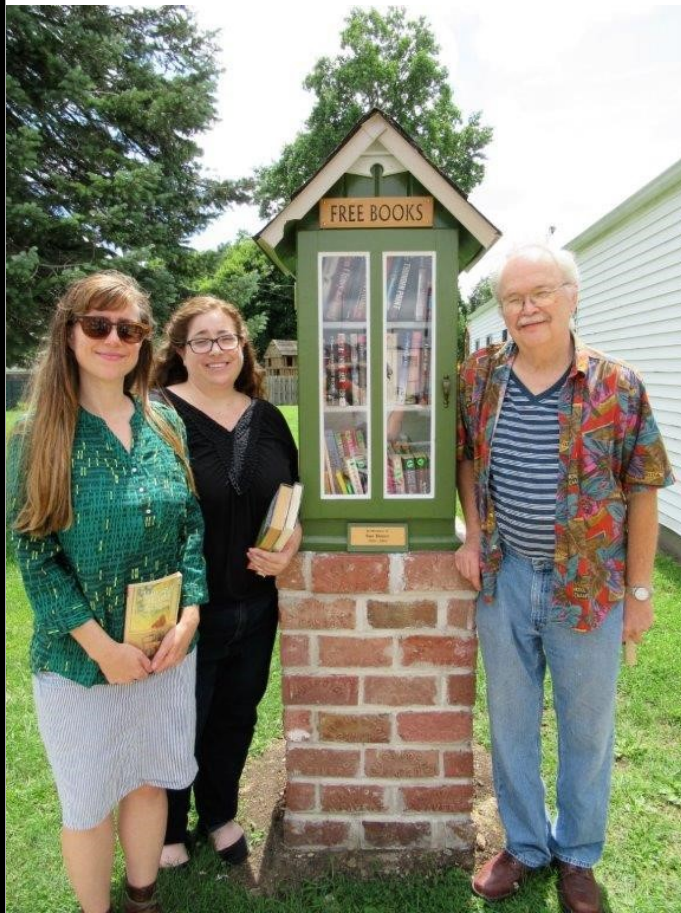
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## Sue Mayer Memorial Little Free Library Established



The Friends of the Library are happy to announce the completion of The Little Free Library made possible by memorial gifts given to the Friends in honor of Sue Mayer. Pictured are Anna and Elizabeth Mayer, daughters of Sue and Charlie Mayer, and David Miller, retired sociology professor, who generously donated his time in designing and constructing the structure. Many others donated to the project and included: John Cox -- Labor, Robert Weaver -- bricks, Mike VonKannon -- lumber for the cabinet, George Richbark -- Free Books sign, John Cox -- vintage cabinet handle, and Lynn's Engraving -- memorial plaque. Phil Weiss, Friends of the Library board member, was the coordinator of this project which was selected by the daughters to honor Sue's love of reading and desire to make books available to everyone. Sue, a retired WIU English teacher, was a long term member of the Friends of the Library and an active member of both book clubs sponsored by the Friends. The structure is located next to the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. Macomb.

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*A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share.*

*Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; Little Free Libraries have been called "mini-town squares."*

*There are over 40,000 registered Little Free Library book exchanges in all 50 U.S. states and over 70 countries around the world.*