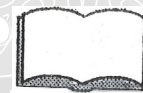




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## Better Book Sale Slated for September 9



*Browsers enjoy the fine fall weather at the Better Book Sale in Chandler Park.*

Saturday, September 9, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. is a great time for book lovers to find a range of better condition books and media while they enjoy the Gazebo Art 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 amount 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 9, 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 9, needs volunteers. Shifts are:

- **7:45 a.m.**  
MANY volunteers needed. Meet at the Library Annex, 109 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.

## Use Libby to Download eBooks and Audiobooks

OverDrive released a new app called Libby on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 to kick off the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. As soon as I returned from the conference, I downloaded the application and created a tutorial to promote it. OverDrive's rationale for creating this app was to enable all patrons to access information by following the same exact steps regardless of the operating system on his/her respective devices. This far, all feedback has been positive. Testing deemed this app successful and last week, our consortium accepted this app as a viable tool. They have begun designing promotional tools for membership adoption.

Here is the tutorial created for the Libby app:



Step 1: Find and install Libby from OverDrive using your app store.

Step 2: Launch (open app) and touch or click on "Hi."

Step 3: Click or touch "Find My Library." Alliance Digital Media Mall should display with Macomb as the active green center.

Step 4: Click "Yes" on the red bottom below.

Step 5: Click on the "+Add your card."

Step 6: Enter your ID and PIN and click or touch the "Sign In."

Step 7: Explore and enjoy!

Step 8: Tap on item of interest.

Step 9: Borrow, Place a Hold, Read Sample or Tag.

Step 10: Click on Borrow, if immediately available and displays. Checks out for 14 days. Click "Borrow!" Allow to download via Wi-Fi.

To return before due date, click or tap on "View this title on your shelf," then select "Return title to library" then click "Return!"

FAQs, Tips & Tricks, and Feedback are great!

- Sharon Sample

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have always loved to read. I also love to discuss and share books with friends and family. Although of course I donate most of our books to the Macomb Public Library for the Friends of the Library book sales, I usually hold back a few books that I think a particular friend or acquaintance might enjoy. When we visited my 92 year old mother-in-law in a nursing home in Cleveland early this summer, she said she would like a couple of biographies to read. I bought her four books at our Heritage Days book sale – the autobiographies of Shirley Jones and Robin Roberts as well as two animal stories – Marley and Me and a book by James Herriott, the British veterinarian. Within just a few weeks she had finished both autobiographies and was almost done with Marley and Me. The books helped her pass the time and gave her something to talk about with her fellow residents.



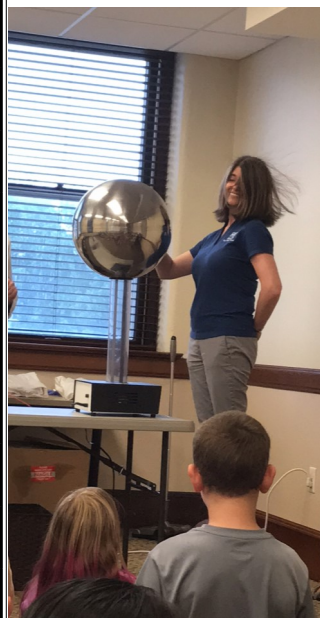
Paula Wise

On vacation, I recently stopped by the public library in Sturgeon Bay, WI. When I walked in I noticed a flurry of post it notes on a bulletin board. Those post it notes were available for patrons so that they could write a brief comment about a book they had just read. What a nice way to share a few words about a favorite book with others in the community. Of course, in Macomb we have another way of sharing book reviews. You may send a few sentences about a book to Kate Joswick ([k-joswick@wiu.edu](mailto:k-joswick@wiu.edu)) and she will arrange to have your review printed in the McDonough County Voice. You can find these reviews in the Saturday edition of the paper.

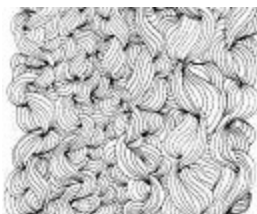
Hope to see you all at the Gazebo Art Festival Better Book sale on September 9.



**Read about the fun activities enjoyed at the Summer Reading Program on the back page!**



## Adult Coloring Club



MACOMB Public Library is hosting an Adult Coloring Club!

August 10<sup>th</sup> was our first session back for our Adult coloring Club, after a two-month break. We meet the second Thursday of each month from 2-4 pm in the Community Room with piano relaxation music playing softly in the background. Everything is provided free of charge and participants can stay for the entire block of time or just as their busy schedules allow.

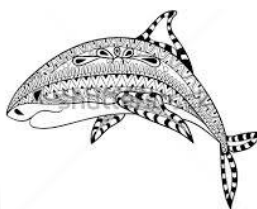
Ages 16 years and up.

### Upcoming dates:

September 14th	October 12th
November 9th	December 14th
January 11th	February 8th
March 8th	April 12th
May 10th	

Come and see what this program is all about!

Please call 309-833-2714 for more information.



## Great Reads Schedule for 2017-2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
<b>Sept. 13</b>	Noah, Trevor	<i>Born A Crime</i>	<i>Lois Ganyard</i>
<b>Oct. 11</b>	Vance, J.D.	<i>Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir about a Family and Culture in Crisis</i>	Becky Parker
<b>Nov. 8</b>	Backman, Fredrick	<i>A Man Called Ove</i>	Kim Cunningham
<b>December: Joint Social Meeting with the Mystery Book Club, details TBA</b>			
<b>Jan. 10</b>	Patchett, Ann	<i>Commonwealth</i>	TBA
<b>Feb. 14</b>	Johnson, Adam	<i>The Orphan Master's Son</i>	Mary Elizabeth Vos
<b>Mar. 14</b>	Hazelgrove, William Elliott	<i>Madam President: The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson</i>	Gloria Hurh
<b>Apr. 11</b>	McEwan, Ian	<i>The Children Act</i>	Polly Upton
<b>May 9</b>	Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World</i>	TBA

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 2017-2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
<b>Sept. 27</b>	Goldsborough, Robert	<i>Murder in the Ball Park</i>	Phil Weiss
<b>Oct. 25</b>	Perry, Anne	<i>The Face of a Stranger</i>	Alice Robertson
<b>Nov. 15*</b>	Kreuger, William Kent	<i>Blood Hollow</i>	No leader
<b>December: Joint Holiday Party with Great Reads, details TBA</b>			
<b>Jan. 24</b>	Gardner, Erle Stanley	<i>The Case of the Velvet Claws</i>	Phil Weiss
<b>Feb. 28</b>	Castillo, Linda	<i>After the Storm</i>	Margene Weiss
<b>Mar. 27</b>	Gerritsen, Tess	<i>Last to Die</i>	Sue Zendt
<b>Apr. 25</b>	Sandford, John	<i>Invisible Prey</i>	Polly Upton
<b>May 23</b>	Matthews, Francine	<i>Death in the Off Season</i>	Mel Kerr

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. Books are available from New Copperfield's and the library.

## Heritage Days Book Sale Results

Our annual book sale was a fabulous success for both the public and the Friends of the Library. Beautiful weather allowed people to linger, share recommendations, and find great bargains. The sales total of \$7,621 will be reinvested in the Macomb Public Library. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made this event successful!

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

**Looking for your next great read?** Check out SLCL's Reader's Assistance Page available at [www.slcl.org/books-edia-more](http://www.slcl.org/books-edia-more) and click on LibraryAware for tips

## 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).

### THANK YOU!

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## Keeping Kids Busy & Reading in the Children's Library

This summer was a busy time at the Macomb Public Library. We added several new programs and made some changes to the traditional summer reading program in an effort to reach more children and have a greater variety of activities than last year.

The reading goals for children this year varied by age. Children ages birth through 6 years were considered Pre-Readers, those still being read to by a parent, or getting help with their reading. These children had a goal of reading 30 books over the summer. Children ages 7 to 13 years were Readers and had a timed goal of 15 hours of reading over the summer. In both categories, participants could do extra reading for entries into a prize drawing. Altogether, 386 children signed up and 243 completed their goal, giving us a 63% completion percentage. After counting all of the book logs, including the bonus logs, the Pre-Readers logged 5,130 books and the Readers logged 2,765 hours! Parents liked the timed goal for older readers because it leveled the playing field and did not penalize children for reading longer and more difficult books.

A new program offering definitely spoke to a different type of library user-gamers! We continued Pokemon



League during the summer, seeing younger Pokemon fans than those that attend during the school year. These players were just learning, but very enthusiastic. Videogaming was also added with the help of Chase DeWitt of the Macomb E-Sports Association. While videogaming does not seem like a natural fit in a library, it does bring people into the building, and in turn, they start to ask about other services. It's important to note that one of the more frequent game players was also one of the top finishers in the summer reading program!

Storytimes continued as usual with Babytime on Mondays, and Preschool Storytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We saw higher attendance numbers because we have so many parents that are teachers and professors who can bring their children to programs during the summer. Also, some of our guest readers, like Mayor Mike Inman, Ronald McDonald, Coach JD Gravina, and Rhonda McKee and Patti Bloom from the Farm Bureau Office, attracted quite a crowd.

Special programs like the Absolute Science Demonstration Show and Clever Camouflage with Wildlife Prairie Park brought audience members into the action, and were an extension of the STEM lessons encouraged by the theme Reading by Design. Craft and "maker" programs were divided by age group, so different activities could be tailored by age, and allow for more participants per class. This was highly successful and we saw more attendance in the craft programs than last year.

All in all, it was a successful and exhausting summer! Attendance for all programs including storytimes, gaming, crafts, Little Lunchers, and special events exceeded 1,300 children! The library certainly reached many children in Macomb and hopefully created some lasting memories as well.

- Tiffany Erickson