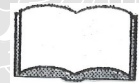




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SPRING 2016

Harroun to be Featured Speaker at FOMPL Dinner



Barbara Harroun

The FOMPL Annual Dinner Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 14, will feature Barbara Harroun as its guest speaker.

Harroun is an Assistant Professor in the English Department at Western Illinois University. Her most recent work is forthcoming or appearing in Fiction Southeast, Watershed Review, Rappahannock Review and Iron Horse Literary Review. Her favorite creative endeavors are her awesome kids, Annaleigh and Jack. When she isn't writing, reading, or teaching, she can be found walking her beloved dog, Banjo, or engaging in literacy activism and radical optimism. The topic of Harroun's presentation is "Radical Optimism & Literacy Activism: A (Mostly) Joyful Journey." The program is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public at no charge.

This vibrant and knowledgeable speaker will follow the Annual Friends of the Macomb Public Library annual meeting and dinner. A social hour will precede the meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. The business portion of the meeting at 5:45 p.m. will include the election of representatives to fill the two-year terms on the FOMPL Board of Directors which expire in 2016, a report from the FOMPL Board President, and adoption of the 2016-2017 budget. After the brief business meeting, dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The full menu with three entrée choices is listed to the right.

The annual meeting will be held in the dining room of the Macomb Country Club. It is on the second level and is accessible from the south entrance for those with mobility concerns. Please let us know if you will require that entrance so we can provide you with assistance.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

DATE

APRIL 14, 2016

PLACE

MACOMB COUNTRY CLUB

5:00 P.M.

SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS

5:45 P.M.

BUSINESS MEETING-TREASURER'S
YEARLY REPORT AND ELECTIONS

SLATE OF CANDIDATES:

ARLENE HARHEN

GLORIA HURH

CANDACE McLAUGHLIN

DAVID SELF

RICHARD VICK

PHIL WEISS

6:00 P.M.

DINNER

7:00 P.M.

LECTURE BY BARBARA HARROUN

DINNER MENU

- DINNER SALAD & ROLL
- CHOICE OF DELMONICO STEAK,
CHICKEN THESSALY OR PASTA
PRIMAVERA
- ROASTED REDSKIN POTATOES
- BROCCOLI
- COFFEE, TEA, WATER
- ASSORTED CHEESE CAKE

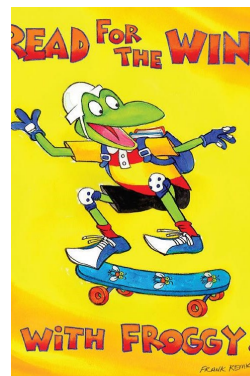
DINNER \$25

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER MUST
BE RECEIVED BY
APRIL 4, 2016.

Sports, Achievement to be Focus of Summer Reading

The 2016 Summer Reading Program is entitled "READ FOR THE WIN!" The Macomb Public Library will be celebrating sports and achievement. Junior High, Senior High and Western Illinois University sports teams have been asked to participate in the program. Demonstrations will allow participants to try on sports gear, learn the rules, and interact

with players. Boys' and girls' sports will be included as well as recreational activities like golf, frisbee, karate, and racing. The benefits of summer reading are many, but the goal of our Summer Reading Program is to keep students reading through the summer months so that they are on grade level when school starts in the fall.



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President's Report

Hi! I've been thinking a lot lately about how one's life can change in the blink of an eye. This is probably on my mind because my husband fell a couple of weeks ago and broke his right arm badly! One minute he was able to drive, write, dress, and eat without even thinking about it and the next moment each of these activities became a struggle to some degree. Such life changes can happen to anyone at any time. One moment you are feeling happy and strong, and the next moment you get bad news, become ill, have an accident, and so on.



I understand that in the grand scheme of things, a broken arm is pretty low on the catastrophe scale. Still, our lives have required modifications. We are fortunate to have good friends who have been very understanding and have provided support in many different forms. The offers of help keep coming! What a wonderful community in which to live!

I hope that this spring finds each of you optimistic that life is good and will get better; that you are strong and will be stronger; that there are people and things to be thankful for; and of course that there are always books to read and movies to watch. I hope that there will also soon be good news from the executive and legislative branches of our state government so that our community and its number one employer, WIU, can continue to thrive. What a shame that public education is being held hostage!

Hope to see you all at the annual Friends of the Library meeting, dinner, and lecture on April 14th.

- Paula Wise

The Great Reads Book Club Schedule

The Great Reads reading group has the following schedule for the remainder of the current season. The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

April 13	Doerr, Anthony	<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i>	Polly Upton
May 11	Manning, Kate	<i>My Notorious Life</i>	Kim Cunningham

Mystery Book Club Schedule

The Mystery Book Club meets in the Library Community Room from 7-8 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. These are the remaining selections for the 2015-2016 Mystery Book Club:

March 23	Kerr, Philip	<i>March Violets</i>	Judy Kerr
April 27	Rinehart, Mary Roberts	<i>Circular Staircase</i>	Bill Burton
May 25	Hamilton, Steve	<i>North of Nowhere</i>	Margene Weiss

Library Offers New Programs

Pokémon League

The Macomb Pokémon League meets in the multipurpose room at the Macomb Public Library starting at 4:30 on the first and third Tuesday of every month. We normally have around 30 people at each meeting. This event focuses on the Pokémon trading card game, but we also have a few kids who bring in their video games and collectibles. Kids have a blast battling, trading, and showing off their collections. Parents are also encouraged to participate.

Adult Coloring Club

Currently the Adult Coloring Club meets the second Thursday of each month from 2-4 pm in Macomb Public Library's multipurpose room. The main goal for this program was to provide a relaxing (therapeutic) atmosphere while adults ages 16 years and up color with markers and/or colored pencils. A Relaxation music CD provides subtle piano accompaniment in the background as conversation winds down to assure calming. This program averages 17 attendees with 19 in attendance last month. We learned 19 was our full capacity as participants need elbow room while creating. Participants tell us this is a valuable program, and most feel as if they have been to a retreat for an hour or two. New participants welcome.

Special Mysteries Sale HUGE Success

It was fast and furious in February for the Friends special "Mystery Books + More Sale." In just four hours the sale brought in \$810 and left many, many readers happy with their selection of good mysteries and



other miscellaneous books and media. The above picture shows Margene Wise working the check out area in The Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. The building has been redesigned to expand a sales area not only for media, but for

special books to be permanently available for all sales events. This area includes classics, westerns, religion/philosophy, cook books, graphic novels, humor, large print books, and over sized books in

subject areas such as the arts, history/biography, exercise/sports, gardening, home maintenance/decorative arts, and other non fiction. Be sure you visit the Annex for books during the Heritage Days Book Sale, June 23-25.

FRIENDS OF THE MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL DINNER APRIL 14, 2016—RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S) _____

DINNER IS BUFFET-STYLE WITH THESE ENTREES (please indicate choices):

DELMONICO STEAK—house cut rib eye seasoned & topped with herb butter # _____

CHICKEN THESSALY—char-grilled breast topped with sun dried tomatoes & goat cheese # _____

PASTA PRIMAVERA—vegetarian option of pasta and fresh vegetables # _____

TOTAL NUMBER DINNER RESERVATIONS _____ at \$25.00 per person = Total Amount \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES 5/1/16-4/30/17 (complete form below & enter amount here) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed for Dinner & Membership \$ _____

Please check here if anyone in your party requires use of the handicapped accessible entrance ☐

Transportation to the handicapped accessible entrance will be available.

RSVP BY APRIL 4, 2016 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS

**Make it easy on yourself!
Write ONE check for the
annual dinner and your
membership dues!**

Please return forms with payment to:

Friends of the Macomb Public Library
c/o Macomb Public Library
235 S. Lafayette
Macomb, IL 61455

Or -

Drop off with payment at the Library

The Macomb Public Library has many important projects in the works, and the Friends want to offer as much support as possible. To save the expense of printing and mailing AND to be kind to the environment, our newsletters are generally sent out via email. Please be sure to include your email address on the Application Form. If you don't have access to email, please check the box requesting a hard copy of the newsletter. Think green and be frugal—get your newsletter by email. Thanks!

Friends of the Macomb Public Library

Membership Form for 5/1/16-4/30/17

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is the following amount:

- ☐ Individual \$10.00
- ☐ Family \$15.00
- ☐ Supporting \$25.00
- ☐ Sustaining \$50.00
- ☐ Patron \$100.00

☐ I would like to receive a hard copy newsletter.

☐ I would like to contribute \$ _____

Membership runs May 1 to April 30. Please make checks payable to :

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Would you like to serve on a committee?

- ☐ Finance, Endowment
- ☐ Children's Department
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Public Relations
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Book Sale
- ☐ Adopt-a-Shelf
- ☐ Other _____

Make the Move to Kindle a Love for Reading in Your Children

March is National Reading Month and schools across the country are marking the event by celebrating the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss, encouraging family reading nights, and inviting parents to read to their children's classes. The idea, of course, is to get children excited about reading. But what if your child isn't on board with family reading night? What if Green Eggs and Ham sounds more like a dish to be avoided at all costs than a beloved book? Simply put, what if your kid doesn't like to read?

Deep breaths. Don't panic. You can fix this. It's not too late. With just a few simple steps you can encourage your child to read and to ask for seconds on those green eggs and ham.

The mere fact that you are reading this article means you are most likely a Friend of the Macomb Public Library and therefore a reader yourself. You're already on the path to helping your child discover that books are so much more than door stoppers or projectiles to be hurled at errant siblings. If you like to read and want your children to read, let them see you reading. Talk about what you're reading. Is there something funny in your book? Laugh out loud. Few people can resist the temptation of asking "What's so funny?"

Help your child find a book that suits his or her interests. Is your child an animal lover? There are numerous series centered around cats, dogs, and even a hamster named Humphrey to choose from. Robots, outer space, "boy stuff"? Check out the website GuysRead.com where the book recommendations are divided into a variety of topics. Have your child peruse the website with you and pick out a book together. PBS.org and scholastic.com also have many booklists for boys and girls. PBS.org offers the list Empowering Books for Girls broken down into age groups. Getting a child to read is a little like being a matchmaker. It's not that they don't want to fall in love; it's just that they haven't met the right book yet.

Make reading part of their routine. Have a set time every day when it's reading time. After school and before homework is an ideal time for children to decompress before moving on to other activities. Before bed is

also a perfect time to wind down with a good book.

Make going to the library a part of your routine. With its recent remodel and expansion, the Macomb Public Library is an exciting and welcoming environment for readers of all ages. The children's library offers thousands of books to choose from and best of all, they're free. Children ages four and up can get their own library card and take ownership of their choices. The young adult area upstairs offers books and graphic novels for older kids and comfortable place to read them.



If your child is reluctant to even open a book on his or her own, read with them. If you read aloud and read with enjoyment it can not only interest your child in books but create a special time for you and your child. Your child may even become so impatient to find out what happens next that he or she will forge ahead without you. Just make sure to ask them to keep you updated on what's happening in the story.

Make books available to your children. Have books lying around and easy to grab when the kids are looking for something to do.

Instead of handing them your phone or tablet on those long car trips, pack a box of books (preferably ones they haven't seen yet) and put the box in the back seat. Car sick kids? Audio books!

Speaking of those phones and tablets... make reading an incentive. Thirty minutes of reading time for thirty minutes of screen time. The more they read, the more game or TV time they can accumulate.

Don't be judgmental about what your child is reading. Magazines, comic books, graphic novels, and newspapers all count. The idea is to get them started. Like any skill, most people start small and build. Reading is like that too. Starting out with a thick chapter book right away can be intimidating to reluctant readers. Find reading material that is manageable. Starting small can also lead to an early sense of achievement and enjoyment and make it an experience that a child will want to repeat. More green eggs and ham, please!

- Laura Egler

Enclosed!
2016 Annual Meeting
Reservation Form for

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