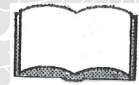




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Ginny Boynton to Speak at FOMPL Annual Meeting



Ginny Boynton

The FOMPL Annual Dinner Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 13, will feature Ginny Boynton as its guest speaker.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Boynton earned her Bachelor's and Master's of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan in the late 1970s. After a decade of wandering in the wilderness (i.e., working in Denver, Colorado and Boston, Massachusetts), she returned to the Promised Land (i.e., the Midwest) in 1989 to pursue graduate work in history. She earned her M.A. (1990) and Ph.D. (1995) in History from Ohio State University before accepting a position as an Assistant Professor in Western Illinois University's History Department, where she has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in US History and European and American Women's History since 1995. After a four year stint as Department Chair, she returned in 2012 to the department's full-time teaching faculty, where she continues her

responsibilities as a Professor of History. Ginny enjoys opportunities to speak to groups about women's history and has recently done so at meetings of the Anna L. Parker Club of Macomb, the League of Women Voters of McDonough County, the League of Women Voters of Adams County, and the Monmouth AAUW, as well as the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Macomb Public Library.

The program is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public at no charge.

This well-known 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 2017, a report from the FOMPL Board President, and adoption of the 2017-2018 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 13, 2017

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:

LAURA EGLER

KATE JOSWICK

BECKY PARKER

KAREN PROULX

PAULA WISE

6:00 P.M.

DINNER

7:00 P.M.

LECTURE BY GINNY BOYNTON

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 3, 2017.



Watch for more details!

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President's Report

The weather this winter has been pretty mild but the political winds have been unusually strong. Whether you are delighted or angry at the outcome of the election, I hope we all agree that we need all levels of government to continue to support the need for good solid educations for all students.

Libraries have always been a vital part of my education. I was so proud to get my first library card when I was in the first grade. Our local library in Cleveland was just around the corner from my elementary school and my friends and I would often stop at the library on our way home from school. Our librarian was a wonderful man who made suggestions of books to read and asked great questions about what we thought of the books and what we got out of them. (I was kind of shy at that time – some things do change – and I often worried that I wouldn't be able to answer Mr. Matye's questions even though I had always read the books.)

I wish you a lovely and peaceful spring filled with great weather, good health and happiness, and of course lots of good books. I look forward to seeing you at the Friends of the Library annual meeting, dinner, and speaker during National Library Week on Thursday April 13th. Take Care!



- 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 12	Frazier, Charles	<i>Thirteen Moons</i>	TBA
May 10	Ferrante, Elena	<i>My Brilliant Friend</i>	Jeanne Nehls

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 22	Winspear, Jacqueline	<i>The Mapping of Love and Death</i>	Bev Braniff
April 26	Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane and the Canterbury Tale</i>	Lois Ganyard
May 24	King, Laurie R.	<i>Dreaming Spies</i>	Polly Upton

FOL Board Members Offer Suggestions for Your Reading Pleasure

Award winning Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese features Marion and Shiva Stone, twin brothers born of a secret union between an Indian nun and a British surgeon who work together at a mission hospital in South Africa. The mother dies during their birth and the father disappears. This fascinating story follows the twins into adulthood while it also provides insight into the medical/surgical world followed by Marion.

- Becky Parker

I recently read The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald. A shy young Swedish woman comes to visit a friend in Broken Wheel, Iowa. The down-on-their-luck townspeople conspire to keep the young woman in their town permanently through sweet and sometimes hilarious means.

- Paula Wise

I just finished reading Middlemarch by George Eliot, which was written in the 1870s. The story follows, among others, three very different young women. Their ability to affect the world around them, despite the restrictions placed on women by 19th century society, makes it fresh and relevant today.

- Kate Joswick

Mysteries/Fiction/Media Sale Big Success



The annual winter Mysteries/Fiction/Media sale held Saturday, February 4 this year, had a steady stream of customers looking for those good bargains. Brisk sales added up to \$836.50 in just 3 hours and will be reinvested in the library.

FRIENDS OF THE MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL DINNER APRIL 13, 2017—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 5/1/17-4/30/18 (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 3, 2017 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 5/1/17-4/30/18

**Would you like to serve on
a committee?**

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 \$ _____

☐ Solicitation of Gifts/Donations

☐ Service on the Friends' Board

☐ Membership

☐ Public Relations

☐ Newsletter

☐ Book Sale

☐ Adopt-a-Shelf

☐ Other _____

Membership runs May 1 to April 30. Please make checks payable to:
Friends of the Macomb Public Library
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Reservation Form for
2017 Annual Meeting
Enclosed!

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LIFE Class Offers Advice on Trends in Children's Literature

Goodnight Moon or Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus? The Chronicles of Narnia or Harry Potter? Parents and grandparents can find the sheer abundance of children's literature a little overwhelming when it comes to selecting books for their children. Fortunately a LIFE (Learning Is ForEver) class taught by the Macomb Public Library's Children's Librarian Tiffany Erickson offered participants the chance to keep up with the latest trends in children's literature.

Students were able to explore such topics as early literacy, graphic novels, and the many genres of Young Adult fiction. The class, which was broken down into four main groups: Preschool Readers, Early Grade, Middle Grade, and Young Adult, also explored graphic novels, STEM learning, and relevant children's book awards. Participants were given book ideas to share with children, gift-giving suggestions, and tips on relating to young readers.

"What I wanted to stress the most is that reading, essentially, has not changed," said Erickson. "Reading to children is still vitally important, fast fiction is not the end

of the world, and graphic novels are actually a pretty sophisticated form of reading. My goal was to share knowledge and shed some light on some of the myths about children's publishing. There is a lot of marginal publishing but that is not exactly a bad thing. It's just important that people of all ages are reading."



Erickson also said that in the future she hopes to offer further classes about different topics in children's literature such as graphic novels. "We could read the March trilogy by John Lewis or Boxers and Saints by Gene Luen Yang and see how this format can really get teens into history," she added.

LIFE classes are sponsored by Western Illinois University's Study

Abroad and Outreach Office. Any adult is welcome to register for LIFE courses. There are no educational requirements, prerequisites or exams. All anyone needs is an interest in sharing an educational experiences. Visit wiu.edu/life for more information.

- Laura Egler