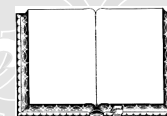


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Heritage Days Book Sale June 27 and 28



Sales were brisk at the 2013 sale.

We're excited about this year's ever-popular book sale! To better protect us from potential weather threats, thousands of books will be housed under two large tents, plus four smaller tents located in the lot adjacent to the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson Street. We will start with a Members Only Half Price Sale on Thursday, June 26 from 4 to 6 pm, and end Saturday with a Bag Sale from 3 to 4 pm. Please spread the word, bring friends and relatives and check out the buys.

The Heritage Days Book Sale is the most successful fundraiser of the Friends of the Macomb Public Library, and volunteer support is a major factor in

that success. Because of our increase in size, the need for volunteers is even greater. Our biggest needs are setting up **Thursday afternoon, June 26** and taking down, **Saturday, June 28 from 4 to 5 p.m.** Feel free to drop in at these times and invite any friends or relatives to help. Please check the schedule below for Heritage Days Sales and email or call Becky Parker at parkers@macomb.com or 836-7206 if you can help. Confirmation and instructions will follow.

VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED!

Wed., June 25:

10 a.m. at sale site, 109 E Jefferson St.

Putting up tents, moving tables. Gil Belles is in charge.

Thurs., June 26:

Noon at Old Farm King, East Entrance (under 1 hour)

Moving small boxes of books

Thurs., June 26:

1 to 4 p.m. at sale site, 109 E. Jefferson St.

Setting up book displays, straightening books

(Volunteer workers who can't stay for the Open House can purchase 1/2 price books at 3 p.m.)

Fri., June 27:

On sale site, 109 E. Jefferson St.

Set up, sell or straighten and stock books

(8:00 a.m. for opening tents, setting up)

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Noon to 2 p.m.

10 a.m. to Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat. June 28:

On sale site, 109 E. Jefferson St.

Set up, sell or straighten and stock books

(8:00 a.m. for opening tents, setting up)

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Noon to 2 p.m.

10 a.m. to Noon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—LOTS of help needed to close

BOOK SALE SCHEDULE

AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, JUNE 26:

The Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St.

1 PM-4 PM

Help in setting books out for sale

4 PM-6 PM

Members Only Open House, 1/2 price sale

FRIDAY, JUNE 27:

8 AM-9 AM

Prepare sale area

9 AM-4 PM

Book Sale open to public

SATURDAY, JUNE 28:

8 AM-9 AM

Prepare sale area

9 AM-4 PM

Book Sale open to public

3 PM-4 PM

Bag Sale

4 PM-5 PM

Pack & remove books



People of all ages find great reading material at the Heritage Days Book Sale.



YOU ARE INVITED!!

Thursday, June 26, 4-6 p.m. • Members Only: 1/2 PRICE SALE & OPEN HOUSE

Meet fellow Friends of the Library Members and share recommendations for good books as you get a pre-sale look at the merchandise, 4 to 6 p.m. Your membership allows you a dozen books at half price and as many other books after that at full price. Don't forget the media room in the adjacent 109 E. Jefferson St. Annex. Plus, there will be cookies donated by any interested members and lemonade provided by the library. This is fun and a super deal. If you're not already a member, this is a great time to join.

President's Report

Is it just me, or do the seasons seem to fly by (with the exception of this past winter which seemed to stay quite awhile)? The Friends of the Library were quite busy this spring, meeting to discuss many important issues not the least of which involved the planning and carrying out of our annual dinner. We have also been kept up-to-date on the progress of the library's renovation and there is extensive work already underway so that we will be ready for the Heritage Days book sale, our major fundraiser of the year.

In some ways, what has surprised me most about the renovations at the library is how well we have been able to adapt our activities around the upheaval at the library. We may not be meeting at the library – in fact we have met at three other locations in the past months: Citizens Bank, The Western Illinois Museum, and City Hall – but we have all found our way to these alternative sites, carried out our duties, and gone about in a business-as-usual manner. Candy still gets the minutes out despite a myriad of technological difficulties at the various sites; Arlene still hands out her treasurer's reports and patiently explains them to us; Becky still finds discounted tables to purchase for book sales; and the rest of us muddle on as well!

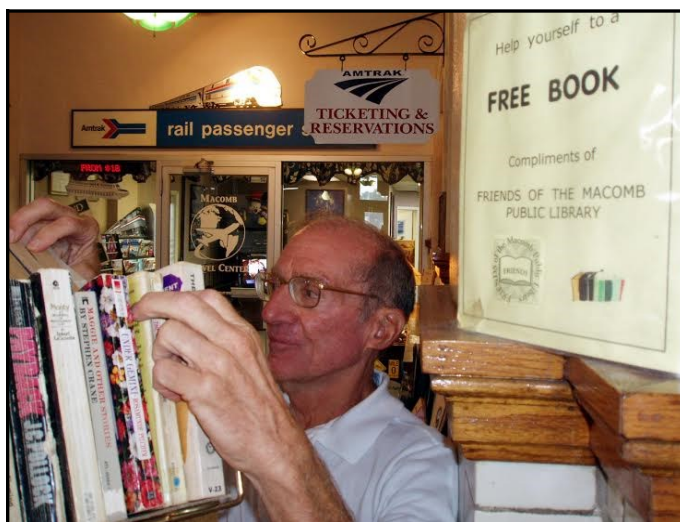
We look forward to seeing you all at the Heritage book sales and at other events. If you don't like the heat of summer, don't worry! Fall will be here before you know it.

- Paula Wise

A Decade of Free Books at the Train Station

The "Free Book" rack at the Macomb Amtrak station marks its 10th anniversary on July 7. For ten years train travelers have taken advantage of the free books that volunteers from Friends have restocked every week. Over 10,000 books are estimated to have been given away.

It all started back in 2004 when Gil Belles saw a similar free book give-away in the Quincy airport and suggested the idea to Becky Parker. Becky quickly pushed ahead with the project, getting the approval of then Mayor Mick Wisslead (Macomb owns and manages the train station) to place a book rack in the waiting room. Within a week, a wire book rack was stacked with 80 books and ready for anyone needing a good read. The first volunteers included Gil Belles, Peggy Ma, Marcia Moulden, Leslie Walker with Becky coordinating. Currently Phil Weiss coordinates five regular volunteers: Phil and Margene Weiss, Gil Belles, Arlene Harhen and Marcia Moulden. The books are selected by Sam and Becky Parker from books that haven't been sold in previous sales.



Gil Belles stocks the Free Book rack at the Macomb Amtrak Station on the first day of its implementation. Gil initiated the idea and has been a book delivery/stocking volunteer for the full 10 years.

Friends' Board Elects Officers for 2014-2015

At its May 5 meeting, the Friends of the Macomb Public Library Board elected officers for 2014-2015. The slate of President—Paula Wise, Vice President—Phil Weiss, Secretary—Candace McLaughlin and Treasurer—Arlene Harhen was unanimously approved.

Is YOUR Membership Current?

A new FOMPL membership year began April 30. If you haven't renewed yet, do it NOW so you don't miss out on one of the greatest perks of being a Friend—first pick of the Heritage Days Sale books at the Members Only Open House and 1/2 price sale on Thursday, June 26. If you're unsure of your membership status, contact David Self at davself@gmail.com.

Friends of the Macomb Public Library 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Great Reads Schedule for 2014-2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
July 9	Welty, Eudora	<i>The Optimist's Daughter</i>	Kim Cunningham
Sept. 10	Steinbeck, John	<i>East of Eden</i>	Group Discussion
Oct. 8	Kidd, Sue Monk	<i>Invention of Wings</i>	Sandy Shearer
Nov. 12	Franklin, Tom	<i>Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter</i>	Becky Parker
December	No Meeting		
Jan. 7	Kline, Christina Baker	<i>Orphan Train</i>	Polly Upton
Feb. 11	Russell, Maria Doria	<i>Doc: A Novel</i>	Leslie Walker
Mar. 11	Lurie, Alison	<i>Foreign Affairs</i>	Sandy Nelson
Apr. 8	Doig, Ivan	<i>The House of Sky</i>	Nancy Coney
May 13	Morrison, Toni	<i>Sula</i>	Helena Lira

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. at the Everly House, 811 S. Lafayette, until the library renovation is completed. Books are available at the Library, through inter-library loan or can be ordered from New Copperfield's.

Mystery Book Club Schedule for 2014-2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
July 9	Welty, Eudora	<i>The Optimist's Daughter</i>	Kim Cunningham
Aug. 27	Gerritsen, Tess	<i>The Silent Girl</i>	Phil Weiss
Sept. 24	Hillerman, Anne	<i>Spider Woman's Daughter</i>	Martha Norcross
Oct. 22	Carrell, Jennifer Lee	<i>Haunt Me Still</i>	Alice Robertson
Nov. 19*	Leon, Donna	<i>Death and Judgment</i>	Margene Weiss
December	Holiday Party TBA		
Jan. 28	Estleman, Loren D.	<i>Frames</i>	Lois Ganyard
Feb. 25	Dunning, John	<i>Booked to Die</i>	Judy Kerr
Mar. 25	Mankell, Henning	<i>Faceless Killer</i>	Mel Kerr
Apr. 22	Anthony, Michael David	<i>The Beckett Factor</i>	Bill Burton
May 27	Penny, Louise	<i>A Trick of the Light</i>	Julie Tomlianovich

The Friends of the Library Mystery Book Club meets from 7-8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month (*except November) at the Everly House until our new library is ready. 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.

FOMPL Holds 21st Annual Meeting Featuring Speaker Tracy Knight

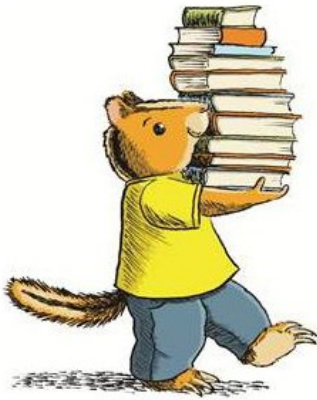
On Thursday April 17, 2014, The Friends of the Macomb Public Library hosted an annual dinner and meeting. A social hour and brief business meeting preceded the dinner at the Macomb Country Club. The business meeting reviewed the accomplishments of the group over the past year and shared future plans. Five board members ran for

reelection this year. After a voice vote, the incumbents - Phil Weiss, Candace McLaughlin, Arlene Harhen, Gloria Hurh, David Self and Richard Vick - retained their seats.

Following the dinner, Dr. Tracy Knight, Professor of Psychology at Western Illinois University, gave a public lecture regarding the stories

people create in their lives. Such stories play a central role in our lives as we fashion and revise them over time.

The dinner was attended by approximately 60 Friends of the Library members. Several other individuals attended the lecture following the dinner.



PAWS TO READ

SUMMER READING PROGRAM JUNE 2—AUG. 1



Craft Activities — Wednesdays, 10 to 11 a.m., June 11 to July 30

Registration required one week in advance

All craft activities will be held in the City Hall Community Room.

Story Time — Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 3—July 31 • 10-10:30 a.m.

All ages. Some guest readers will bring an animal friend.

Special Guests & Programs

Forest Park Nature Center - Wednesday, June 18, 10 a.m., City Hall Community Room

Furry Friends Traveling Zoo - Wednesday, July 2, 10 a.m., next to the Annex, 109 E. Jefferson

Little Lunchers - June 19 & July 17, Noon, Chandler Park Gazebo

Brown's Oakridge Zoo - Wednesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m., City Hall Community Room

Summer Reading Program—Requirements vary according to age

Summer Reading Program guidelines for each age group are available at the library. Participants who complete the program will receive: a certificate of achievement; a book compliments of the Kiwanis Club & the Library; a coupon to Pizza Hut; a ticket to a Burlington Bees game; a coupon for a sweet treat; AND . . .

An invitation to the finishers' party at Glenwood Pool on August 1!

Check with the Children's Library for more information on all events.

