

# the Bookmark

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## Heritage Days Book Sale June 24 and 25



We are very excited about this year's ever-popular book sale! This year we will have more covered space for thousands of good-condition books by using one extra large tent, as well as using the entire front room of the Library Annex for specialized books and media. The event will start with a preview sale – the Members Only Half Price Sale – on Thursday June 23. (See the box below for details.) Membership levels start at \$10, and forms for joining will be available at the preview sale. The sale will end with a bag sale from 3 to 4 pm on Saturday June 25. Please join us and promote our event as it is our most important fund raiser for the Macomb Public Library.

### VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED!!

Here is YOUR opportunity to participate by volunteering in a variety of ways. We need MANY people to set up/take down on Thursday and Saturday as well as volunteers to work when the sale is active. **Becky Parker** and **Elisa Rasmussen** are coordinating all activities. **Margene Weiss** will oversee the sales table. All volunteer activities will be at the **Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St.** Check the VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE below and **email parkers@macomb.com** stating when you are available to help. If you volunteer for sales times and prefer straightening/stocking books rather than working the sales table, please indicate that.

#### Wed., June 22:

**10 a.m. Putting up tents, moving tables.**

Gil Belles & Elisa are in charge.

#### Thurs., June 23:

**2:30 to 4 p.m. Prepare boxes of books for display in subject areas.**

Bring cookies for volunteers and the Open House. When everything is set up, browse & buy for the 1/2 price sale/open house.

**6 p.m.** Close tents after the sale.

#### Fri., June 24:

**8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. Prepare the tents and books for sale.**

Sales and stocking/straightening books are needed in 2 hour blocks

**8:15 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 25:

**8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. Prepare the tents and books for sale.**

Sales and stocking/straightening books are needed in 2 hour blocks

**8:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. Noon to 2 p.m.**

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

EXTRA HELP is needed from **4-5 p.m.** to return books to the Annex.

### BOOK SALE SCHEDULE

#### AT-A-GLANCE

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 23:**

The Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St.

2:30 PM

Help in setting books out for sale

4 PM-6 PM

Members Only Open House, 1/2 price sale

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 24:**

8:15-9 AM

Prepare sale area

9 AM-4 PM

Book Sale open to public

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 25:**

8:15-9 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



Shoppers peruse the vast selection of mysteries and thrillers at the 2015 Heritage Days Sale.



### **YOU ARE INVITED!!!**

**Thursday, June 23, 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 an unlimited number at full price. Don't forget to check out the adjacent Annex building as it will house many books as well as media. Plus, there will be cookies donated by 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

I have always been fascinated by the choices people make. I guess that's why psychology was a natural fit for me, first as a major and later as a career. Have you ever thought, "Why did he do that? Why did she say that? What does she see in him? (or, what does he see in her?) How can he vote for that person? How could she like that movie? You mean people actually pay to hear that kind of music!?! , etc " And so on and so forth!! Even people with whom we seem to have a lot in common, can behave in extremely unpredictable ways.

Choices in reading material are equally surprising. I have always preferred two types of books -- biographies and fiction. I like "cozy" mysteries not gory mysteries. I also tend to prefer books written by women. I find that in general, female authors spend less time on descriptions and more time on character development and dialogue than male authors. I do not like to read science fiction!

In the times I have spent sorting books in preparation for previous Friends of the Library Book Sales, it has occurred to me that there are books on almost every topic imaginable. Someone in Macomb has at least purchased if not actually read books about many many topics that I have never heard of! That is amazing to me. If you don't believe me, come to the Heritage Days Friends of the Macomb Public Library book sale this year. You will be astonished by the variety of books available!

- Paula Wise

## Barbara Harroun Speaks at 23rd Annual FOMPL Meeting

Approximately 60 people attended the Friends of the Macomb Public Library (FOMPL) Annual Dinner April 14 at the Macomb Country Club. A social hour was followed by a brief business meeting. President Paula Wise called the meeting to order and introduced the current FOMPL Board Members, the Macomb Public Library Board members, and Director of the Library Dennis Danowski.

Wise announced board member David Self would be stepping down from the position of membership chair and thanked him for his service. We currently have 131 paid memberships. Appreciation was expressed for the book sales core crew of Sam and Becky Parker, Elisa Rasmussen, Phil and Margene Weiss, and Karen Proulx. President Wise's annual report highlighted some of our activities during the year noting the book sales took in more than \$10,000 for the 9th year in a row. Other contributions by the Friends over the past year included: purchasing two children's computers, supporting

two book clubs, providing weekly reviews of books in the Voice, stocking free books at the train station, donating paperbacks to the county jail, giving gifts to the Library staff, supporting programming for the children's library including the summer reading program, adding 11 more Great Courses to the Library's inventory and purchasing audio books..

Under new business, the slate for nominees to the board for terms through 2018 was approved unanimously. Members who were renewed were Arlene Harhen, Gloria Hurh, Candace McLaughlin, David Self, Richard Vick and Phil Weiss.

After the business meeting and dinner Barbara Harroun, author and Assistant Professor of English at WIU, gave a stirring program entitled *Radical Optimism & Literacy Activism: A (Mostly) Joyful Journey*. Harroun interwove personal anecdotes and scholarly data to present an overwhelming case for the significance of literacy.

# READ FOR THE WIN!

## 2016 Summer Reading Program ☀ June 1—July 30

### Weekly Activities

- Itsy Bitsy Baby Storytime  
Mondays at 9:30 am
- Preschool Story Time  
Tuesdays at 10 am  
*Special Guest Readers!*
  - Story Time Magic  
Thursdays at 10 am  
Open to all ages
  - Summer Crafts  
Wednesdays at 10 am

### Special Events

- Little Lunchers at Chandler Park  
June 9, 30 & July 21 at Noon
  - Brown's Oakridge Zoo  
June 16 at 10 am & 11 am  
Library Meeting Room
- Richard Landry, Comedy Magician  
June 28 at 10 am  
Library Meeting Room
  - Family Game Night  
July 13, 6:30—8 pm



### July 31, 6-8 pm

All Summer Reading Program finishers are invited to a party at Glenwood Pool. We will be serving hot dogs, popcorn and beverages. Non-finishers of the program can attend for \$2.00.

## Great Reads Schedule for 2016-2017

Date	Author	Title	Discussion leader
<b>July 20</b> (Pot Luck with the Mystery Book Club at Kim Cunningham's, 321 E. Grant. Bring your table service and a dish to share.)	Gloss, Molly	<i>Falling From Horses</i>	Lois Ganyard
<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.

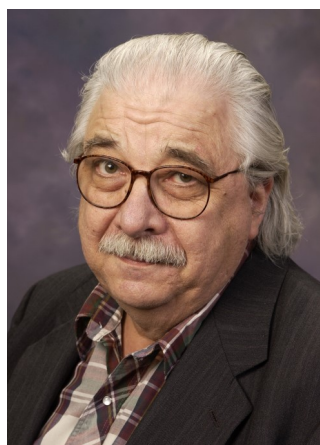
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<b>Aug. 24</b>	Cross, Amanda	<i>Poetic Justice</i>	Sue Zendt
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Dunnett, Kaitlyn	<i>Kilt Dead</i>	Judy Kerr
<b>Oct. 26</b>	McBride, Susan	<i>Blue Blood</i>	Margene Weiss
<b>Nov. 16*</b>	Oppenheim, E. Phillips	<i>The Great Impersonation</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.

## Memorial Contributions Received from Estates

Friends of the Macomb Public Library are highly appreciative of being named in two memorials this spring. Geography Professor Emeritus, John Blauvelt, named the Friends in his will as the recipient of his extensive book and music collection. These large



John Blauvelt

collections will be included in the Heritage Days book sale with the proceeds invested in the library. Sue Mayer, a long-time member of the Friends of the Library organization and of both book clubs, named the Friends in her memorial. The current plan is to build a "little free library" in her name, placed next to the Library Annex. The Friends Board is still considering how to spend any remaining funds.



Sue Mayer

## Friends' Board Elects Officers for 2016-2017

At its May 2 meeting, the FOMPL Board elected officers for 2016-2017. The slate of President—Paula Wise, Vice President—Phil Weiss, Secretary—Candace McLaughlin and Treasurer—Arlene Harhen was unanimously approved.

### Friends of the Macomb Public Library 2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President..... Paula Wise  
Vice President..... Phil Weiss  
Secretary..... Candy McLaughlin  
Treasurer ..... Arlene Harhen  
Board Members:  
Laura Egler • Gloria Hurh • Kate Joswick • Becky Parker • Karen Proulx  
David Self • Richard Vick

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## Children's Library Welcomes Tiffany Erickson



Good things come to those who wait, as the saying goes, and while patrons of the Macomb Public Library have been waiting patiently to see who will replace the library's beloved former children's librarian, Tiffany Erickson has been waiting to fill that very position.

"I loved being a children's librarian and I was eager to take up the post again. I've actually been waiting for this job to open up for as long as I have lived in Macomb," Erickson said.

Erickson has lived in Macomb since 2010 when she and her husband moved here to be closer to their parents. Prior

to that, Erickson, who hails from Vandalia IL, lived in the suburbs near Chicago.

Erickson comes to her new post well prepared. She received her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois in 2006. She then worked at the Glenside Public Library District and then the Bloomingdale Public Library as a children's librarian. Between the two positions Erickson has received a wealth of experience for all ages including story times for children ages 2-6, monthly programs for grade school aged children and the supervision of teen volunteers.

While Erickson is currently focusing her attentions on the library's Summer Reading Program, she has many ideas for what she would like to do in the future.

"This fall I want to work on making the collection more user-friendly and adding more popular titles. I also want to work with schools to

offer more outreach services. I would also like to have a monthly program for grade school children involving reading, crafts, and other small activities," Erickson said.

Current programs such as the popular Pokemon League and story times will continue.

One service that is particularly near and dear to Erickson's heart is story time.

"I love storytelling, so I will be adding some folklore to my story times. Children react to a told story better than you might think, especially when you act it out in a big way."

While many parents lament their children's obsession with social media, Erickson feels that book lovers should not feel threatened.

"When the story is good enough, the readers will follow. I truly believe that. The key lies in finding the right book for the right reader, and social media can play a big role in that," Erickson explained.

Erickson is also interested in making technology work with literacy. In the future she hopes to integrate technology into story times and help parents understand which apps are available to help with literacy.

While Erickson is very focused on her new job and improving services for the library's younger patrons, she does manage to squeeze in some time for herself. Her main pastime is reading, of course.

"Obviously, I love reading; otherwise I would not be a librarian. Anymore that is about the only hobby I have time for, between working and caring for my family and being involved in church activities. I do enjoy going out for walks with my daughter and dog and playing outside with my family. When my husband and I do get a night off, we enjoy going to concerts and hearing some great live music, and I have the band tees to prove it!"