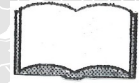


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SPRING 2018

## Friends Meeting to Feature Speaker Ray Krey



Ray Krey

The FOMPL Annual Dinner Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 12, will feature Ray Krey as its guest speaker. His topic will be "Memoirs, Diaries, Letters from the Civil War: A Private Perspective."

Ray Krey holds a BA and an MA degree in History from Western Illinois University and an Administrative Certification from the University of Illinois, Springfield. His areas of concentration are the Civil War and the Holocaust. He taught United States history for ten years at Bushnell Prairie City High School before becoming the Junior High School Principal for the Bushnell school system for the next 25 years. He retired in 2006. He has been a Civil War reenactor for over 30 years and has continued since his retirement to provide classes on the Holocaust and the Civil War to area schools and community groups. From 2008-2013 he served as a

History Specialist for the Regional Office of Education's Federal Teaching American History Grant.

Some of the awards he has been given include Student Council Advisor of the Year, Teacher of the Year, T.J. Pickett Lodge #307 Community Builders Award, Illinois Principals Association Regional Principal of the Year, WIU Department of History Distinguished Alumnus, and McDonough County Quality of Life Award.

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 beginning at 5:00 p.m. will precede the meeting. 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 2018, a report from the FOMPL Board President, and adoption of the 2018-2019 budget. After the brief business meeting, dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The full menu with three entrée choices is shown 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 12, 2018

### 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:

GLORIA HURH

CANDACE McLAUGHLIN

DAVID SELF

RICHARD VICK

DESIREE WALTON

PHILIP WEISS

### 6:00 P.M.

DINNER

### 7:00 P.M.

LECTURE BY RAY KREY

### DINNER MENU

- DINNER SALAD & ROLL
- CHOICE OF DELMONICO STEAK  
W/ REDSKIN POTATOES, SWEET  
& SOUR CHICKEN ON RICE OR  
VEGETABLE LASAGNA
- BROCCOLI
- COFFEE, TEA, WATER
- ASSORTED CHEESECAKE

**DINNER \$25**

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER MUST  
BE RECEIVED BY  
APRIL 2, 2018.

## Mysteries/Fiction/Media Sale Big Success



Pictured are some very eager customers at the February 3 Book Sale in the Annex. In just three hours the sale, featuring fiction/mysteries/media, brought in \$809.15. Our next sale is during Heritage Days, June 21-23. We encourage you to keep donating good-condition books and media. Your donations help us offer the public a good selection of reading and listening materials. All donations can be delivered to the library.

Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen,  
Book Sale Coordinators

*Friends of the Macomb Public Library*

### **2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Treasurer** DeSiree Walton

### **Board Members:**

Gloria Hurh • Kate Joswick • Becky Parker • Karen Proulx David Self • Richard Vick • Alison & David Vawter

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## President's Report

Many parents and teachers worry that children aren't reading as much as they used to. There are so many competing activities – tv, movies, computers, videogames, homework, social media, and scheduled activities – that reading may not be a priority. I know times are changing, but I have always loved to read and I loved seeing my son read while he was growing up!

I don't have any magic answers to encourage kids to read more but my training as a school psychologist does provide a few strategies that might be helpful.

1. Read to your children from infancy on. Pay attention to the kinds of books they enjoy and make every effort to make reading a special "bonding" time.
2. As children grow, ask them questions about what they are reading:
  - a. Why do you think he did that?
  - b. What do you think will happen next?
  - c. What else could she have done?

These should all be thought provoking questions not questions with right or wrong answers.

3. I prefer to use reading as a reward rather than giving rewards for reading. We want children to grow up thinking of reading as a pleasant activity rather than something that they need to be paid to do.
4. Some research shows that having children read to a younger sibling or a pet can be a good way to encourage reading.
5. Finally, model reading behavior. Kids watch their parents carefully. If you want them to read, let them catch you reading.

Set a family reading time – even if it's only 15 minutes a day, try to set aside time for reading.

HAPPY READING!!!



- Paula Wise

## Coming Up This Spring in Youth Services

Following a long winter, the Youth Services Department is enjoying more visits from children for story time and looking forward to the summer reading program. Messy Makers has returned on Tuesdays this spring and features stories and a simple craft for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The children really love the craft time and experiencing a different type of story time.

Spring break will be a busy week for us. In addition to our regular story times, we will also show the Disney-Pixar movie Coco on Monday, March 12, have an Engineering Challenge on Wednesday, March 14 and a drop-in leprechaun craft on Friday, March 16.

The month will end with an Easter egg hunt on Friday, March 30, a library tradition that is over almost before it starts!!

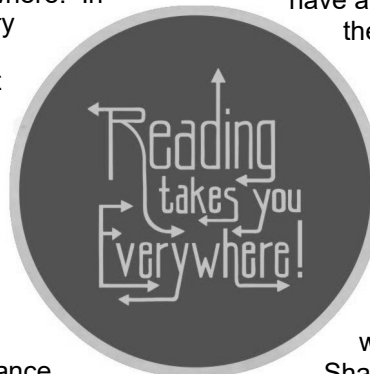
### Reading Takes You Everywhere: Summer Reading Program

The snow has barely melted, but the library is already thinking about summer! This year we will be celebrating how reading takes you everywhere. In addition to traditional story times, with special guest readers, we will also host Messy Maker programs for children, continue Pokemon League and Videogaming, and show movies. The library will again cooperate with the Park District on the Little Lunchers program at Chandler Park. One special event, a Robot Dance Party, is already scheduled for June 14, with more family programs on the way.

The reading program will be the same this year as last year. Younger children are designated as pre-readers and will have a goal of 30 books read to them over the summer.

Older children are called readers and will track their reading time over the summer. Many readers like the time format since they get credit for reading longer, more difficult books. We again hope to cooperate with McDonald's, Sweet Shack, Pizza Hut and others

for prizes. It will certainly be an exciting summer!



### 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.

**March 14** Hargrove, William Elliott

**April 11** McEwan, Ian

**May 9** Huxley, Aldous

**Madam President: The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson**

**The Children Act**

**Brave New World**

Gloria Hurh

Polly Upton

TBA

### 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 2017-2018 Mystery Book Club:

**March 27** Gerritsen, Tess

**April 25** Sandford, John

**May 23** Mathews, Francine

**Last to Die**

**Invisible Prey**

**Death in the Off Season**

Sue Zendt

Polly Upton

Mel Kerr

FRIENDS OF THE MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ANNUAL DINNER APRIL 12, 2018—RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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

DELMONICO STEAK—with roasted red potatoes, broccoli, salad, roll, cheesecake # \_\_\_\_\_

SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN—with rice, broccoli, salad, roll, cheesecake # \_\_\_\_\_

VEGETABLE LASAGNA—with salad, roll, cheesecake # \_\_\_\_\_

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES 5/1/18-4/30/19 (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 2, 2018 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 5/1/18-4/30/19**

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ 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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Enclosed!  
2018 Annual Meeting  
Reservation Form for

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## The FOMPL Board Welcomes Several New Members This Year

The Friends of the Library have been fortunate enough to fill two empty board seats this year with *three* excellent candidates. DeSiree Walton stepped in to fill the treasurer position previously held by the late Arlene Harhen. Alison and David Vawter are sharing the seat of former board member Laura Egler. DeSiree and Alison answered some questions about themselves and their interest in the FOMPL Board.



*DeSiree and Levi Walton & Friends*

Arlene shared many wonderful stories about Friends of the Library making the opportunity to become treasurer one DeSiree couldn't pass up. On July 1, 2017, DeSiree married McDonough County Sheriff's Deputy Levi Walton of Bushnell, IL. In their free time they enjoy running with their dogs and working on home improvements. As a child, DeSiree enjoyed reading all The Boxcar Children books by Gertrude Chandler Warner and over the most

DeSiree Walton moved to Macomb from Geneseo, IL where she studied finance and management at Western Illinois University, graduating in 2014. DeSiree is employed by Citizens Bank where she has spent three years as a commercial and agriculture lenders assistant. DeSiree became passionate about Friends of the Library through her previous co-worker and former Treasurer, Arlene Sue Harhen. As they worked closely together,

recent years loves anything from Jodi Picoult. DeSiree is currently taking pleasure in personal development and self-enrichment books.

Alison Vawter (formerly Sperry), an attorney and mother of two, got her undergraduate degree at WIU and her JD at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. She remembers using the library as a kid, but the Bushnell library more than Macomb's.

"My Aunt Zoe Sperry was one of the Librarians there and there was a small, but really nice, Children's Library. Once we moved to Macomb, I mainly utilized the school libraries. One of my grade school classmates told me her best memory of me involves bringing a huge stack of overdue library books back on the last day of school. Guilty as charged."

Her favorite books as a child were "The Red Velvet Room," "Z for Zachariah," and "Kate Vaiden," all books featuring a female protagonist who has to think for herself.

Alison has always found the library and reading as a refuge. She's held library cards in all of the places she's lived.

Now she reads both for work and for pleasure. She will read anything from the back of the cereal box to People Magazine to "East of Eden." After years of saying she would never use a Kindle, she has almost completely converted to Kindle reading with an occasional paperback thrown in for the pleasure of holding (and smelling!) the book.

And why was Alison interested in serving on the FOMPL Board?

"I think mostly because I love books. I do love our Macomb Library as well, and I want to see it stay healthy and in touch with the needs of the community for a long time to come. I really do feel honored to be asked to serve."