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Heritage Days Book Sale June 22 and 23



We are very excited about this year's ever-popular book sale as we've had MANY new good condition, quality donations of books and media! We will continue with one very large tent for the majority of the sale contents. But, do not forget to check out the Library Annex which will handle all of the media and a number of specialized books such as oversized books on arts and crafts, gardening/landscaping, history, classics, humor/cartoons, graphic novels, and much more including a large selection of cookbooks. The event will start with a preview

sale – the Members Only Half Price Sale – on Thursday June 21. (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 23. 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. 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 20:

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

Elisa is in charge. We could use extra people for this preliminary set up to move tables and some books.

Thurs., June 21:

3:00 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 22:

8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Prepare the tents and books for sale.

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

8:30 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 23:

8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Prepare the tents and books for sale.

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20:

10:00 AM Put up tents, move tables/some books

THURSDAY, JUNE 21:

3:00 PM Help in setting books out for sale

4 PM-6 PM Members Only Open House, 1/2 price sale

FRIDAY, JUNE 22:

8:30-9 AM Prepare sale area

9 AM-4 PM Book Sale open to public

SATURDAY, JUNE 23:

8:30-9 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



Annex has MORE! In addition to CDs, DVDs, LPs -- you will find cookbooks, large print books, classics, humor, and tall books on arts/crafts, humor, sports, and more non-fiction topics.



YOU ARE INVITED!!!

Thursday, June 21, 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

Book Clubs and Literary Clubs in Macomb, Illinois

Macomb is a city of readers, or at least it seems that way when you look at the number of book clubs and literary groups in our small town. The Friends of the Macomb Public Library support two book clubs – the **Mystery Book Club** and the **Great Reads Book Club**. Each of these Book Clubs meets monthly throughout the year. Books are selected for the coming year in the spring and a Discussion Leader is chosen for each meeting. In addition to these clubs, many churches and other groups support reading groups for members. I know that the University Women group has had a long running book club and the Women's Center on campus has a Feminist Reading group. The premise of most of these groups is that everyone reads the same book and then participates in a group discussion.



In addition to these traditional book clubs, Macomb has three women's literary/ cultural groups -- **XXMD**, **Anna L. Parker**, and the **Fortnightly Club**. Believe it or not, each of these groups has been meeting for over a century.

XXMD, founded in 1893, just celebrated its 125th anniversary and is the oldest of the three clubs. Members of XXMD prepare and deliver presentations on a theme. For example, the theme for 2017-2018 was U. S. First Ladies. XXMD has a limit of 20 members – that's what the XX stands for.

The **Fortnightly Club** was founded in December, 1899. Each Fortnightly Club Member is responsible for a program during the year. She may either present a program herself or she may invite a guest to present a program. There is no limit to membership in the Fortnightly Club. Topics vary from meeting to meeting.

The **Anna L. Parker Club** was founded in 1899 and named for a woman from Quincy who made the trip from Quincy to Macomb to teach a Shakespeare class to a group of women at WIU. Upon her death, her students formed a club in her memory. Individual members present programs on books. The presenter chooses the book often keeping the topic a secret until the day of the presentation. The Anna L. Parker Club has a limit of 30 members.

For the past few years, the three clubs have met together once a year.

There is a lot of reading going on in Macomb! I'm not aware of any book clubs exclusively for men but I hope someone will let me know if there is one.

- Paula Wise

Ray Krey Addresses a Large Crowd at 25th Annual FOMPL Meeting

Sixty people attended the Friends of the Macomb Public Library Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Macomb Country Club on Thursday, April 12. 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, Director of the Library Dennis Danowski and Carol Clemons acting liaison between the two library boards. Wise announced that Laura Egler stepped down from the FOMPL Board several months ago, and was replaced by Alison and David Vawter, the first job-sharing couple on the Board. Laura's contributions to the Children's Library and to the FOMPL newsletter will be missed.

We currently have 134 memberships including family and individual memberships. In a summary of the year's activities, President Wise reported on the continuing success of our book sales which took in more than \$13,000, thanks to the continued hard work of the core book sale crew of Sam

and Becky Parker, Elisa Rasmussen, and Margene and Phil Weiss as well as the many other volunteers. Other events of note: donation of unsold books to not-for-profit agencies and to the county jail; support of the Great Reads and Mystery Book Clubs; solicitation of book reviews for printing in the Voice; purchase of a film reader/printer/scanner; continued support of activities for children, particularly the summer reading program; purchase of audio books and of graphic novels for young readers; maintained a web site and published a quarterly newsletter; and supported the Adopt a Shelf Program.

Under new business, the slate for nominees to the board for terms through 2020 was approved unanimously. Members who were renewed were Gloria Hurh, Candace McLaughlin, David Self, Richard Vick, DeSiree Walton and Philip Weiss.

After the business meeting and dinner, a record 45 members of the public joined the FOMPL membership to

enjoy the presentation by Ray Krey entitled "Memoirs, Diaries, Letters from the Civil War: A Private Perspective." Mr. Krey, attired in full Civil War uniform and using quotes from letters and other materials of that period gave a fascinating and touching portrayal of an average soldier's plight. Krey provided a selected bibliography from which he chose his text and readings.

Billings, John D., *Hardtack & Coffee: or The Unwritten Story of Army Life*

Cunningham, H. H., *Doctors in Gray: The Confederate Medical Service*

Hankins, Samuel W., *Simple Story of a Soldier: Life and Service in the 2nd Mississippi Infantry*

McCarthy, Carlton, *Detailed Minutiae of Soldier Life in the Army of Northern Virginia, 1861-1865*

Mitchell, Reid, *Civil War Soldiers: Their Expectations and Their Experiences*

Watkins, Sam R., *"Co. Aytch:" A Side Show of the Big Show*

Great Reads Schedule for 2018-2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
July 11	Hill, Nathan (Date tentative—Pot Luck with the Mystery Book Club at Kim Cunningham's, 321 E. Grant.)	<i>The Nix</i>	Tom Joswick (tentative)
Sept. 12	Kalanithi, Paul and Verghese, Abraham	<i>When Breath Becomes Air</i>	Kim Cunningham
Oct. 10	Jordan, Hillary	<i>Mudbound</i>	Sandy Shearer
Nov. 14	Millard, Candace	<i>Destiny Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President</i>	Morris Vos
December 12: Joint Social Meeting with the Mystery Book Club, details TBA			
Jan. 9	Grann, David	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders & the Birth of the FBI</i>	Polly Upton
Feb. 13	Towles, Amor	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i>	Mary Elizabeth Vos
Mar. 13	Ng, Celeste	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i>	Mirian Swisher
Apr. 10	Hannah, Kristin	<i>The Great Alone</i>	Becky Parker
May 8	Wingate, Lisa	<i>Before We Were Yours</i>	Alice Davenport

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.

Mystery Book Club Schedule for 2018-2019

The Mystery Book Club has not completed its schedule for the coming year. We'll post the schedule in our next newsletter.

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.

Friends Purchase State of the Art Research Tool

This spring, the Friends of the Library purchased a state of the art microfilm reader/scanner/printer that will make historical research and genealogy much faster and easier. ScanPro 3000 is a computer based digital scanner that can utilize 35mm microfilm, 16 mm film and micro fiche to convert to a digital format that can be manipulated to print on a single sheet of paper. The software will recognize both positive and negative images. One of the advantages of the software is the ability to separate images from several different frames and merge onto a single sheet of paper. The software allows for magnifying the images, adjust brightness and contrast, auto straighten, crop out not needed wording, zoom in images, automatic focus,



rotated selected image, scan images from a usb, export to a word document and Input to an email address. The software will also allow the viewer to look at the entire newspaper page without having to scan up and down.

Local researcher, Allen Nemec (pictured), has explored a variety of uses for this new computerized device and gave the following testimonial. "The new digital microfilm reader/scanner is terrific! I was able to save historical documents to my USB drive with ease. This new machine lets you rotate, enhance and crop images with just a few clicks It is truly a state of the art machine and the only one to my knowledge in the county! Thank you for updating to this high tech equipment."



The Macomb Public Library purchased 2 reading lamps in memory of Arlene Harhen, founding member of the Friends of the Library. The lamps are located at the adult reading room on the second floor. The lamps also have an USB plug to charge cell phones.

Sturdy 10' Tent (or Sponsor) Needed

Elisa Rasmussen, Co-Chair of the Book Sales, would like to replace an older, damaged tent which has been used for the bargain books or for the sales volunteers. We can purchase a 10' x 10' sturdy pop up canopy with side walls for around \$300.

If you are interested in supporting this effort financially or have one to donate, please let Elisa know at erasmus@fabtimes.net. We would need to see and approve any tent to make sure it would meet wind and rain conditions.

Friends' Board Elects Officers

At its May 7 meeting, the FOMPL Board elected officers for 2018-2019. The slate of President—Paula Wise, Vice President—Phil Weiss, Secretary—Candace McLaughlin and Treasurer—Desiree Dye was unanimously approved.

2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PresidentPaula Wise
Vice PresidentPhil Weiss
SecretaryCandy McLaughlin
TreasurerDesiree Dye

Board Members:

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

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Kids Will See the World Through the Summer Reading Program



This summer the library will encourage children to travel the world with books during our **Reading Takes You Everywhere** summer reading program. Special story times will include local celebrity readers and will help children discover all of the wonder and diversity in our world. Maker programs on Wednesdays will focus on engaging hands-on projects involving travel and vacations with themes like

camping and beach crafts. We will let our imaginations play on Thursday, June 14 with a Robot Dance Party and groove to the music with Julie K on Thursday, July 12. The library will continue our partnership with the Macomb Park District by participating in Little Lunchers in Chandler Park on Thursdays June 7, June 28 and July 19. For older kids, we will continue to host Pokemon League on Tuesdays at 3:30 pm, and Gaming on Thursdays at 2:00 pm. We really do have something for every child at the library this summer.

In addition to all of these exciting activities, we will continue to encourage children to read with the reading program. Younger children, designated as pre-readers, will have a 30 book goal this summer. Children in the pre-reader track may read the books themselves, or have

the books read to them. Older children, readers, will track the time they spend reading with a goal of 1000 minutes, about 16 hours, which breaks down to 20-30 minutes a day. Young adults will not be left out and they will complete a reading passport with different reading challenges. Sign-up for the Summer Reading Program starts Monday, June 4 and runs until Friday, July 27.

For more information about any youth programs, please contact Tiffany Erickson by phone at 309.833.2714 or via email at macomblibtiffany@gmail.com. It's going to be a great summer!

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If your family plans to hit the road this summer, Tiffany has offered suggestions for some dynamite audio books the kids will enjoy.

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo, 4 ½ hours long, ages 6 and up

The Inquisitor's Tale or Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz, 10 hours long, ages 8 and up

The Great Trouble: a mystery of London, the blue death, and a boy called Eel by Deborah Hopkinson, 6 hours long, ages 8 and up

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin, 5 hours long, ages 6 and up

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin, 4 hours long, ages 8 and up