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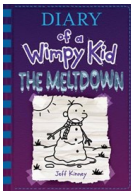
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SEASON'S READINGS—GIVE THE GIFT OF BOOKS

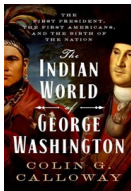
It's a tradition. We ask Linda and Rick, owners of New Copperfield's Book Service, for great suggestions for the book lovers on our Christmas shopping lists and they comply. New Copperfield's has always supported our Friends organization, and we encourage you to support this cozy, friendly neighborhood bookstore as well.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 13: The Meltdown, Jeff Kinney



When snow shuts down Greg Heffley's middle school, his neighborhood transforms into a wintry battlefield. When the snow clears, will Greg and his best friend Rowley Jefferson emerge as heroes?

The Indian World of George Washington: The First President, the First Americans, and the Birth of the Nation, Colin G. Calloway



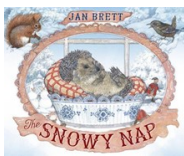
In this sweeping new biography, Colin Calloway uses the prism of George Washington's life to bring focus to the great Native leaders of his time—Shingas, Tanaghrisson, Bloody Fellow, Joseph Brant, Red Jacket, Little Turtle—and the tribes they represented. In the process, he returns them to their rightful place in the story of America's founding.

Ocean Meets Sky, Terry Fan & Eric Fan



Finn lives by the sea and the sea lives by him. Finn decides to honor his grandfather's memory by building a ship and sailing out to find the magical place where the ocean meets the sky himself!

The Snowy Nap, Jan Brett



Snow is on the way, Hedge decides to stay awake and enjoy the winter fun instead of going to his burrow. When a snowstorm starts, Lisa finds him and brings him in so

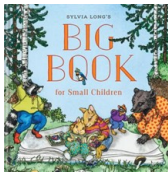
Hedge gets to see the wonders of winter from inside the cozy house.

The Sweet Smell of Christmas, Patricia M. Scarry, J. P. Miller (Illustrator)



Join Little Bear as he prepares for the holidays, all the while giving readers a chance to smell six wonderful scents including apple pie, Christmas tree, hot chocolate, and more!

Sylvia Long's Big Book for Small Children, Sylvia Long

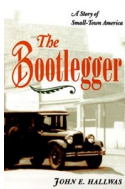


Sylvia Long has been creating bestselling children's books for more than 25 years. Her latest compendium is destined to become another nursery staple, including beloved stories like "The Three Little

Pigs" and important early childhood concepts (colors, counting, ABCs) as well as her own family's favorite recipes and lullabies,

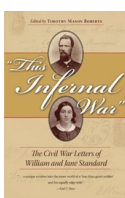
Local Authors

The Bootlegger: A STORY OF SMALL-TOWN AMERICA, John E. Hallwas



This extraordinary account of a struggling midwestern coal town profiles small-time bootlegger Kelly Wagle, whose mysterious career—and suspected involvement with two unsolved murder cases—had a profound and lasting impact on the community of Colchester.

This Infernal War: The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard, Timothy Mason Roberts



Among collections of letters written between American soldiers and their spouses, the Civil War correspondence of William and Jane Standard stands out for conveying the complexity of the motives and experiences of Union soldiers and their families. Jane's often bitter letters illuminate the alienation of women left alone and the impact on a small community of its men going to war.

Resistance: Reclaiming an American Tradition, Jeff Biggers



In an inspiring narrative history, Jeff Biggers reframes today's battles as a continuum of a vibrant American tradition. **Resistance** is a chronicle of the courageous resistance movements that have insured the benchmarks of our democracy.

The Forgottonia Trilogy, Bruce Morton

A twelve-year journey through the land once known as Forgottonia comes to a conclusion in Bruce Morton's third and final book of the trilogy. With 100 photographs, text by Carl Sandburg, Randy Sollenberger, and the author, it is the largest of the three books.

FORGOTTONIA - The Suburbs covers all sixteen counties with emphasis on the architecture, the land, and the lifestyle of its inhabitants.

Rhymes With Fool, Jim Courter



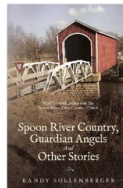
Former investigate journalist, Milwaukee private eye Barry Pool is asked to find the son of a prominent U.S. senate candidate. He isn't sure he wants to face the danger the job might entail even though the money would be more than he's made since switching careers.

Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution, Todd S. Purdum



Though different in personality and often emotionally distant from each other, Rodgers and Hammerstein presented an unbroken front to the world and forged much more than a songwriting team; their partnership was also one of the most profitable, powerful entertainment businesses of their era.

Spoon River Country, Guardian Angels and Other Stories, Randy Sollenberger



This book chronicles the Culture, Beliefs, Values, Occupations, Interests, Motivations and Daily Activities of those living on family farms, in the rural areas and small towns of the Knox County portion of the Spoon River Valley, the wider region including the fabled land of Forgottonia, southeast Iowa, and the home of my ancestors, the Pennsylvania Dutch.

The Ripley (Brown County) Illinois Potteries: A 19th Century Jugtown Community on the Prairie, David Hess

Ripley, Illinois in Brown County in the 19th Century was one of the top producers in the United States pottery industry. It was a magnet for some of the most creative potters who migrated to McDonough, Adams, Greene and LaSalle Counties.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanksgiving, 2018 is now behind us and Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, New Year's and many other holidays are fast approaching. In my family, books have always been a treasured gift. There's a post being shared on FaceBook indicating that in Iceland there is a tradition to exchange books as gifts on Christmas Eve and then to spend the rest of the night reading the books and eating chocolate. I am going to recheck my DNA results, because I think I must have quite a bit of Icelandic blood. What a wonderful custom involving two

of my very favorite things. I wish you happy holidays and a joyous and healthy 2019 filled with lots of good books (and lots of chocolate too or "whatever floats your boat" as a former colleague used to say). Take care!

- Paula Wise, President



BOOK SALE NEWS

- Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen, sales coordinators



- Non-Fiction Books and Media Sale

This year the December 1 Specialty Book Sale in conjunction with Dickens on the Square included children/youth books along with the regularly featured non fiction, history/biography and media. Sales were brisk during the 3 hour sale and brought in \$880.20. Another \$197.75 was brought in when an unusually large collection of donated antique and vintage books were offered for sale to our membership "by appointment." Proceeds from our book sales are reinvested in the Macomb Public Library. We thank members for not only coming by to shop but for the on-going donations of good- condition books and media. You can leave donations at the library or call Parkers, 836-7206, for pick up of books.

- Coming Up! Mystery/Fiction Books & Media Sale

Mark your calendars for the ever popular **Mysteries and Novels Sale – February 2, 2019**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson. This sale is open to the public and also includes all media and the oversized books on the shelves as well as mysteries and novels. Thanks to very generous donations, we have accumulated some very good reading to help you get through those last winter months. All members will get an email reminder the week before the sale.

Best wishes to all of our loyal supporters and volunteers in the coming year. Keep reading!

MEET GABI DOUGLAS

Gabi Douglas has been employed by Macomb Public Library since July 2016. Gabi is a library assistant page and among her many responsibilities are staffing the circulation desk, greeting patrons, shelving books, processing new books, issuing library cards, and calling patrons to notify them that a book they've reserved is back on the shelves. Gabi likes hiking, photography, and reading. She is a part time student in higher education and hopes to be an interior designer. In her spare time Gabi can be found in the kitchen cooking with her boyfriend.



Seeking Support for a Current Book Club & a Proposed Book Club

If you take a look at the Mystery Book Club schedule on the back page of this newsletter, you'll notice a few gaps. Meeting attendance has been down, and right now the club is looking for someone to take up the reins of leadership. We sell many books of the mystery genre at our annual book sales so it's obvious a lot of you enjoy murder, mayhem and cloak and dagger (at least in a literary sense) and would enjoy discussing your readings with other of a similar bent.

A suggestion for a new book club has also been made. This club would invite parents and children to read the same book and get together, with a moderator, to discuss their reading. What a wonderful way for a parent and child to spend meaningful time together and get a better understanding of how the other generation thinks! Anyone interested in joining/forming either of these clubs should contact Karen at karen61438@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you.

WINTER ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY



Santa is Coming to the Library

The library is happy to welcome Santa Claus for a special story time on Thursday, December 13 at 10:00 am. Children will get to meet the jolly man and hear stories and sing songs.

Letters to Santa

The library will once again be a drop-off point for Letters to Santa. We have a large red mailbox right by the circulation desk where children can drop off their letters for delivery to the North Pole. We also have supplies available so children can write letters to Santa when they visit the library. Our library elf, Pip, handles all letter deliveries and takes his job very seriously! The mailbox will be available from December 1 through December 22. Come by and drop off your letter to Santa today!



Winter Reading: Snuggle Up & Read!

The Youth Services Department will host Winter Reading from December 14 to February 14. Snuggle Up and Read will encourage readers to enjoy books while staying warm this winter. The reading goal will be 10 books again this year, but readers are required to read one holiday book, one biography, one fairy tale, one non-fiction book, and one poem or poetry collection. These suggestions will hopefully get readers out of their comfort zones and introduce them to some new parts of the collection. When children meet their reading goal, they will receive a free book, and a small prize in addition to being entered into the final prize drawing—a Snuggie Tails blanket! It's sure to be a warm season when you Snuggle Up and Read!

Messy Makers

Messy Makers continues in December and January at 10:00 am on Tuesdays. Each story time includes a craft, and often includes yoga poses and gross motor activities. Children ages 3-5 years old are welcome to attend, and parents are welcome as well.

Spy Stories

Children will get to train as secret agents at the Spy Stories program on Saturday, January 19 at 10:00 am. We will read about spies, ninjas and all things sneaky, then create a disguise and complete an obstacle course to finish our mission. This program is open to children ages 3 to 10 and registration is not required.

Adult Coloring Club

Adult Coloring Club has moved to the third Monday of each month, from 2-4 pm. Join us for the entire two hours or drop in as your schedule allows during that two hour program. Our next get together is December 17, 2018.

Adult Winter Reading Program

This year, the theme is the same as Young Adult and Children's Winter Reading Programs: *Snuggle Up & Read!*



The Winter Reading Program is kicking off on December 13 with an ugly sweater party from 4-5 pm. The Adult Winter Reading Program will run from 4 pm December 14, 2018 to 4 pm February 14, 2019. Completed reading logs turned into the Circulation Desk will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing.

- Tiffany Erickson, Children's Librarian & Sharon Sample, Library Assistant - Adult Services

DICKENS ON THE SQUARE ACTIVITIES A BIG DRAW



The Children's Library had a great turnout for Dickens on the Square. About 45 people participated in the Gingerbread Magic Story Time on Saturday morning, and 35 people in the Gingerbread Craft Time in the afternoon.



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Special Library Holiday Hours

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018 to Tuesday Dec. 25, 2018—CLOSED
Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018 to Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019—CLOSED
Monday, Jan. 21, 2019—CLOSED—Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019—CLOSED—Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Great Reads Schedule for 2018-2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
Dec. 12	Joint Social Meeting with the Mystery Book Club		
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>	Marian 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
Dec. 12	Joint Social Meeting with the Great Reads Book		
Feb. 27	Connelly, Michael	<i>The Brass Verdict</i>	TBA
?	Atkinson Taylor, Phoebe	<i>The Octagon House</i>	Lois Ganyard

The following titles do not yet have moderators or dates chosen.: *The Indian Bride*, Karin Fossum; *Rhymes with Fool*, James Courter; *Angels Flight*, Michael Connelly; *Rough Country*, John Sanford.

The Friends of the Library Mystery Book Club meets from 7-8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month 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.