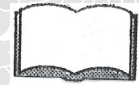


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## FOL Meeting Speakers Present the Civil War From a Local Perspective



The FOMPL 26th Annual Dinner Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 11, will feature Tim Roberts as its guest speaker, along with his wife, Emily Roberts. The topic will be "I Need Your Care and Protection Worse Than Old Abe Does": The Impact of the Civil War on a Western Illinois Couple."

Tim Roberts is the author of *"The Infernal War": The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard*. He is a professor of history at WIU, where he teaches all manner of courses in American history. He is especially interested in the Civil War era and early American foreign



relations, and in his career has tried to explain the Civil War and other parts of American history to college students on three continents. Tim is originally from Tallahassee, Florida, but in his education he became Yankee-fied, going first to Virginia, then Massachusetts, and finally, England. Emily Roberts will be accompanying him in his presentation. Emily worked for years as a professional counselor, but now works part-time at Western's Office of Study Abroad and Outreach. Like Tim, she is a southerner and a history buff. Tim and Emily have twin teenagers, Sumner and Zoe, and a dog, Abey, named for the 16th president.

Tim will talk about the provenance of the letters in his book. He and Emily will then read several of the letters exchanged by William and Jane Standard who were residents of Lewistown, Illinois. William was serving in the Union Army while Jane was left to fend for herself on the Illinois prairies.

The program is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public at no charge.

The fascinating presentation 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 2019, a report from the FOMPL Board President, and adoption of the 2019-2020 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 should be handicapped accessible via the main entrance by April 11th for those with mobility concerns.

## ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

### DATE

APRIL 11, 2019

### 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 TIM & EMILY ROBERTS

### DINNER MENU

- DINNER SALAD & ROLL
- CHOICE OF DELMONICO STEAK,  
SALMON WITH DILL SAUCE, OR  
VEGETABLE LASAGNA
- BROCCOLI & GARLIC MASHED  
POTATOES
- COFFEE, TEA, WATER
- ASSORTED CHEESECAKE

**DINNER \$25**

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER MUST  
BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2019.

## Social Media Consultant Assists FOL Board



In an effort to reach the most people possible with our news and updates, the FOL Board decided to establish a presence on Facebook. Gabrielle Murphy, sister of FOL Board Treasurer DeSiree Walton, agreed to act as our social media consultant. We encourage you to go to Facebook and Like us to keep posted on events and activities.

Gabrielle is originally from Geneseo, IL. She moved to Macomb in 2010 to attend college, graduating from Innovations Design Academy. In May of 2016 she opened up her own salon "2DYE4" in Moline, IL. She is married to Lance Murphy of Bushnell, IL, and they have a beautiful baby girl, Breckyn Mae. In their spare time they enjoy taking walks with their daughter and two dogs, spending time with family and reading. Gabby learned about FOMPL from her sister, DeSiree, who's extremely passionate about this organization. With a 6-month old daughter, the books she currently enjoys are any that make Breckyn smile.

*Friends of the Macomb Public Library*

## 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President** Paula Wise  
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Gloria Hurh • Kate Joswick • Becky Parker • Karen Proulx • David Self  
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## President's Report

As I write this column, my husband and I are getting ready to go on a week long cruise in the Caribbean with stops in Cuba, Belize, and Mexico. This winter seems never-ending although today, Valentine's Day, it's a sunny 50 degrees in Macomb. Dan and I are both lifelong Midwesterners who are used to and appreciate the changing seasons, but we still feel the need to escape from snow and ice albeit briefly. Of course, each of us is packing a Kindle full of books as well as a few "real" books to read on our flights and on lazy days as the cruise progresses. Most cruise ships have their own small libraries – probably filled with books that previous passengers have either finished or have forgotten – but I prefer to bring my own. I have been doing some serious reading this winter including Michelle Obama's *Becoming* and Susan Orlean's *The Library Book*, (both fascinating reads in their own ways) but on vacation, I like cozy mysteries with interesting characters and often including recipes, knitting patterns, and other little extras.



As winter goes into spring, don't forget the annual Friends of the Library dinner and meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Macomb Country Club. And of course there's always the Heritage Days Book Sale to look forward to in order to stock up on books for next winter. And please don't forget to renew your membership to the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. Thanks!!

- Paula Wise

## Mysteries/Fiction/ Media Specialty Sale Successful



Many book enthusiasts made the February 2 Mystery/Fiction/Media Specialty Book Sale in the Annex a big success. The three hour sale brought in \$721.50. Proceeds will be reinvested in the library. In the meantime, feel free to donate good conditioned paperbacks, hard bound books, CDs, and DVDs to the public library for our Heritage Days sale in June.

Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen,  
Book Sale Coordinators

## Face to Face With David Vawter

*Last year Dave Vawter and his wife, Alison, joined our Friends; Board sharing a single membership position.*

I am recently retired from Western Illinois University where I served eight years as a Building Operating Engineer. I retired as a Chief Petty Officer from the United States Navy in 2007.

I am married to Alison Vawter, (formerly Alison Sperry). We have two daughters, Maggie, 18 and Frances, 16. Maggie is currently a Rotary Exchange Student in the Czech Republic and will attend the University of Illinois next year. Frances is junior at Scattergood Friends School near Iowa City, Iowa.

Everyone in my family of origin loves to read and loves the English language. Our house was always full of books. Some of my earliest memories are sitting with my parents, scanning the Encyclopedia Britannica and memorizing the names of the animals. My sister retired after teaching Grammar for 43 years. My brothers and I had a three-man lending library operating for as far back as I can remember.

I received my first card from the Macomb Public Library when I was in the first grade, relinquishing it only after joining the Navy, and re-establishing contact upon our return to Macomb in 2008.

One of the things that made life bearable while on deployment in the Navy was the fact that every place I ended up had some form of lending library. Most were very primitive. Some of the more permanent sites had a room, or even a small building, devoted to the library, and books would be provided by donations from various service groups as well as by the Seabees themselves.

I have no favorite genre. I enjoy historical fiction, mystery, and comedy. Scanning my Kindle reveals my three most recent reads are: *David and Goliath* by Malcolm Gladwell, *The Genesis of Justice*, by Alan Dershowitz, and *The Brass Verdict*, by Michael Connelly.

I joined the Friends of the Macomb Public Library Board because my wife made me.

## 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.

<b>March 13</b>	Ng, Celeste	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i>	Marian Swisher
<b>April 10</b>	Hannah, Kristin	<i>The Great Alone</i>	Becky Parker
<b>May 8</b>	Wingate, Lisa	<i>Before We Were Yours</i>	Alice Davenport

## 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 2018-2019 Mystery Book Club:

<b>March 27</b>	Courter, Jim	<i>Rhymes With Fool</i>	Bev Braniff
<b>April 24</b>	Connelly, Michael	<i>Angels Flight</i>	Alice Robertson
<b>May 22</b>	Atwood Taylor, Phoebe	<i>Octagon House</i>	Lois Ganyard

FRIENDS OF THE MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ANNUAL DINNER APRIL 11, 2019—RESERVATION FORM

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

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

DELMONICO STEAK—with garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli, salad, roll, cheesecake # \_\_\_\_\_

SALMON WITH DILL SAUCE—with garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli, salad, roll, cheesecake # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES 5/1/19-4/30/20 (complete form below & enter amount here) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*The Salmon is a gluten-free option without the dill sauce.*

*A newly installed elevator now makes the main entrance ADA accessible*

**RSVP BY APRIL 1, 2019 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 5/1/19-4/30/20**

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

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

☐ 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!  
2019 Annual Meeting  
Reservation Form for

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## Here's What's Happening at Our Library

### News From Adult Services

Adult Winter Reading Program concluded February 14<sup>th</sup> with the theme, ***Snuggle Up and Read!*** Thirty adults (ages 16 years +) signed up and eleven completed their logs and were entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. Everyone who entered the Adult Winter Reading Program received a reading log and a packet of Swiss Miss hot chocolate with a candy cane attached. Participants who completed their logs received a canvas Macomb Carnegie Library tote as well. The Grand Prize was a Huggle.

Currently, active discussions are taking place about having an Adult Summer Reading Program. While many have said they are just too busy during the summer months to participate, we plan to proceed with this program to serve others.



Adult Coloring moved to its new day, again. We are now holding this event the third Monday of each month. When a Library closure falls on the scheduled date, we meet the fourth Monday of that month.

New fiction authors have been added to our collections. The list was stated January, 2017 and is updated bi-monthly. The New Authors List resides in the back of the red New Books binder at the Circulation Desk. If you want to try something new, this is a great place to start. The list is arranged alphabetically by author's last name, first name, and primary genre.

Stay tuned with the Macomb Public Library District Web site, as well as with the Facebook and Twitter pages.

- Sharon Sample, Library Assistant - Adult Services

### Upcoming Events in Youth Services

After a long, cold winter we are looking forward to a beautiful and busy spring in Youth Services. Messy Makers will continue on Tuesday mornings with stories and a craft, while traditional Story

Time will continue on Thursday mornings. Baby Time is attracting very young ones, so we are singing songs, playing with flannel stories, and using shakers and scarves to keep babies learning on Mondays at 9:30 am. We are also continuing with Pokemon League and Videogaming with Macomb E-Sports Association.

Spring break will be full of activities, including all of our regular story times. On Monday, March 11, we will host a Board Game Party for families, and then on Tuesday, March 12 will we show The Lego Movie and have a Lego free build during the show. Keeping with the movie theme, we will show How to Train Your Dragon on Wednesday, March 13 and make dragon slime during the movie.

Easter weekend will feature the annual Egg Hunt on Friday, April 19, and we will have drop-in crafts available on Saturday, April 20.

Spring is just a warm up for summer, so keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for more information regarding summer programs.

### It's Show Time at Your Library

This summer will be all about entertainment with Maker programs for all ages featuring Star Wars, super spies, and airplanes. We will even create puppets and animation flip-books. All regular story times will continue with local celebrity readers. We will be showing movies during the summer to correspond with the summer reading theme, and will incorporate books that were made into movies into programs as well.



The reading program will continue to encourage children to keep reading during their school break. Incentives will include a free book and special surprise when children have met their reading goal. Reading program sign-up begins Saturday June 1 and the program runs until Friday, July 26.

- Tiffany Erickson, Children's Librarian