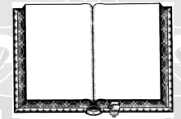




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## Heritage Days Book Sale June 27, 28 & 29



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 27. (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 29. 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 volunteer in different ways and get a FREE Friends of the Library t-shirt. We need MANY people on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday to help set up/take down as well as to work when the sale is active. **Becky Parker** and **Elisa Rasmussen** are coordinating all activities at the **Library Annex area, 109 E. Jefferson St.** Check the schedule below and email [parkers@macomb.com](mailto: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 26:

#### **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 27:

#### **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 28:

#### **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 29:

#### **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.**

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

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

#### AT-A-GLANCE

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26:**

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

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 27:**

**3:00 PM** Help in setting books out for sale

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

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 28:**

**8:30-9 AM** Prepare sale area

**9 AM-4 PM** Book Sale open to public

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 29:**

**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.



### **Thursday, June 27, 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. New limited edition Friends of the Library t-shirts will be available free for all volunteers and for those purchasing over \$50 worth of books/media at this members only sale. T-shirts will also be available for a \$10 donation. Not a member yet? Membership forms will be available at the sales table.

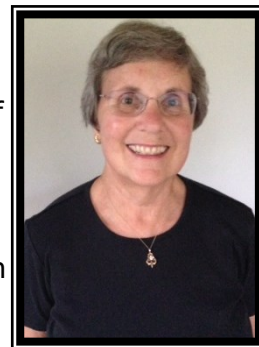
## President's Report

Libraries have been in the news lately! A recent editorial printed in the Peoria Journal Star discusses the changing and often challenging roles of librarians. Many librarians find that the libraries in which they work are being used as temporary shelters for people who are homeless, those with untreated mental illnesses, and even those who are addicted to drugs. The author of the editorial noted that she developed symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) on the job.

A very readable recent book by Susan Orlean, titled simply, *The Library Book*, discusses the many functions of big city libraries. Orlean describes in detail an enormous fire that took place in the Los Angeles Public Library in 1986 but also devotes many pages of the book to libraries in general and the services they provide. Her descriptions of her earliest visits to a suburban library in northeastern Ohio brought back many memories of my own such visits to the branch library just around the corner from the elementary school I attended.

I hope to see you all at the Heritage Days book sale coming up soon. Let's hope the weather is great for that event!

- Paula Wise



## 26th Annual Meeting Features Tim & Emily Roberts

Some fifty people attended the Friends of the Macomb Public Library Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Macomb Country Club on Thursday, April 11, an evening of excellent food, good company and a fascinating program. 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.

We currently have 132 paid memberships including family and individual memberships. President Wise reviewed the activities of the FOL for the past year. Our book sales hit a snag this year when the Better Book Sale in September had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Sales for the year still topped \$9,000 due to the popularity of the Heritage Days Sale and the smaller sales which take place throughout the year. Thanks were extended for the continued hard work of the core book sale crew of Sam and Becky Parker, Elisa Rasmussen, and Phil Weiss as well as the many other volunteers. Since 2016 we've donated some of our unsold books to various not-for-profit organizations as well as to the train station, to the county jail, and to the Little Free Library outside the Annex. Sadly, it was noted that David Miller, who designed and built the Little Free Library, passed away during the year. The Great Reads

Book Club continues to meet regularly. The Mystery Book Club has had some difficulties but is now under new "management" with Dave Vawter taking charge. A Parent and Child Book Club has been suggested and the Board is open to ideas from the membership. Purchases for the library throughout the year included: audio books, graphic novels, two

computers, gifts for the library staff, full support of the Summer Reading Program, the Book Page monthly magazine and renewal of the Library's movie license.

Under new business, the slate for nominees to the board for terms through 2021 was approved unanimously. Members who were

renewed were Kate Joswick, Becky Parker, Karen Proulx, and Paula Wise.

After the business meeting and dinner, WIU history professor Tim Roberts offered the informative and entertaining presentation "I Need Your Care and Protection Worse Than Old Abe Does": The Impact of the Civil War on a Western Illinois Couple." Roberts is the author of *"The Infernal War": The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard* which was listed as one of the "Five Best Books on Life as a Civil War Soldier" by the Wall Street Journal. Roberts began his presentation with a look at how these valuable letters fell into his hands and at their provenance. He was then joined by his wife Emily with whom he exchanged letter and response as William and Jane Standard.



## Got a Green Thumb?

Would anyone be interested in either managing the library flower beds or assisting someone in caring for the flower beds next year? John Looman has designed and maintained our Macomb Beautiful Award Winning flower beds for 5 years and will be retiring from this activity at the end of 2019. John will be happy to train any volunteers in identifying the plants and learning about their seasonal needs. For further information, please contact John at [johnvicky81@hotmail.com](mailto:johnvicky81@hotmail.com) or contact Dennis Danowski at the Library as he will oversee this project.



John Looman hard at work in his award winning flower beds.

Mark your calendars—the Better Book Sale in coordination with the Gazebo Art Festival is scheduled for September 7, 9 am—4 pm. This is a great chance to stock up for your winter reading!

## Great Reads Schedule for 2019-2020

Date	Author	Title	Discussion leader
<b>July 13</b>	Burke, James Lee	<i>The New Iberia Blues</i>	Dave Vawter
<i>Joint Potluck With Mystery Book Club to be held at the Vawter residence, 626 S. Randolph St., Macomb, 7 pm; hosts will provide soft drinks, wine, beer and snacks.</i>			
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Erpenbeck, Jenny	<i>Go, Went, Gone</i>	Mary Elizabeth Vos
<b>Oct. 8</b>	Westover, Tara	<i>Educated</i>	Becky Parker
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Owens, Delia	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>	Sandy Shearer
<b>Jan. 8</b>	Ondaatje, Michael	<i>Warlight</i>	Lois Ganyard
<b>Feb. 12</b>	Cantu, Francisco	<i>The Line Becomes A River: Dispatches from the Border</i>	Sandy Nelson
<b>Mar. 11</b>	Ngozi Adichie, Chimamanda	<i>Americanah</i>	Polly Upton
<b>Apr. 8</b>	Edugyan, Ese	<i>Washington Black</i>	Marian Swisher
<b>May 13</b>	Gerald, Casey	<i>There Will Be No Miracles Here: A Memoir</i>	Morris Vos

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 2019-2020

Except for the July selection for the joint potluck meeting with Great Reads, 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.

## What Are YOU Reading?

Every Saturday, *The McDonough County Voice* prints reviews written by local readers. In the column, area residents write 3-5 sentence descriptions of books they want to share, including a brief summary of the book and the reason they liked or did not like it. This column is one way the Friends of the Macomb Public Library encourage reading and book discussion in our community. Please consider submitting a review for publication. We encourage articles from any age group, toddlers through adult.

The book does not have to be current, recently read, or held in the library. Share your opinions with fellow readers in our community. They will be happy that you did!

Reviews may be submitted by sending your name, occupation or grade level, book author and title, and a brief statement about the book and why you liked it either to the Macomb Public Library or to Kate Joswick, 1161 Debbie Lane, Macomb, or [k-joswick@wiu.edu](mailto:k-joswick@wiu.edu).

**THANK YOU!**



Have you liked us on Facebook yet? Go to Facebook and search for Friends of the Macomb Public Library. When you like us, any posts we make will be added to your feed so you can always be up to date on what we're doing.



Hot off the presses - first edition Friends of the Library T-Shirts designed by Carol Clemons! You can be the proud owner of a FREE shirt by volunteering for the upcoming book sale or by purchasing \$50 of books/media at the members only sale. The shirts will be available for volunteers to pick up prior to the sale. Shirts will also be available for a \$10 donation.

## Visit the Library and Meet Sarah Sadler



Sarah Sadler is a Library Assistant Page and has been employed by the library since June 2017. Her duties include checking out and returning books, library card registration, covering books, shelving books, retrieving books, helping patrons find books, and helping children find items of interest and helping with craft management. Sarah attends Spoon River College and is studying early childhood education. In her spare time, while not studying, Sarah likes watching movies. She is very active in her church especially helping with the children's programs. Stop by the library and say HI to Sarah.

## Friends' Board Elects Officers

At its May 6 meeting, the FOMPL Board elected officers for 2019-2020. The slate of President—Paula Wise, Vice President—Phil Weiss, Secretary—Candace McLaughlin and Treasurer—Desiree Dye was unanimously approved.

### 2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President .....Paula Wise  
Vice President .....Phil Weiss  
Secretary .....Candy McLaughlin  
Treasurer .....Desiree Dye  
Board Members:  
Gloria Hurh • Kate Joswick Becky Parker  
Karen Proulx • David Self • Richard Vick  
Alison & David Vawter

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## Reading Program Returns Along With New Summer Activities



Children who participate in the Summer Reading Program this year are in for a real treat. All ages will have a reading goal of 500 minutes, just over 8 hours, and when they have met that goal, they will receive the standard prizes: a free book, coupons for McDonald's, Wendy's, and Pizza Hut, and

ticket vouchers for Peoria Chiefs and Peoria Rivermen. This year's special prize is a ticket voucher for the reader and a parent (limit two parent tickets per family) to Rialto Cinemas. We are happy to work with Rialto on this prize and encourage a family movie night. The reading program will run from Saturday, June 1 to Friday, July 26.

The library is adding several new programs for the summer to encourage more children and families to participate in library programming. We will have a new program called Book Explorers that will dive into the Reader's Choice Awards for Illinois. Children in Macomb read many of these books in school, and this will be a program where they can learn more about the authors and do a few activities related to the books. In addition

to the Messy Maker and Mighty Maker craft programs, we are adding Build It! This will be a program just for making. The first meeting in June will focus on paracord bracelets and the second meeting in July will focus on building bridges and structures from common materials. These programs are open to older children ages 7 and up. Baby Time is getting a makeover thanks to support from the Tracy Foundation and several new drums, xylophones and other toddler instruments. This new program, Move and Groove, will feature books, rhymes and songs appropriate for the youngest listeners, but will now include instrument time. At this time, parents and caregivers can interact with their children by using instruments and other musical toys. It's about to get loud!

The library will round out the summer with Absolute Science presenting Bubbles on June 13. This is a celebration of bubbles of all shapes and sizes, perfect for children of all ages. Comedy magician Richard Landry will be back with his rabbit Snowball for a show in July that will delight both young and old. Local celebrities will read every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am, continuing this long-standing tradition. And it wouldn't be Showtime without library movie days! We will show Pixar short films in June and Jumanji in July.

No matter what a reader's taste, we have a program for them this summer at the library!