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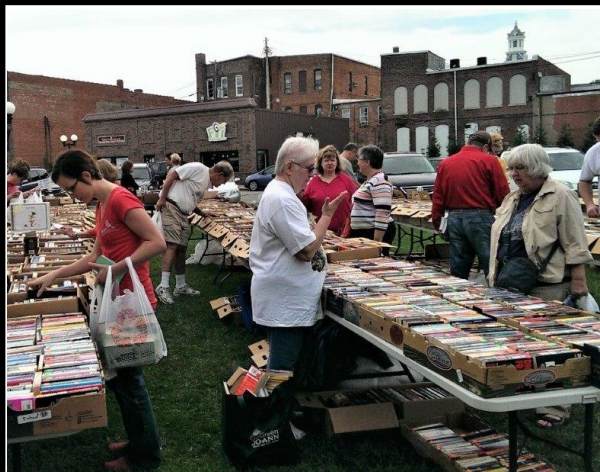
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## Better Book Sale Slated for September 7



*Shoppers take advantage of a fine fall day to browse the large selection of better books..*

Saturday, September 7, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. is a great time for book lovers to find a range of better condition books and media while they enjoy the Gazebo Art Festival in Chandler Park. Many new good-condition donations have come in since the Heritage Days book sale including a large number of children/youth books and an extensive amount of DVDs and CDs. The sale includes subject areas such as: fiction, science fiction/fantasy/horror, history and biography, religion and philosophy, wellness (psychology, health, humor, etc.), children/youth books, cook books and nonfiction.

The sale is a fair weather sale only, so it will be cancelled if persistent rain, beyond a slight drizzle, occurs.

Saturday, September 7, we need volunteers to help with the Better Book Sale at Chandler Park. We need the most volunteers at the beginning and end. One or two sales people are needed during the regular sales times.

**Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen are co-chairs for the sale. To volunteer, email Becky Parker [parkers@macomb.com](mailto:parkers@macomb.com).**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The one-day Better Book Sale on Saturday, September 7, needs volunteers. Shifts are:

• **7:45 a.m.**

MANY volunteers needed. Meet at the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St., to load small boxes. Extra trucks, vans or SUVs are also needed.

• **8:15 a.m.**

Display books in boxes at Chandler Park.

• **9 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Sell or restock books.

• **10 a.m. to Noon**

Sell or restock books.

• **Noon to 2 p.m.**

Sell or restock books.

• **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Sell or restock books

• **4 p.m.**

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the park to pack and move small boxes to trucks and to unload at the Library Annex.

## Bill Burton Memorial Patio Project Completed

There's something new at the Macomb Public Library: the Bill Burton Memorial Patio. Bill Burton was for many years a professor of history at WIU, but he also was a man who deeply felt the community significance of libraries. He played a founding role in the creation of The Friends of the Macomb Public Library and served as an officer on the board. Both he and his wife, Doris, thought it was important for libraries to be beautiful on the outside as well as on the inside. For 17 years Doris and Bill planted and maintained flowerbeds of impatiens on the north side of the library.

Bill passed away in 2016, and the memorial funds contributed in his name to the Friends became the incentive to the board to construct the patio by adding supplementary funds. Located on the north side of the library building, the patio, artfully designed by Elsner's Midwest Ornamental Nursery, is a welcoming spot to relax or read for those passing by. A plaque by the patio reads:

In Memory of  
**Bill Burton**  
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*FOL President Paula Wise (left) and Doris Burton relax on the new Bill Burton Memorial Patio. Two benches provide plenty of seating for outdoor reading, conversation or contemplation.*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are so many options these days for those of us who love books. I still prefer to have an actual book to hold onto. I find it helps me to remember things better like the title of the book and the name of the author. I do use a kindle when I travel and in the middle of the night when I can't sleep. That way, I can stay in bed to read and I don't wake my husband by turning on a lamp.

I'm not a big fan of audio books although I probably haven't given them a fair shot. We used to listen to audio books occasionally on long car trips, but now that we have Sirius XM radio, we tend to just listen to one of the radio stations. I'm one of those people who cannot actually read while riding in a car – I get a bit motion sick if I do.

Whichever way you prefer to read – books, audiobooks, ebooks, etc. -- the Macomb Public Library has a great selection. And speaking of great selections, the Friends of the Macomb Public Library are having a Better Book Sale on Chandler Park in conjunction with the Gazebo Art Festival. This takes place the first Saturday in September. I hope to see you there!!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



Paula Wise  
Friends of the Macomb Public Library

## Children's Library Activities: Summer Reading & Coming Up This Fall

Summer 2019 proved to be the best summer yet! All children had the same reading goal of 500 minutes. This achievable goal coupled with excellent prizes from McDonald's, Wendy's, Pizza Hut and Rialto Cinemas led to excellent program sign-up and an impressive completion percentage. 467 children signed up for the reading program and 310 finished their reading goal, for a completion percentage of 66%. This is the highest completion percentage during my time at the library.

The library hosted programs nearly daily, including Move and Groove on Mondays, Celebrity Story Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Messy Makers and Mighty Makers on Wednesdays. We also held two movie days and two large programs, Bubble Stations with Absolute Science and Magician Richard Landry. Our most popular programs were Messy Makers and Mighty Makers, both of which routinely topped 40 people! Celebrity readers were another big part of summer reading and included Mayor Inman, Andrea Thompson of Hy-Vee, and a representative of the Farm Bureau among others.

Now that summer reading is over for 2019, we will clean up supplies, catch-up on other work, and start planning

for summer reading 2020, Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover.

### Save the Date for This Fall

Messy Makers will kick off for the fall on Tuesday, September 10 at 10:00 am. Themes for Messy Makers will include Dinosaurs on September 10, Sunflowers on September 17 and Ocean Animals on September 24. All Messy Maker programs include stories, songs, and a craft for ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

Move and Groove on Mondays at 9:30 will continue through the fall for children ages birth to 3 plus a caregiver. Story Time will continue on Thursdays at 10:00 am for children ages 3-5.

Saturday Specials are back for the fall with Fall Y'all on September 21, Moon Over Macomb on October 19, Thankful for You on November 16 and Dickens on the Square on December 7. All Saturday Specials include stories, songs, crafts, and surprise fun!

For more information, check out the library Facebook page for updates!

- Tiffany Erickson, Children's Librarian



Natalie Shelly of the Macomb Park District was a celebrity reader at the Summer Reading Program.

Magician Richard Landry entertains a rapt audience as part of the Summer Reading Program activities (left).

A group of future 007s hone their spy skills as they crawl to safety under "laser beams" (right).



## Great Reads Schedule for 2019-2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
<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. 19</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

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As of the publication date of this newsletter, the Mystery Book Club schedule was still unavailable. Once the schedule is submitted, we will email it out to the Friends' membership.

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. Books are available from New Copperfield's and the library.

# Library Offers Plethora of Programs for Adult Readers

It has been an exciting few months, for sure! ***It's Showtime @ Your Library*** was the iRead theme this year for summer reading. We kept the same theme as the Youth and ran our program the same time to be consistent, which was June 1-July 26, 2019.

We had a total of 63 adults sign up to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program. 33 adults completed the 3 book reading requirement; 52% completion. All who signed up received a Wendy's Frosty book, which required 3 books to be read prior to receiving the free frozen treat. All finishers received a prize. The grand prize this year was 2 season tickets to the Western Illinois University Theatre Department productions for the 2019-2020 academic year. A huge ***Thank You!*** goes out to Tammy Killian, who donated the awesome grand prize.

This was my first attempt coordinating a Summer Reading Program and it was fun! We had Flat Authors, (based on the Flat Stanley concept), which were authors of Classic literature dressed as their most popular characters. They were published as paper dolls from the book, *Literary Greats Paper Dolls* by Tim Foley. ISBN: 9780486481173. We scanned them, printed them off in color, cut them out, carefully laminated them, and then cut around them to create the Flat Authors. These were a tremendous hit!

*Explore More Illinois* kicked off June 1, 2019, which enables participating Illinois public libraries' valid library card holders to login and make reservations and even receive discounts for events and/or admissions into Illinois parks, museums and other attractions. The participating list changes, so please feel free to visit their website for the latest information: [https://exploremoreillinois.org/library\\_info](https://exploremoreillinois.org/library_info)

Coloring for Adults started back up Monday, August 19, 2019 from 2-4 pm. This program runs the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, except January, which will be held on the fourth Monday, January 27, 2020, due to the holiday closure on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Drop in or stay for the entire 2 hours to create your masterpiece while listening to relaxation music.

This year, we hope to entice adults to bring their own incomplete needlework projects in on afternoon to relax and to "Get Untangled@MacombPLD." We will begin this program very soon. To stay in-the-know, watch for upcoming events and programs on @MacombPLD Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and the Macomb Public Library's Webpage.

- Sharon Sample, Library Assistant, Adult Services

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## Heritage Days Book Sale Results Outstanding

**Heritage Days Book Sale** was a great success for the bargain hunters and Friends of the Library. In addition to selling \$6,665 worth of merchandise, this major fund raiser for the library serves the community by recycling books and media. The short burst of wind and rain Friday afternoon dampened no ones' spirits as the sales were active in the tent and Annex. This year also had the largest number of volunteers involved in preparing, selling, and taking down the equipment and merchandise. Thanks for your participation! Credit must be given to those of you who "recycled" your good-conditioned books and media by donating them for this event. You can continue to do this by dropping off your donations at the public library.



FOL Board Members Desiree Walton and Kate Joswick (hidden behind the pile of books) had their hands full calculating sales at the Members-Only Sale.

Karen Proulx, Paula Wise, and Larry Conrad are just three of the many volunteers who worked on sorting through all the unsold books after the Heritage Days sale. The newer, better condition books were re-boxed to sell along with new donations for the September Better Books Sale, while others were saved for a potential bargain tent for next year or for distribution to various social service agencies, the train station or recycled.

