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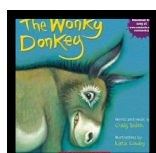
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LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT PRESENT? GIVE A BOOK!

Garrison Keeler said, "A book is a gift you can open again and again." What better offering to make to someone special? Our friends Linda and Rick, owners of New Copperfield's Book Service, have once again provided great suggestions for that perfect gift. New Copperfield's has always supported our Friends organization, and we encourage you to shop local and support this friendly neighborhood bookstore as well.

Age 0-5

- Barnyard Dance!** Sandra Boynton
Dinosnores Sandra Boynton
Excavator's 123: Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site (Counting Books for Kids, Learning to Count Books, Goodnight Book) Sherri Duskey Rinker; Ethan Long
Hey Granddude! Paul McCartney; Kathryn Durst
The Wonky Donkey Craig Smith; Katz Cowley



Ages 6-8

- Angelina Ballerina** Katharine Holabird; Helen Craig
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: The Poetry of Mister Rogers Fred Rogers; Luke Flowers
Dr. Seuss's Horse Museum Dr. Seuss; Andrew Joyner
National Geographic Kids Brain Games: The Mind-Blowing Science of Your Amazing Brain Jennifer Swanson; Hank Green
Sisters First Jenna Bush Hager; Barbara Pierce Bush; Ramona Kaulitzki
Sumokitty David Biedrzycki

Ages 8-12

- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** Mark Twain; E.W. Kemble
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain; True Williams
The Complete Baking Book for Young Chefs America's Test Kitchen Kids

- Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal** Kinney, Jeff
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets: The Illustrated Edition (Harry Potter, Book 2) J.K. Rowling; Jim Kay
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: The Illustrated Edition J.K. Rowling; Jim Kay
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: The Illustrated Edition (Harry Potter, Book 1) J.K. Rowling; Jim Kay

The Wonders of Nature

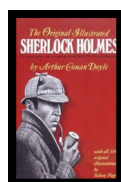
Ben Hoare

Wrecking Ball

Jeff Kinney

National Geographic Kids Almanac 2020

National Geographic Kids



Adult

Another Day in the Life

Ringo Starr; David Lynch;
Henry Diltz

Hope Rides Again: An Obama Biden Mystery

Andrew Shaffer

How to Raise a Reader

Pamela Paul; Maria Russo;
Dan Yaccarino; Lisk Feng;
Vera Brosgol; Monica Garwood

Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...and Maybe the World

William H. McRaven

National Geographic Almanac 2020: Trending Topics - Big Ideas in Science - Photos, Maps, Facts & More

National Geographic; Cara Santa Maria

Northland: A 4,000-Mile Journey Along America's Forgotten Border

Porter Fox

The Old Farmer's Almanac 2020

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The Original Illustrated Sherlock Holmes: 37 Short Stories Plus a Complete Novel (The Hound of the Baskervilles) (as they appeared in "The Strand")

Arthur Conan Doyle

The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West

David McCullough

Sea Power: The History and Geopolitics of the World's Oceans

James Stavridis

Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution

Todd S. Purdum



FOL Board members Candy McLaughlin (left) and Karen Proulx visited with author Todd Purdum during the signing of his book **Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution** on November 2 at New Copperfield's Book Service. Purdum is a writer for *The Atlantic* having previously worked for more than 20 years at the *New York Times*. With politics being his usual area of interest, this book is quite a departure, and Purdum gave a talk delving into his reasons for tackling the topic of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Purdum is from Macomb and shared his fond memories of spending time at the Macomb Public Library as a child. The Friends purchased a copy of Purdum's book to donate to the library.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since when does Winter start in October in Macomb? Apparently, since 2019!

This has been an unusual year in many ways – impeachment hearings, political debates featuring a wide variety of Democratic candidates, extreme weather events all over the globe, and so on. It's a good thing that there are plenty of books available not only to inform us all about the issues but also to allow us to escape from reality through reading. We all need to escape at least occasionally.

Soon it will be 2020! The two actions I hope you all will take during 2020 are

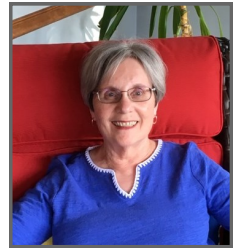
1) participating in the 2020 Census and 2) voting in the 2020 Presidential election. Both are vitally important for all of us in Macomb and throughout the country. Much of the Census will be completed online for the first time although there are still opportunities to complete it in the old fashioned ways – pen and

paper or talking to a census volunteer. Illinois Public Libraries play a role in Census 2020. The Macomb Public Library will be open for those who wish to complete the Census form online but do not have access to computers or internet connections. The Official date for the start of the Census is April 1, 2020.

One additional and totally unrelated comment for this column. Elsewhere in this newsletter, there is a column by me about an online book club I belong to, started by Reese Witherspoon. I would be interested in knowing if any of our readers participate in one or more online book clubs and if so, what your experiences have been. Feel free to email me if you wish at ps-wise@wiu.edu

Happy Holidays!!

- Paula Wise, President



BOOK SALE NEWS

Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen, sales coordinators



Non-Fiction Books and Media Sale

Thanks to a bright and brisk day and Dickens on the Square activities, our specialty book and media sale at the Annex saw a steady stream of customers taking advantage of the high quality bargains. We took in \$751.50 which will be reinvested in the 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

Beat the winter blahs with some good reading from our next sale featuring a wide choice of fiction, mysteries/action adventure, science fiction/horror as well as CDs, DVDs, and books-on-tape. The sale is **Saturday, February 1, 2020 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.** inside the **Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St.** We will also have our over-sized shelved books available including cook books, graphic novels, classics, poetry, art, history/biography, sports, wellness, humor/cartoons, etc.

MEET RACHEL BOSWORTH

Hi my name is Rachel Bosworth. I am a senior enrolled at the Macomb Senior high school. I participate in the Macomb Marching Bomber Band. I am the trumpet section leader currently and was the section leader last year also. I'm the captain of the girls swim team at Macomb High. I have worked at the library going on 8 months now, it has been one of the best experiences of my life. I plan on graduating in May of 2020 and while I have not confirmed on where I am going for college I hope to be going to Bradley University in the fall.



Mark Your Calendars For 2020 FOMPL Annual Meeting

The next Friends of the Macomb Public Library Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at the Macomb Country Club. The featured speaker will be Susan Van Kirk.

Van Kirk was born in Galesburg, Illinois, and educated at Knox College and University of Illinois. During her career in education, she first taught thirty-four years at Monmouth High School and ten years at Monmouth College while raising three children. Miraculously, she has low blood pressure.

She is now a writer of cozy mysteries. As an inhabitant of the Midwest, she writes during the ridiculously cold and icy winters.

Five Star Publishing published Van Kirk's Endurance Mysteries: *Three May Keep a Secret* and *Marry in Haste*. After having her rights reverted, she republished those books and added *The Locket: From the Casebook of TJ Sweeney* and *Death Takes No Bribes*. Encircle Publications published her latest book, *A Death at Tippitt Pond* [June 2019].

We hope you'll join us next April.



WINTER ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

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 2 through December 21. Come by and drop off your letter to Santa today!



Winter Reading: Reading is Sweet!

The Youth Services Department will host Winter Reading from December 2 to January 31. Reading is Sweet 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 zone and introduce them to some new parts of the collection. When children meet their reading goal, they will receive a free book, and snowman lollipop in addition to being entered into the final prize drawing for a Dunkin' Donuts gift card! It's sure to be a sweet season perfect for reading.

- Tiffany Erickson, Children's Librarian

Winter Programs For Adults

This year's Adult Winter Reading Program, **Bundled Up** will launch at 9:00 am Friday, January 3, 2020 and end at 4:00 pm, Friday, February 28, 2020. Registration and Reading Logs will be available at the Circulation Desk for ages 16 years and up. Need help discovering items to create your bundle of three or more? No problem, just ask one of the Macomb PL Staff members to assist you. Reading logs will be submitted to the Circulation Desk. Participant's completed contact information on the bottom of the Reading Log will be detached and entered into a drawing, which will be held at 4 pm, February 28, 2020, the official conclusion of the program. The winner will be contacted by phone or email.

The eBook and eAudiobook environment has changed a bit, due to new licensing restrictions. Watch the Macomb Public Library Web site, Facebook Page and Twitter feeds for training sessions. It is anticipated these sessions will be offered in February, after OverDrive and Axis 360 have completed all of their changes.

We started a new program called UNTangled for those 16 years and up. Participants could bring in unfinished thread, embroidery floss or yarn projects and while listening to relaxation music, work toward completion of those projects. We even had plastic canvas and yarn for those who came empty-handed yet wanted to participate.

The goal of this program was three-fold: pass on tradition, develop life skills and facilitate inter-generational interaction in a relaxed atmosphere.

- Sharon Sample, Library Assistant - Adult Services

DICKENS ACTIVITIES POPULAR WITH CHILDREN



The Children's Library had a great turnout for Dickens on the Square. About 16 people participated in the Gingerbread Magic Story Time on Saturday morning, and 46 people in the Gingerbread Craft Time in the afternoon. The picture on the left is during our story time and the picture on the right is during craft time. We made mouse ornaments, candy cane reindeer, fuzzy marshmallow snowmen, wreaths and paper chains.



The Reese Witherspoon Online Book Club

I am always looking for book recommendations. I noticed that many of the books I have enjoyed contained stickers saying they were Reese Witherspoon Book Club selections. After a bit of internet searching, I asked to join the online Reese Witherspoon Book Club and I was accepted. By the way, I do this through my Facebook account.

There are lots of interesting discussion topics such as: how do you decide when to quit reading a book you just can't get into? Which book should I read first when all of these books that I ordered from the library are available at the same time? What do I do when I want to get rid of books I no longer want? (Almost everyone in the book club quickly posted "Donate to your local Friends of the Library group.") One woman posted a photo of a huge pile of books that she had bought that day for \$12 total at her Friends of the Library sale table!

Another interesting thing about this particular book club is that there are a few members who are authors. Occasionally they will ask the group for advice about a book they are writing. Also, members will post something like "I just read a book about the holocaust or another serious subject, and I am looking for a very light reading selection. Any suggestions?"

I would recommend this online book club to those who like to hear other people's opinions of books they are considering. The members are mainly women of all ages and we all like to read!

- Paula Wise

A Totally Unique Book Discussion Club

A new type of book club has been proposed by community member Larry Parks. He would like to form a club which does not assign a certain book to read but instead offers participants a chance to discuss one of their favorite authors, books or characters. All club members will benefit by being exposed to new and interesting material.

The presentations will not be book reports. They will basically be a summary of who, what, when, where and why with just enough information to interest the other members. It is suggested participants bring a list (about 5 names) of their favorite authors to ensure everyone has something unique to present.

This club would not necessarily be confined to a particular genre. Each session could cover a different category of book or different clubs might be formed for different categories if interest warranted it.

Since Larry was interested in starting off with a Mystery Club, our FOL sponsored Mystery Book Club is going to put his suggestion into practice at its March 25, 2020 meeting (see information under Mystery Book Club schedule on back page). Bring some information about a few of your favorite mystery books/authors and share with other mystery lovers.

If you would like more information about this new kind of book club, contact Larry Parks at 309-421-0694.

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Special Library Holiday Hours

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 and Wednesday Dec. 25, 2019—CLOSED
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020—CLOSED
Monday, Jan. 20, 2020—CLOSED—Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020—CLOSED—Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Great Reads Schedule for 2019-2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
Jan. 8	Ondaatje, Michael	<i>Warlight</i>	Lois Ganyard
Feb. 19	Cantu, Francisco	<i>The Line Becomes A River: Dispatches from the Border</i>	Sandy Nelson
Mar. 11	Ngozi Adichie, Chimamanda	<i>Americanah</i>	Polly Upton
Apr. 8	Edugyan, Ese	<i>Washington Black</i>	Marian Swisher
May 13	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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
Feb. 26	Fossum, Karin	<i>The Indian Bride</i>	Lois Ganyard

This is the third in the series featuring Inspector Sejer. The story is set in Elvestad, Norway, population 2500, and chronicles what happens when a lonely middle-aged bachelor brings a bride from India to his small town. The story is compelling and the translation is excellent. Hope to see you there.

Looking ahead, for March 25 we are planning to try Larry Parks' suggestion (see article elsewhere in the newsletter). You are invited to come at the regular time (7:00 PM) and share a couple of your favorite mystery authors with the group. No big presentation, just tell us what you have liked. There will be no assigned book to read for this meeting. Hopefully you will learn about some authors you would like to get acquainted with, and that might lead to a broader choice of books for the months remaining this year and for next year's schedule.

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.