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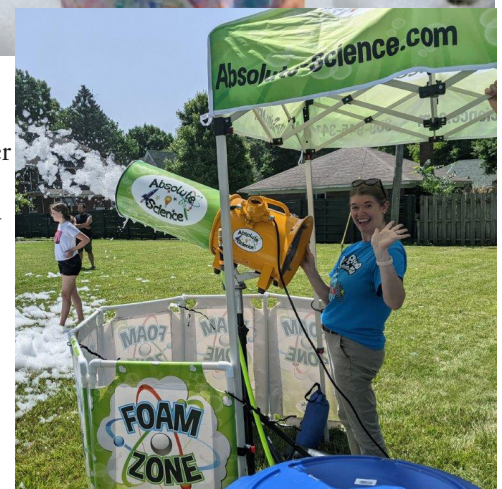
summer 2022

Summer reading is a blast!



The Absolute Science Foam Canon Party was amazing! There were over 100 people that came out to play in the bubbly foam.

Even Police Chief Jones, left and Miss Tiffany, right got in on the action.



from the President

Paula Wise

As I write this, we are halfway through August and local schools are getting ready to open for the year. When I was growing up, I couldn't wait for school to be over in June. Then, by early September, I was bored and couldn't wait to go back to school. (Note that our school year in Cleveland, Ohio in the 1950's and 60's started right after Labor Day and ended in mid-June.)

There has been an ongoing debate in educational circles as to whether the school year from early fall to late spring was based on an agricultural calendar so that kids could help their parents with planting and harvesting and still keep up with their studies. Of course, it could also be that everyone (teachers and students) needs a break when the weather warms up. The concept of year-round schooling has not been as popular as some educators thought it would be even though the majority of young people in the US no longer are needed to help on farms.

One of the things I loved about summer vacation was the time I could spend reading whatever I wanted. Our public library had a summer reading program in which we had to read a certain number of books. We had to report on those books to the librarian, Mr. Mayte, who asked questions until he was convinced we had actually completed each book. I don't remember if we got a certificate of completion – I'm sure there was no celebration or party. Still, it was an enjoyable way to keep up our reading skills over the long summer months.

I hope you have all had plenty of time to read and enjoy books this summer in whatever spare time you could find. Please don't forget the Friends of the Macomb Public Library's Better Books Sale on Saturday September 10th.

Happy Reading!



Mark Your Calendar for the Better Book Sale!

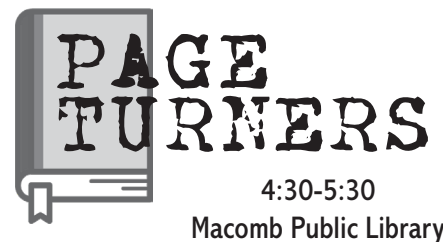
Join us and the Gazebo Art Festival in Chandler Park on Saturday, September 11th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have a good selection of books arranged in subject categories as well as a nice selection of media along with a large selection of children and youth books. There will be two food trucks and face painting so it will be a fun day for the entire family.

This is a fair-weather sale only and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Books Year-round

Were you aware that the Friends stock a free-will donation shelf of books at the library? They are really handy for those times you need something to throw in your bag and go.

Speaking of bags . . . there is also a fully stocked rack of books at the Amtrak Station.



September 19

Maya's Notebook Isabel Allende

October 17

The Loneliest Americans Jay Caspian Kang

November 14

Dressmakers of Auschwitz L.J. Adlington

Heritage Days 2022 Book Sale Results

Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen

A steady crowd brought in great results for the Heritage Days this year! The 2-hour Thursday Members Only Preview Sale was one of the best we've had! In just two hours, the dozen half-priced books opportunity brought in over \$1,000 with \$485 of that being membership dues. Our total book/media sales for the three day was just under \$7,000. We had an outstanding crew of volunteers. The most amazing volunteer accomplishment was taking down the entire sale (books, tables, signs, etc) in 22 minutes! Thank you everyone for attending and volunteering!



from www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/bannedbooksweek

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 729 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2021. Of the 1597 books that were targeted, here are the most challenged, along with the reasons cited for censoring the books:

***Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe**

Reasons: Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content, and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images

***Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison**

Reasons: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit

***All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson**

Reasons: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, and because it was considered to be sexually explicit

***Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez**

Reasons: Banned, challenged, and restricted for depictions of abuse and because it was considered to be sexually explicit

***The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas**

Reasons: Banned and challenged for profanity, violence, and because it was thought to promote an anti-police message and indoctrination of a social agenda

***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**

Reasons: Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references and use of a derogatory term

***Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews**

Reasons: Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and degrading to women

***The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison**

Reasons: Banned and challenged because it depicts child sexual abuse and was considered sexually explicit

***This Book is Gay* by Juno Dawson**

Reasons: Banned, challenged, relocated, and restricted for providing sexual education and LGBTQIA+ content.

***Beyond Magenta* by Susan Kuklin**

Reasons: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit.



children learned all about butterflies during this interactive display during the Summer Reading Program.

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Volunteers Needed

Better Book Sale
in Chandler Park,
Saturday, September 10
from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please email Becky at
parkers@macomb.com
for details and times

BOOK SALE

during the Gazebo Art Festival
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



2022 Adult Summer Reading

Sharon Sample, Adult Services

This year's theme was the same as the Youth's, the iRead chosen, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." It was a camping-based theme. 102 adults registered and 41 finished for a completion rate of 40%.

The Kick-off event for the adult SRP was the Lotus Lantern and Korean Culture Program on June 2, 2022, which maxed out with 15 participants and a waiting list of 16. The participants emphatically told the presenter, Younhee Shin, they wanted an encore presentation so others could participate and have the same experience. However, she was already booked until mid-late fall.

All finishers' names were entered into the drawing and received a prize. All other finishers received the Macomb Public Library District sunglasses. This particular prize was the result of collaboration between the Adult and Youth Services staff. These "sunnies" are royal blue, well-constructed, UVA/UVB protection for each wearer and have been received with tremendous enthusiasm. Patrons enjoy receiving prizes they can use. These glasses fit most, which is really beneficial. Kudos to Tiffany for finding these awesome shades!! We have only had a few casualties and replace them when asked, while supplies last.

For information on adult activities at the library, call 309-833-2714.



9:00 - 4:00
Chandler Park
Children/youth/adult books
and media!