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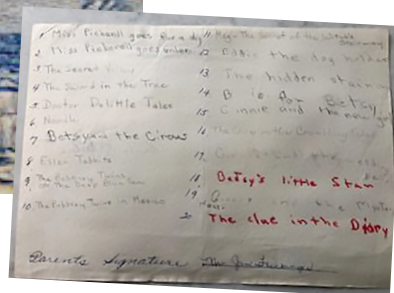
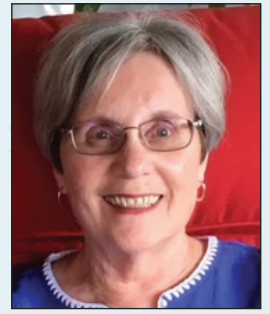
by Becky Parker

Not sure of what book to give for Christmas or a birthday? Linda and Rick of New Copperfield's Book Service have a vast range of ideas and resources to help you select the perfect gift. Besides a large display of local history and local authors, there is a charming display of children's books along with a display of toys and games. They know how to select books that work for their customers from traditional to the more esoteric. Last year they made someone very happy with the selection titled "The History of Underclothes" which is still on display. We encourage you to "go local" this year and support our gem on the square.

Speaking of going local ...

The **Bookmark** will be running columns from time to time on local authors and book reviews from FRIENDS of the Library members. We are featuring Gloria and Won Hurh as our authors for this month. Have a local author to feature? Send an email - greenshingle@hotmail.com



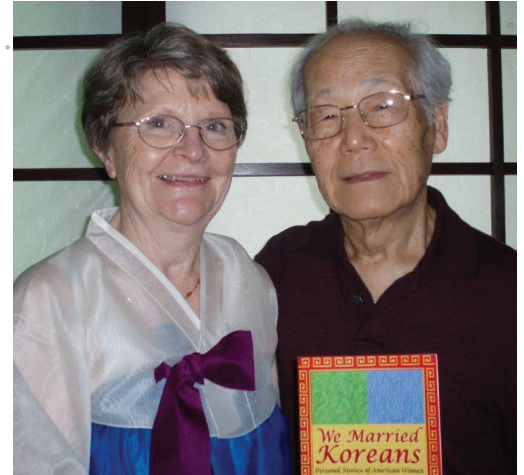


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Local Authors, Gloria and Won Hurh

by Becky Parker

During our “Page Turner’s Book Club” discussion of “The Loneliest Americans” our discussion leader, Gloria Hurh, revealed some interesting and unusual background about herself and her husband, Won. Each wrote a book revealing personal cross cultural and historical experiences which reflected risk-taking adventures and personal courage. Won’s life changed in 1950 when North Korea attached South Korea. He volunteered to join the South Korean military before finishing his senior year in high school. This commitment led to his becoming an officer, but also eventually threatened his ability to leave the country. In 1958 he finally arrived in the United States to further his education and met Gloria. They married in 1962 after Gloria promised they would return to South Korea to live. In 1969 they returned to Korea just when a political crisis closed all the universities. Won could not see a future for their family in South Korea. When Won learned the government was creating a “black list” of names to stop anyone on the list from leaving the country He was determined to leave, even though Gloria wanted to stay.



The idea for Gloria’s book, “We Married Koreans,” began after attending a convention where Won presented a paper. She met 2 other couples where the women had married Korean men. Eventually, this evolved into 2 to 3 years of research where she interviewed similar cross-cultural marriages for her book. While there were some similarities (some met through missionary activities, some families objected, etc.), there were different personal stories. Three of the women preferred to be anonymous – perhaps fearing repercussions. After her publication, Gloria got a letter from an elderly Korean-American father who had strongly objected to his son’s marriage to an American, but after reading her book, he now understood and accepted the marriage.

Won’s book, “I Will Shoot Them from My Loving Heart: Memoir of a South Korean Officer in the Korean War” describes his journey into the military against his mother’s wishes. He describes his reactions to his experiences with the ending message that “war is an institution of senseless killing.” He also expresses his gratitude to America and the United Nations for repelling the North Korean aggression.

Gloria and Won were married just under 50 years when he suddenly passed away. Both taught at WIU: Gloria in the Communication Department and Won in Sociology. Their books reveal not only their personal stories, but cross-cultural experiences in a historical context. Their books are available in Macomb at New Copperfields on the square.

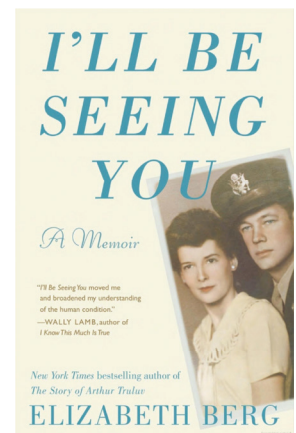
a Friend suggests . . .

“I’ll Be Seeing You: A Memoir” by Elizabeth Berg

reviewed by Jean Maakestad Wolf

Change is difficult. Helping parents through change is difficult. Elizabeth Berg and her siblings face these challenges with humor and love, as they help their parents navigate through the effects of Alzheimer’s disease and the necessity of leaving their home and moving to a care facility. As the children make decisions, provide direction, and offer support, the parents struggle to accept their guidance. This memoir provides many insights that could benefit families -- parents and children -- who find themselves in similar situations. In the end, love heals, transforms, and leads to grateful acceptance.

This review was written by a member of the Friends of the Library to share her thoughts on a book she considered noteworthy. To keep these reviews as a regular feature in the Friends newsletter, please consider writing your own brief book review for this column or for the “What are You Reading” piece published in the Community News Brief’s Friday edition. Submit your brief reviews describing the book and what you liked about it to Kate Joswick (joswickkate@gmail.com). Be sure to include your name, the book’s title and its author.



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Adult Services

by Sharon Sample

Greetings from Adult Services! The New Year will kick off with the annual Winter Reading Program titled, Hibernate with a Good Book (January 9-February 28). Only 3 books of any format, any genres are required to complete the Adult Winter reading Log.

We have been collaborating with the One Book, One Community committee. Please watch for

programs throughout the community, as well as your favorite Macomb Public Library to participate! Most of these events will be held the last part of January and the month of February, 2023.

Our Indoor Gardening Program will return on March 1, 2023. If you have questions or wish to enroll as a participant, please contact the Library for more information via macomblib.virtual@gmail.com or 309-833-2714. Thank you!



The Page Turner Book Club will meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Macomb Public Library Meeting Room.

The following books have been selected for the first half of the year.

The public is invited to attend.

2023 SCHEDULE

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR
January 11	<i>Have you Seen Luis Valez</i> Discussion leader Jaan Sturgis.	Catherine Ryan Hyde
February 8	<i>Leaving Eastern Parkway</i> Discussion leader Nancy Jones.	Matthew Daub
March 8	<i>A World of Curiosities</i> Discussion leader Alice Davenport	Louise Penny
April 12	<i>October Light</i> Discussion leader Mary Elizabeth Vos	John Gardner
May 10	<i>River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile</i> Discussion leader TBA	Candace Millard
June 14	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> Discussion leader Becky Parker.	Bonnie Garmus