



Season's Readings!

Go Local!

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





from the President

Paula Wise

December, 2022

This year has flown by! I hope when each of you looks back on the year, you remember mostly good things that happened and that the happy times far outweighed the not-so-happy times!

I spent a lot of 2022 reading – I have a notebook in which I keep a record of the titles of books I have read and their authors. I believe I should be up to about 60 books by the end of 2022. I also

write a couple of notes about each of the books on my list so my aging memory will at least have a vague idea of what the heck the book was about! I believe there were only two books this year that warranted a "dnf" (did not finish) notation next to their titles.

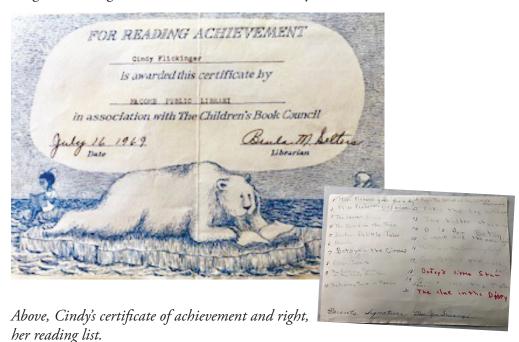
I usually give away books when I finish them – most often either to friends I think will enjoy them or of course to the Friends of the Macomb Public Library for our book sales. That way I don't accumulate too many books (and I always have room for more!)

I know that December tends to be a busy month with holiday preparations, friend and family gatherings, concerts, parties, open houses etc. I am sure, though, that we avid readers will still find time to relax in a corner somewhere and spend time reading. After all, we might try to eat and drink in moderation, but reading has no limits! It is not bad for your health or your waistline and it is good for your brain so feel free to indulge as much as you want.

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and, of course, Happy Reading. Thank you so much for being a member of the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. We are grateful for your support!!

New Board Cindy Amundsen

After living in St Louis Park, MN for 35 years, I moved back to Macomb a year ago to be closer to family. I have one son, Sam, who still lives in MN. I am excited to give back to the library that meant so much to me growing up. Instead of a photo of me, I wanted to share my 1969 Macomb Public Library Summer Program reading list. (Yes, I still have it!) Cindy



Book Sale February 4th

11:00am - 2:00pm

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All books are in good condition and very reasonably priced.

Also included in this sale are the oversized books on the shelves along with

DVDs, CDs, and LP records.

All proceeds invested in the public library!

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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 in1950 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.

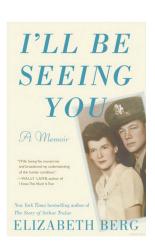
Won's book, "I Will Shoot Them from My Loving Heart: Memoir of a South Korean Officer in the Korean War" describes his journey into the military against his mother's wishes. He describes his reactions to his experiences with the ending message that "war is an institution of senseless killing." He also 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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don't miss the next book sale February 4th

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!

	2023 SCHEDULE		
PAGE	DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR
TURNERS	January 11	Have you Seen Luis Valez	Catherine Ryan Hyde
		Discussion leader Jaan Sturgis.	
<u></u>	February 8	Leaving Eastern Parkway	Matthew Daub
The Page Turner Book Club		Discussion leader Nancy Jones.	
will meet the 2nd Wednesday	March 8	A World of Curiosities	Louise Penny
•		Discussion leader Alice Davenport	
of every month from 4:30 to	April 12	October Light	John Gardner
5:30 p.m. in the Macomb Public	-	Discussion leader Mary Elizabeth Vos	
Library Meeting Room.	May 10	River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal	
The following books have been	•	in the Search for the Source of the Nile	
		3	Candace Millard
selected for the first half of the		Discussion leader TBA	
year.	June 14	Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus
The public is invited to attend.		Discussion leader Becky Par	