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Summer 2024

## Heritage Days 2024!

### Book Sale June 27 • 28 • 29

THIS is a great opportunity to help us with our biggest fundraiser of the year. Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen are co-chairs of this 3 day event and will be available throughout all volunteer time slots. Check the schedule below and email [parkers@macomb.com](mailto:parkers@macomb.com) indicating what dates/times/you would like to help us. Feel free to recruit friends or family to help in the setting up on Wednesday and/or taking down on Saturday. The more that help, the faster the job is completed.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26@9am

Many volunteers are needed to move light tables, move small boxes of books, open books for display.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 27@3:30pm

Some volunteers are needed to move final selection of small boxes and open boxes for display before our Members-Only Preview Sale at 4 pm.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28** 2-3 volunteers are needed to work sales and help straighten books from 9-10am, 10-12 noon, 12 noon to 2, 2-4pm.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29** 2-3 volunteers are needed to work sales and help straighten books from 9-10am, 10-12 noon, 12 noon to 2, 2-4pm.

**4PM - MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MOVE BOOKS BACK TO THE ANNEX**

*The Friends' Board considered the use of a credit card for the sale. It was unanimously agreed upon that we would stick with cash/check only. This way we aren't paying credit card fees. All sale dollars go directly to the Friends.*

## MEMBERS ONLY SALE! GET 1 DOZEN 1/2 PRICE BOOKS!



Meet fellow Friends of the Library Members and share recommendations for good books as you get a pre-sale look at the merchandise, JUNE 27 4 to 6 pm. Your membership allows you to purchase a dozen books at half price and an unlimited number at full price. Don't forget to check out the adjacent Annex building as it will house many books as well as media.

Need to renew your membership? Membership forms available at the sales table.

## ***from the President***

*Cindy Cavett*



I feel like I have come full circle with the Friends of the Library. When I married my husband, Lynn, back in July of 1990 I moved to Macomb from Burlington, IA. We soon had our two sons, Max in 1992 and Jack in 1995 and I had taken a hiatus from teaching (BA in Elementary Education from the University of Iowa) to raise our boys.

As I have always loved a library, spending time at the Macomb Public Library was a given. I would pack up the kids to walk to the library or ride my bike there for some solo time. A library is my happy place.

During this time there was interest in starting a Friends group here in Macomb. As I was involved with the Burlington Public Library Friends, I was all in with this idea and joined the effort. My timeline is a bit blurry but after a lot of work the MPL Friends group was established. I have fond memories of some of the first members, Bill Burton, Lois Ganyard, Becky Parker, Doris Simpson and others. I do remember that Bill nominated me for the presidency, saying we needed some “young blood”. With all that experience in the room I am sure I was not the best pick but there you have it.

So here I go again-hopefully more experienced this time around. The Friends’ board is filled with enthusiastic, talented, and fun people so I look forward to this next year.

Hope to see everyone at the Heritage Days Book Sale!

## **Notes from the Business Meeting at the Annual FOMPL Dinner, April 11, 2024**

*Report from the President, Summary of the Year’s activities*

Becky and Elisa, our wonderful book sale team, continue to run successful book sales. In 2023, we had a Heritage Days Sale, a Gazebo Arts Sale, and two small sales at the Annex. We made over \$13,000 in 2023 which is very much in keeping with our usual annual sales results. I believe that except for 2020, we have earned over \$10,000 every year for many, many years. Who would have imagined that selling donated used books in a small community with most books priced at \$2 or less could yield that large an amount?. Thanks to Becky and Elisa as well as all of the volunteers, the book donors, and the book purchasers!!

Since at least 2016 we have donated some of our unsold books to nonprofit agencies and organizations. Free books continue to be donated for travelers at the train station and to the county jail as well as to the Little Free Library outside of the Annex.

Page Turners Book Club, under the leadership of Kim Rice and Kelly Gradert continues to thrive. I know that many of you have been involved in this activity and I have heard lots of positive comments about it!

Weekly Book Reviews coordinated by Kate Joswick have continued to appear in the *Community News*. Please keep those reviews coming and thanks to all of you who have contributed reviews. Kate’s email address is [joswickkate@gmail.com](mailto:joswickkate@gmail.com)

We have given gifts to Library staff during the year.

We have supported the year-round programming for children, especially the ever-popular summer reading program.

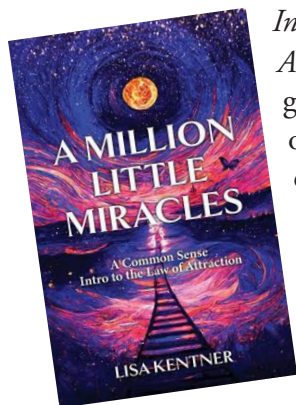
We have published the Friends of the Library Newsletter 4 times this year, and thanks to Gabbie Murphy and Becky, we have maintained a presence on social media

Cindy Amundsen sent out the readers’ survey. Kim Rice helped with the statistical part.

**NEW INITIATIVE** The Friends’ Board is discussing using some of our money for philanthropy. A couple of ideas we are considering are the Adopt a Classroom project at Lincoln School and funding a scholarship to a student interested in pursuing a career in Library Science or a related field.

We are always interested in hearing your ideas for literacy related projects we might consider funding that benefit the Macomb community.

# Local Author Roundup *Lisa Kentner*



*Interview by Cindy Amundson*

*A Million Little Miracles: A Common Sense Intro to the Law of Attraction* seeks to guide you in creating the life of your dreams. Author Lisa Kentner shares stories of how she manifested things and people into her life while going through a divorce. She provides exercises to help train your brain to look at things from a positive mindset.

**Are you originally from west central Illinois?** I was born in Dixon, IL but grew up in Macomb.

**Who inspired/encouraged you to write?** A friend suggested I write a book to help other people dealing with negative things in their lives. I really had not thought of writing a book. That friend introduced me to a colleague of hers, who introduced me to a professor at Georgetown University who created a program to teach people how to write and publish their books.

**Why did you decide to write this book?** I had some wonderful things happen to me when going through a difficult time in my life and wanted to share how I moved through the difficult time with a positive attitude.

**Have you written other books?** Titles? I have not written other books, yet. I have a couple of ideas for follow-up books.

**What is the best/hardest part of writing?** Getting over the imposter syndrome of thinking you don't know what you're talking about is the hardest part. The best part of writing my book is the comments I receive from people that the book has helped.

**What advice would you give to an aspiring writer?** Find someone or a program to help hold yourself accountable to writing.

## Summer Reading for Adults!

*Sharon Sample*

Adult Coloring is on vacation for a couple of months. The Adult Summer Reading Program, **Read, Renew, Repeat**, kicked off on Saturday, June 1st and will end July 31st. Read or listen to any 3 books, audiobooks, eBooks, or eAudiobooks, complete the log, bring it in, and give the completed log to a Library Staff member to enter you into a Grand Prize Drawing!

The drawing will be held at 5pm on July 31st. Watch the library's Website calendar and/or social media to find out about adult activities, such as an up-cycle program and hopefully more events to be announced soon!

*Rachel Christiansen*

The library has launched the Macomb PLD Silent Book Club. Join us in the library to enjoy some dedicated reading time.

The Silent Book Club is all about enjoying reading without any pressure; discussions and socializing are optional. Just bring yourself and whatever you want to read in whatever format you prefer or come early to browse and let us help you find your next favorite book.

If audiobooks are more your thing, feel free to bring your device and headphones so you can read that way. No pre-registration is required for this adult program. The book club meets

the 2nd Monday and 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm but be sure to check the library calendar on the website for dates and times.



4:30-5:30  
Macomb Public Library  
2nd Wednesday  
of each month

July 10 **Cutting for Stone**  
Abraham Verghese

August 14 **A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of an American Spy Who Helped Win World War II**  
Sonia Purnell

September 11 **Hello Beautiful**  
Ann Napolitano

October 9 **The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession**  
Michael Finkel

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# SILENT BOOK CLUB

Where: Reading Room

When: 2nd Mon and 2nd Sat of each  
month from 10-12

What: Reading without the pressure!  
Discussions and socializing optional

Bring Your Own Book or come early to browse. Feel free to  
bring headphones and your device for audiobooks.  
No registration required, this program is for adults only.

## *Read, Renew, Repeat - Adult SRP Reading Log 16 yrs +*



Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_



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Author: \_\_\_\_\_

*Can be any 3 books, audiobooks, eBooks, eAudiobooks, even  
children's! One entry per person.  
Grand Prize Drawing at 5 pm July 31, 2024.*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_