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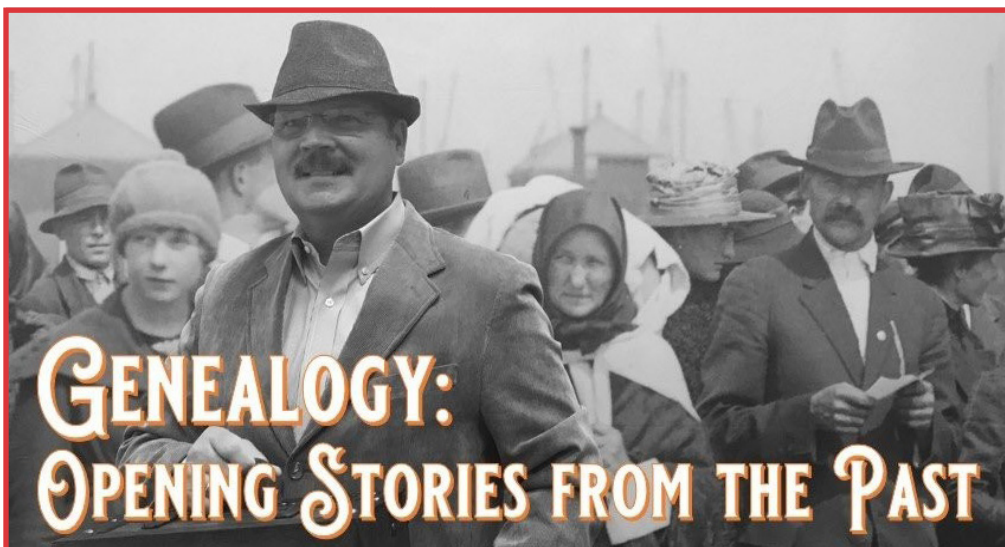
Spring 2025

## one book one community festival 2025

Community members, tots, 'tweens, teens, and adults, are invited to join members of the Shared Community Action Group and its One Book One Community Festival (OBOC) Committee for conversations, concerts, and hands-on activities to explore the 2025 OBOC Festival theme, *The Earth: Our Home*. The City of Macomb, Macomb Public Library, Western Illinois Museum, University of Illinois Extension, YMCA, Macomb schools, Western Illinois University, and several other community organizations are Festival co-sponsors.

The 2025 festival books will make it easy for children and adults of all ages to participate in the festival. The books include a picture book, *Thank You, Earth: A Love Letter to Our Planet* by author and photographer April Pulley Sayre; a graphic novel, *Wildheart: The Daring Adventures of John Muir* by writer Julie Bertagna and illustrator William Goldsmith; and *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*, by author Robin Wall Kimmerer with artist John Burgoyne.

The OBOC idea comes from the American Library Association, and



## Nemec to speak at Friends' Annual Meeting

Allen Nemec will present local and personal stories revealed through his passion for genealogical research. In 2024 his expertise was recognized state-wide when he received the Illinois State Genealogical Society Medal of Honor.

For decades he has helped others with researching the past as President of the McDonough County Genealogical

Society. He also has a number of publications involving local Macomb homes and the history of Macomb as remembered by Alex Holmes. He has contributed significantly to our community doing research as a member of the Lizzie Magee Monopoly Project Committee and serving on the city's Historical Preservation Committee.

cities and towns across the USA have been adopting the program for more than two decades. Our community has begun participating by reading and discussing books and ideas we have in common.

OBOC Festival activities will take place in April. For further information or to propose a program that explores the festival theme, contact Janice

Welsch (jr.welsch@gmail.com), Virginia Diehl (virginiadiehl@gmail.com), Sue Scott (info@wimuseum.org), Guy Huston (ga-huston@wiu.edu), Lisa Torrance (lfulker@illinois.edu), or Ellie Zoerink (zoerinke@gmail.com).

Friends' board member Kim Rice will host a discussion on Tuesday, April 29, 5-6 at the library.

## from the President

*Cindy Cavett*

Happy Spring! Thanks to everyone who came to the winter celebration back in January. There was a nice crowd and it sure made a cold day brighter to see some familiar faces and some new faces as we celebrated 30 years of the Friends of the Library!

It was great to see Lois Ganyard at the get together. Along with being my neighbor for 18 years, Lois and I were both on the steering committee for the creation of the FOMPL back in the mid-nineties.

It took an academic year to organize and get our group recognized. All I remember, since this was pre-internet, was shuffling through a bunch of "How to Create a Friends Organization" papers that I borrowed from my mom as she was part of getting a Friends group going in Burlington, IA. Remember how much harder everything was to figure out before the internet!

I do remember Bill Burton encouraging me to agree to the presidency since we needed "young people" (and I fell for it!) and Arlene Harhen was treasurer (a role she had close to 20 years until her passing). Our first annual meeting was at the Bailey House and cost folks \$10. The Board brought appetizers-sound familiar? As Lois remembers, Friends' meetings were a lot of fun! I agree. Hope to see you on April 8 for a fun meeting and interesting program!



## Friends Celebrate 30 Years!

*Becky Parker, Book Sale Co-Chair*

There was a great turn out on Saturday, January 18, at the Wine Sellers for our 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. Board members provided light snacks and coffee was donated by Sullivan Taylor. First board members attending included Pam McLean and Lois Ganyard along with Cindy Cavett who served as our very first president. Cindy Cavett and Becky Parker did a short presentation highlighting accomplishments and activities. Over the years, the Friends have provided financial support supplementing special needs of the library including donating to the campaign for the new library addition, supporting the children's summer reading program, purchasing the new outdoor book/media drop, as well as, a state of the art microfiche reader, children's computers, and supplementing high demand needs of library books and media.



*Left to right Kate Joswick, Connie LaRue, Becky Parker and Sandy Shearer*

## Annual Dinner

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

*Macomb Country Club*

- 5:00 Socializing
- 5:30 Business meeting -  
Treasurer's yearly  
report and elections
- 5:45 Dinner
- Program to follow**

### MENU

- Caesar Salad
- Prime Rib/Lemon Chicken Picatta Buffet  
or Veggie Pasta
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes • Roll • Dessert
- Water, Coffee, Tea



# 2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership Levels

- ☐ Individual \$10.00
- ☐ Family \$15.00
- ☐ Supporting \$25.00
- ☐ Sustaining \$50.00
- ☐ Patron \$100.00

### *I would like to be involved with:*

- ☐ Fundraising/Donations/Gifts
- ☐ Friends' Board
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Book Sales
- ☐ Adopt-A-Shelf
- ☐ Adopt-A-Classroom
- ☐ I will contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To save time, money and resources, *The Bookmark* is emailed to each member 4 times a year. If you require a hard copy, please INDICATE HERE:

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*Membership runs May 1 to April 30. Make checks payable to: Friends of the Macomb Public Library*

## Make your Annual Dinner Reservation! Due by March 28! April 8, 2025 • Macomb Country Club

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Prime Rib &amp; Lemon Chicken Picatta Buffet # \_\_\_\_\_

Veggie Pasta # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ at \$35 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(membership/reservation)

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for the annual  
dinner and your  
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Macomb, IL 61455  
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## **Summer Reading Program is Level Up!**

*Tiffany Erickson, Children's Services*

June 2 through July 31 - Children read 500 minutes to get a free book, brag tag, logo baseball pen, completion certificate, and a free Frosty coupon.

The library will offer several programs for children of all ages during the summer. Move and Groove meets Tuesdays at 10:30 for children birth to 3 with a caregiver. Children enjoy stories, movement songs, and instrument play. All Ages Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:30am. This story is traditional, but never boring. Special guests, like PBS kids, storytime characters, and local celebrities, frequently stop by to read with the children. Parents and caregivers love Messy Makers on Thursdays at 10:30am. During this program, children explore their artistic side with craft project that might be too messy for home.

The library is happy to partner with the Macomb Park District again this year on Little Lunchers in Chandler Park where children enjoy storytime and lunch.

As the library finalizes our summer schedule, we are looking to offer Lego building, board game days, science demonstrations and so much more! We are certainly looking forward to a fun-filled summer reading program.



## **What's on your nightstand?**

**The Help** by Kathryn Stockett

This is her 1st book, written in 2009.

And it is amazing!! I've seen the movie many times, and loved it. I bought the hardcover book at one of the recent Friends of the Macomb Public Library book sales. This book is so well written - from the perspective of 2 of the "help" employed by local white families and Skeeter, who writes the book about them all. I really feel like I know the characters and am right there with them for every event - my heart breaks for them when they are mistreated. Even if you've seen the movie, I highly recommend that you read the book!!

*Barrie McVey, Friends Board*

**Giants in the Earth** by O.E. Rolvaag

This will be the 3rd time I've read this classic. Seems to be an "every twenty year" thing! So glad Page Turners Book Club has it on their list this year!

*Cindy Amundsen, Friends Board Secretary*