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Summer 2025

Heritage Days 2025!

Book Sale June 27 & 28

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 event and will be available throughout all volunteer time slots. Check the schedule below and email 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 25 @9am

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 @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 27 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 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.

4-6pm - MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MOVE BOOKS BACK TO THE ANNEX

SALE IS CASH OR CHECK

All sale dollars go directly to the Friends to purchase books for the library and promote literacy in our community.



From the President

Cindy Cavett

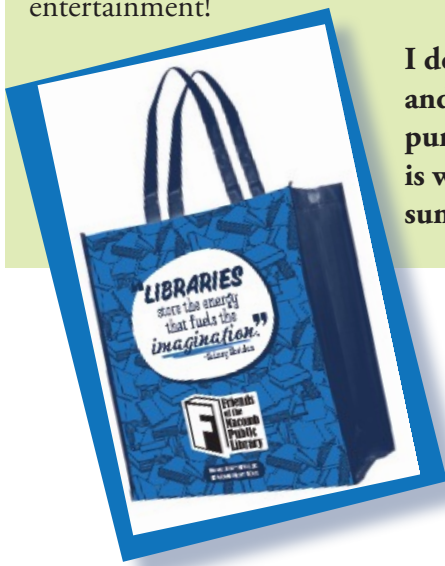
Summer is here and you know what that means -our annual Heritage Days Book Sale!

It is one of my favorite parts of the weekend, along with the parade and fun food. Don't forget that with your Friends' membership you can attend the Thursday night sale and get up to 12 books at half price. I love seeing the familiar faces of the book shoppers all chatting away. It's like a little homecoming.

Thanks to all that attended our annual meeting back in April. We calculated that it was our biggest crowd in the history of the annual meeting. Maybe due to our program by Allen Nemec! It was well done and circled around to the importance of libraries. I certainly enjoy his column about houses around Macomb and their history. And I do have to say that the Macomb Country Club put on a great meal. All in all, a very nice night with friends, food and entertainment!



I do want to plug a purchase you can make to show your support of our library and the Friends' organization. A sturdy bag, perfect for hauling away your book purchases, will be available at the Book Sale. I personally love this style of bag as it is woven plastic with a squared-up bottom. Show off with this accessory over the summer! Happy reading-Cindy



Friends' Newest Board Member

Kathy Ganyard joins the Friends of the Library Board - a graduate of MHS (1982) and University of Illinois (U-C,) Kathy spent 11 years as a member of reference teams in public libraries. "The value of public libraries extends all the way from Family Storytime, to providing tools for personal goal achievement, to researching genealogy and local history resources. The public library is a community builder and preserver," she said.

Kathy was also a small business owner for 15 years- an educator and certified Yoga Therapist, Ayurvedic Practitioner, and Licensed Massage Therapist. Her specialties included adaptive yoga for brain injury and Aphasia, paralysis, disease, pregnancy, aging well, and injury rehabilitation and prevention. Her background in Ayurveda included diet and lifestyle counseling.

Kathy has 3 children working in the world: a librarian, a Suzuki violin teacher, and a job coach for those experiencing disability. As a family-first person, she recently returned to Macomb to spend time with her mother (Lois, Friends OG) and to get back to her roots. Though education and career has taken Kathy many places in the world, she feels grateful for her solid foundation in life and privileged to be working with The Home Delivery Meal Program at the YMCA Senior Center.



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 25 from 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 Annex for more books as well as media. We will have membership forms for anyone who wants to join or renew their membership.

Local Author Roundup *Tiffany Erickson*



My first picture book is *The Snack Thief* from Lawley Publishing. The formal release date is July 22, but locals may be able to get a copy sooner in town. Stay tuned! *The Snack Thief* is a delicious who-dunit for ages 3-5. Toby is a snack master, but after his snacks go missing day after day, he lays a trap to stop the thief. This book features food, family, mystery, and learning the days of the week.



I was raised in Vandalia, Illinois and between my education and career, I have lived all over the state. I've been writing since I was a child and luckily my parents and teachers encouraged me through the years. All of my favorite books growing up featured food,

so it was easy to base a story on snacks. Being a librarian and parent has given me a greater appreciation for what works in storytime and at bedtime, which are often very different books! I think this story will work well in a classroom as well as at home.

I'm constantly trying out ideas for new stories. The stories I'm most excited about, and working hardest on, are a story about a girl who is afraid of dogs, a witch who is bad at baking, and a girl who desperately wants to be a tiger. Writing that first draft is scary but easy. Editing is time consuming, but satisfying. Pitching a book is like sending your baby to school. But book promotion is the hardest! I have to talk about myself, engage in social media, run a website, and in general promote myself and my writing. That's not a fun time for an introvert!

If you are an aspiring writer, the most important thing to do is read! Read everything in the genre of your choice. If you want to be published, it's vitally important that you understand the book market. The library is a great place to start. We see the ups and downs of publishing first hand. We know what's selling and what's circulating, plus we have resources about the mechanics of writing and book promotion. Librarians are passionate about books so just ask us our thoughts on the book market and hold on as we deliver a seminar!

Thank you for the support as I continue my writing journey.



25 Years of Clock Tower Community Bank Sponsorship

Friends of the Macomb Public Library would like to recognize Clock Tower Community Bank for 25 continuous years as our corporate sponsor for the Heritage Days Book Sales. This support allows the Friends to contribute more to Macomb Public Library supplemental needs including support of programs such as the Children's Summer Reading Program. Pictured are Laura Leezer, Senior Vice President of Marketing, and Todd Lester, President of the Clock Tower Community Bank along with Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen, book sale coordinators.

Check us out online at: macomblibraryfriends.org

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What's on your nightstand?

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore won the Good Reads "Favorite Mystery & Thriller Award" in 2024. It starts in 1975 when a 13 year old girl from an exclusive camp disappears. Fourteen years earlier her brother also disappeared and was never found. So far, dysfunctional families and a culture class between privileged are surfacing as underlying themes.

Becky Parker, Friends Board

Honestly, my nightstand couldn't withstand the weight. I've got a whole TBR room in my house. But as of this writing, I'm four books into the *Maradaine Saga* by Marshall Ryan Maresca. It's a sprawling (and still unfinished) series of interconnected fantasy novels – which is a description that doesn't really describe it at all. It has threads of magical vigilantism, police procedural, underworld revenge, and political intrigue, which promise to come together as the series continues. Ask me if the payoff is worth it once this newsletter comes out!

Elisa Rasmussen, Friends Board

Adult Services News Summer 2025

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. We gave away 45 dumpster fire stress toys and 97 mental awareness support stickers.

We also kicked off the Adult Summer Reading Program on June 2nd for those 16 years of age and up. It will run through July 31st, concluding with a Grand Prize Drawing. Adults only need to read or listen to any three books, complete the bottom portion of their log, turn it in at the Circulation Desk and will be entered into the drawing.

Adult Coloring takes a vacation for June and July. It will relaunch August 7th from 2-4 pm.

Please follow us via the Macomb Public Library District Website and/or social media @macombpld

Happy reading!

Sharon Sample, Adult Services

Page Turner Book Club

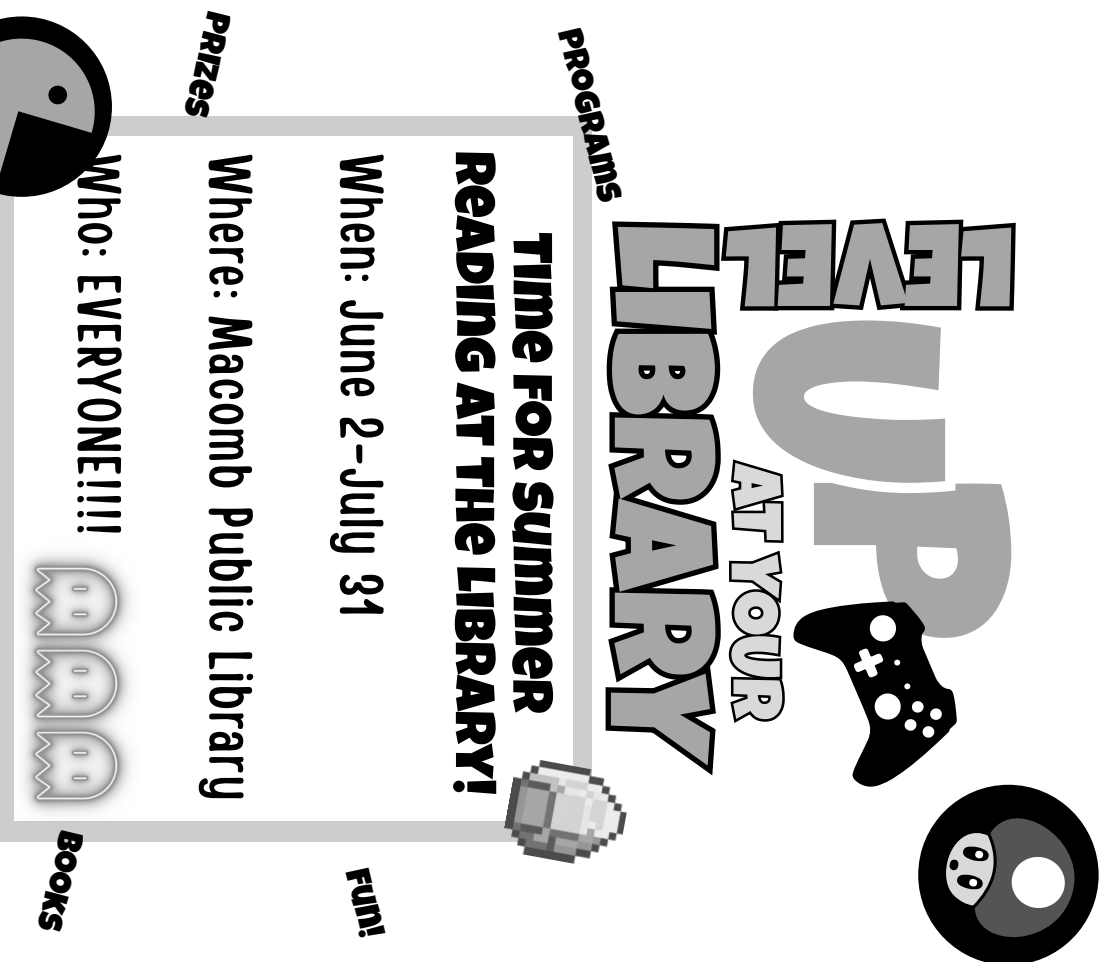
meets the 2nd Wednesday of
every month from
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the
Macomb Public Library
Meeting Room.
The public is invited to attend.

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

SUMMER READING 2025

GUIDELINES

- Sign-up for Summer Reading starts June 2, 2025
- Your reading goal is 500 minutes.
 - Mark off one circle on your reading log for every ten minutes of reading you complete.
- Turn in your completed reading log by July 31 to receive:
 - Free book of your choice!
 - Pop-fly ink pen!
 - Brag tag!
 - Completion certificate!
 - Frostee coupon!
 - Entry into bonus prize drawing!
- Extra reading logs can be completed to earn more drawing entries.
- Summer reading ends July 31!



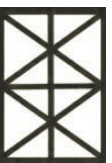
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SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Absolute Science Bubbles Stations, Friday, June 6 at 10:30 am on the Library Annex Lawn
- Storytime with PBS Kids, Wednesday, June 11 at 10:30 am
- Storytime with Pete the Cat, Wednesday, June 25 at 10:30 am
- The Quesal Puppet Troupe, Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30 am
- Absolute Science Foam Cannon Party, Tuesday, August 5 at 10:30 am on the Library Annex Lawn
- Little Lunchers with Macomb Park District, Thursdays, June 12, July 10 and July 24 at 12:00 pm in the Chandler Park Gazebo
- More programs to be announced!



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STORIES, CRAFTS, AND MORE!

- Move and Groove, Tuesdays at 10:30 am for children birth-3 years plus a caregiver. Books, songs, and instruments for our youngest readers.
- Storytime, Wednesdays at 10:30 am for children of all ages. Books, songs, and rhymes for all!
- Messy Makers, Thursdays at 10:30 am for children ages 2-9 years old. Stories plus a craft!
- Lego Builders, Every other Monday starting June 16 at 2:30 pm for ages 5 and up. Drop in and build!
- Board Game Mania, 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2:30 pm. Drop in and play!
- Pokemon Club, 2nd and 4th Thursday at 3:30 pm. Staff from Spellbound Stories will be on hand to help value, trade, and play!
- Fantastic Fridays, 2nd and 4th Friday at 10:30 am for kids ages 10 and up. A special activity for the big kids.
- Book Tasting, Wednesday, June 18 at 2:30 pm. Ages 8 and up can learn more about the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award.

