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Summer 2026

## Heritage Days 2026!

### Book Sale June 25, 26, 27

JOIN US for our largest fundraising activity of the year! Enjoy your membership perk by receiving your first 12 books at half price on Thursday, June 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. at our **MEMBERS-ONLY PREVIEW SALE**. You can purchase your membership on location if you forgot to renew or want to join. Our public sale is open from Friday & Saturday, June 25–9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a bag sale on Saturday, 3 to 4 p.m. The sale features good conditioned books arranged in subject order along with a large selection of children and young adult books and media.

Audio books, CDs, LPs and DVDs along with some oversized books are housed in the Library Annex next to the tents.

**VOLUNTEER!** Many volunteers are needed to set up the book sale -

**Wednesday, June 24 @ 9 a.m.** MANY needed to move light tables/books.

**Friday & Saturday, June 26-27.** SALES (and restocking) people needed in 2 hour slots.

**Saturday, June 27 @ 4 p.m.** MANY needed to return light tables/books.

Elisa Rasmussen and Becky Parker are the Heritage Days Book Sales Coordinators. Please email parkers@macomb.com if you want to volunteer or have any questions.



**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*

Welcome, Summer! You know what summer brings -the Friend's Heritage Days Book Sale. As always, volunteers are needed for this event organized so well by Becky and Elisa.

We had a great time at our Friends Annual Meeting. The Macomb Country Club really worked hard as two events were scheduled that day. It is always fun to see members at this dinner, and we had an entertaining local speaker, Tiffany Erikson.

Back in April a group of travelers from the YMCA went to Holland and Belgium. The cruise hit Keukenhof Gardens in the Netherlands, which was absolutely stunning, and many other places.

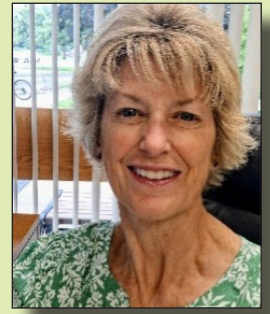
One of my favorite sites was in Middleburg. We walked by their version of a Little Free Library.

The sign, in Dutch, reads: "Take a Book/Give a Book!". About the same message as found on our libraries in the states, maybe a bit more directive, though! There are three registered libraries in Macomb found at the YMCA, the YMCA Community Child Care Center and Edison School. The Friends have a library right outside the Annex also filled with books. You can get online and find LFLs all around the world with their app.

Hope the summer brings much reading, wherever you find your books!

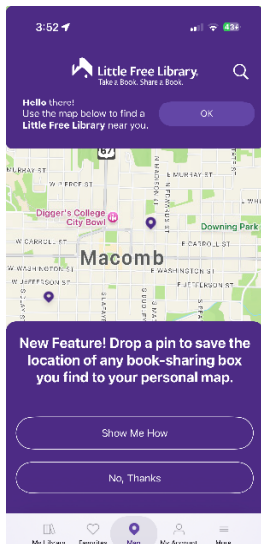
See you at the sale-

Cindy



## Little Free Library Mobile App

taken from *Littlefreelibrary.org*



The Little Free Library mobile app is a free app from the Little Free Library nonprofit organization. Start by downloading the app from the App Store or Google Play Store. The app makes it easy to find little library locations near you and use the search filters to refine your results. You can easily get directions to the nearest little libraries or create a route so you can walk or bike to several in your area.

See a library you like? Add it to your list of favorites. Visit a lot of little libraries? Track which ones you've been to using the handy check-ins feature. If you're a Little Free Library steward, there's a section of the app just for you that lets you edit your library's listing in real time!



## 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.

## Tiffany Erickson Headlines April Annual Dinner

The annual Friends' dinner was held on April 16 at the Macomb Country Club. After a mess-up of over scheduling, the country club got us in 30 minutes later than we usually start. Social hour started at 5:30 and the business meeting started at 6:00. Elisa Rasmussen, Kim Rice, Cindy Cavett, Diane Walker, Barrie McVey, and Kelly Gradert were all voted onto the board for another 2-year term. Dinner was a prime rib buffet at 6:15.

Macomb's very own local author, Tiffany Erickson, was the evening's main event. Tiffany walked us through her love of books in her childhood, her college years, and her dream of writing children's stories. Her first book, "The Snack Thief", had its formal release in July of 2025.



## Get Involved

As a member of Friends, it is obvious that books are important to you. Within this organization there are so many ways you can volunteer your time to spread the love of books and reading.

This article does appear on our website - [macomblibraryfriends.org](http://macomblibraryfriends.org) but I thought it was worth a reprint.

### Book Sales

Volunteers are needed to set up, take down, and sell at our two main book sales. For Heritage Days sales (during the last full weekend of June) we need people to move light tables and small boxes of books from the Annex to the large tent, to open boxes for display, and to sell and straighten/restock books during the sale. In September during our Chandler Park sale we need trucks and volunteers to load the trucks with small boxes of books and supplies, to open boxes for display, and to sell and straighten books. At the end of the sale we need a large crew to close the boxed books, load the truck, and return the books to the Library Annex. This is a great family activity as we frequently have multiple generations join us. Contact either of

the two coordinators: Becky Parker at [parkers@macomb.com](mailto:parkers@macomb.com) or Elisa Rasmussen at [erasmus@fabtimes.net](mailto:erasmus@fabtimes.net) for more information or to volunteer.

### Write a review

Short book reviews are always needed for our weekly column "What are you reading?" published in the *Community News Brief*. Email a short review along with your name and occupation to [joswickkate@gmail.com](mailto:joswickkate@gmail.com). Encourage your friends, children, etc. to submit reviews to Kate for the paper. You can submit more than one review.

### Join Page Turners Book Club

Page Turners meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 4:30 to 5:30 in the public library meeting room. Check out the NEWS section of our webpage for the book selections for the year. If you have questions or would like to be added to our email list, contact Kim Rice [kimrice262@gmail.com](mailto:kimrice262@gmail.com).

### Train Station Book Rack

Every Thursday a volunteer fills our book rack at the train station with "free" books — books that are good, but not in saleable condition or are left over from sales. A volunteer signs up for one Thursday a month OR

signs up as an "alternate" to be used if someone cannot deliver the books during their assigned week. Contact Marcia Moulden [macb6547@gmail.com](mailto:macb6547@gmail.com).

### Read Books to 1st Graders

Once a month a volunteer will read some selected books to an assigned first grade class adopted by the Friends of the Library. Contact Desiree Walton [desireebdye@gmail.com](mailto:desireebdye@gmail.com)

### Adopt-a-Shelf

Volunteers are assigned a small section of the library to shelf read. By keeping books in order, this program helps patrons find books they want and helps library staff by freeing them to attend to library procedures. At their convenience, hopefully once every two weeks, they check their assigned shelves and correct errors. Training is provided for new volunteers. Interested parties should call the library, 833-2714, and ask for Dennis Danowski, Library Director.

### Library Grounds Beautification

Assist in maintaining exterior projects to beautify the grounds of our library. Contact Dennis Danowski, Library Director if you are interested.

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## What's on your nightstand?

While purusing the shelves in the Friends Book Sale Room I came across some books by Jussi Adler-Olsen, the author of the *Department Q* series.

I had only read a few of the series and enjoyed the Netflix version so hopped on this chance to read more of them. Stop by the our saleroom in the library for some great finds!

*Cindy Cavett, Friends Board*



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*Mona's Eyes* by Thomas Schlessler.

It follows a 10-year old Mona who is experiencing episodes of blindness. Her grandfather, Henry, decides to take her to visit Paris's famous museums to study 52 works of art, in order to build a "visual library" in her mind so that she may always remember beauty.

A great read if you love art history.

*Kelly Gradert, Friends Board*

## Summer Reading!

*Aris Moore, Children's Services*

We have officially kicked off our Summer Reading Program "Plant a Seed, Read!" This program runs through July 31st, and registration is now open! You can register online through the link found on our social media, or by stopping in at the library. This theme is all about plants, gardening, and farming. Our Juvenile program (anyone under the age of 16) requires a total of 500 minutes read in exchange for some cool prizes, including entry into a raffle that we'll draw in August!

With Summer Reading in full swing, that means there's a lot going on at the library. We will be running our weekly Move & Groove and Preschool Storytime as usual, but we will also be doing our arts & crafts program Messy Makers every Thursday at 10:30. We'll also be continuing with our Teen Board Game Club on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 3:30.

We'll be doing several pop-up events throughout the summer in collaboration with multiple people and organizations all through Macomb and beyond, including: local children's book author Tiffany Erickson, the Quesal Puppet Troupe, and the Western Illinois Museum! You can find our full list of events on our Face Book posts or by stopping in!