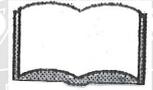




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Better Book Sale Slated for September 21



Volunteer Sam Parker assists Pat Stout with his purchases at the 2012 Better Book Sale.

Saturday, September 21, between 9 and 4 p.m. is a great time for book lovers to find a range of better quality books and media while they enjoy the Gazebo Art Festival and Al Sears Jazz Festival in Chandler Park. Consider stocking up on books for the winter at this time as the library construction project will affect our two members-only book sales usually offered in December and January. Because the library needs to use the Library Annex, we will not have a place for these two extra sales this year. Our 2013 Better Books Sale hopes to give you a large selection of good fiction, non fiction, children/youth books, and

media: CDs and DVDs. Many are Christmas gift quality. The sale is a fair weather sale only, so it will be cancelled if persistent rain, beyond a slight drizzle occurs.

Saturday, September 21, we need volunteers to help with the Better Book Sale at Chandler Park. We need the most volunteers at the beginning and end. One or two sales people are needed during the regular sales times.

To volunteer, email Becky Parker parkers@macomb.com or sign up at the library.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The one-day Better Book Sale needs volunteers. Shifts are:

- **7:45 a.m.**
MANY volunteers needed. Meet at the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson to load small boxes. Extra trucks, vans or station wagons are also needed.
- **8:15 a.m.**
Display books in boxes at Chandler Park.
- **9 a.m. to 10 a.m.**
Sell or restock books.
- **10 a.m. to Noon**
Sell or restock books.
- **Noon to 2 p.m.**
Sell or restock books.
- **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
Sell or restock books
- **4 p.m.**
MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to move small boxes to trucks and unload the boxes at old Farm King.

Grant Allows Library to Expand Graphic Novel Collection

Thanks to a \$4,000 Back To Books Grant from the Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, the Macomb Public Library has added to its collection of graphic novels for young adults.

The term "graphic" does not refer to adult content but rather to the illustrated nature of the books. Graphic novels typically appear in a comic book format, but they are longer and more in depth than serialized comic books typically purchased at newsstands. Graphic novels can encompass a wide range of topics from superhero stories such as Frank Miller's *The Dark Knight Returns* to personal memoirs like Art Spiegelman's *Maus*. *Maus* recounts the experiences of Spiegelman's parents as Polish Jews and Holocaust survivors.

Graphic novels have been widely credited with encouraging literacy among reluctant readers. The combination of visual storytelling along with text can make reading more

accessible. The American Library Association now puts out an annual list of Great Graphic Novels for Teens and librarians who have added graphic novels to their collections have reported an increase in circulation numbers.



Although presented in a comic book format, many graphic novels are regarded as being equal to "serious" novels. Spiegelman's *Maus* won a Pulitzer Prize in 1992 and Gene Luen Yang's *American Born Chinese* won the Michael L. Printz Award for young adult book of the year. Graphic novels have also been utilized in a variety of college and high school courses to illuminate a wide variety of topics from social upheaval to modern mythology.

A list of the Macomb Public Library's recent graphic novel acquisitions can be viewed at the library's website www.macomb.lib.il.us.

- Laura Egler

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paula Wise, FOMPL Board President, posed several questions to Library Director Dennis Danowski recently. Here are the answers to two of them.

Now that the capital Campaign has reached its goal, what is the next challenge for the Library? How much additional money is needed for furnishings, shelves, computers, etc.?

The next challenge is to provide library service that the public is accustomed to. Bids for the project are due Sept 17 at 2pm. On Sept. 24 there will be a special library board meeting to accept the low bid. The bid documents will contain a construction timeline.

The project will be completed in two phases. Phase One will be the moving of the adult library to the Annex. The Annex will be very crowded but all library services will be offered, on a scaled down version. Internet (currently we have 5 terminals; the Annex will have 3), interlibrary loan, magazine and book checkout, newspaper reading (one chair), copy machine, fax., etc. Many of our books will be placed in storage but we will have a selection of the most popular in the backroom of the Annex. We will also have a POD across the street to store books. The POD will not be accessed by the public, but the staff will retrieve requested books the next day. We haven't worked out all the details as this is the first time we will be operating out of several locations.

The main Carnegie building will be closed for Phase One. Remodeling will include sprinkler system, elevator update, restrooms, meeting room, circulation desk, reading room, local history room, and repair of domes on second floor. We expect the remodel to last until January 2014. During remodeling of the Carnegie building, the children's library will remain open at its present location. The library will staff both locations. When the architect turns over the Carnegie Building to us, the children's library will move across the street to the Annex. After the move, the Holmes building that currently houses the children's library will be leveled and the two story addition will be built. This should take place sometime in March, depending on the weather.

Furnishing of the new addition has not been discussed. It is too early. The architect has a furniture designer on staff and she will make recommendation on the type, quality, and number of pieces needed to furnish the library attractively and efficiently. None of the old shelving will be reused in public areas.

How will the library be delivering services during this transition period? Will we still be able to check out books and other media? Will children still have a place to go?

We will be asking the public for its patience. It will take us some time to fill requests. I look for many challenges and many changes for the next year. The Annex will not be a destination or hangout or place to be. There simply will be no room. We are also looking at using the post office to deliver books. If that works, we will mail the books to patrons and they can return books in person or in the book drop. Also on the drawing board are reduced night hours.

Summer Reading Program Offers Kids a Look at the World



"Have Book, Will Travel!" was the theme of this summer's reading program. The program ran from June 1 – July 31. 347 children enrolled.

Kids were required to read 30 books from the library

by July 31. 175 kids finished the reading requirements, and each child was awarded a certificate, Pizza Hut coupon, McDonalds or Old Dairy Ice Cream Cone and a free paperback of their choice.

A party was held at Glenwood Pool for all finishers and their parents. Despite the rather cold water we had 163 children and parents who attended the

pool party. Hot dogs and popcorn were served.

Craft sessions were held at City Hall. We held 12 craft sessions for ages 2-4 and 5-9 during June and July. 166 children attended the weekly craft activities.

Special Programs:

Nancy Brown of Oakridge Zoo brought a variety of animals to show to the kids. There were 2 shows and 200 kids attended this program.

Magician Richard Landrey and Snowball entertain 150 kids. It was a very fun show and lots of audience participation.

Special Storytime visitors included Mayor Mike Inman, Miss Macomb, Todd Lester, Sheriff Rick Van Brooker, Bill Jacobs, Becky Parker, President WIU Jack Thomas, John Maguire Debbie Lawver, Sheila Shearer, Anne Marie Hawkinson, Dr. Patrick Twomey. Thank you to all for volunteering to read over the summer. A special thank you to Youth volunteer Beth Amerine for helping with crafts every week.

It was a great summer, and we had a lot of fun with the theme. Thanks again to the Friends for their support!

- Margaret Sowers

Great Reads Schedule for 2013-2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
Sept. 11	Larson, Erik	<i>In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, & an American Family in Hitler's Berlin</i>	Sterling Kernek
Oct. 9	Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>Flight Behavior</i>	Marian Swisher
Nov. 14	Jewett, Sarah Orne	<i>The Country of the Pointed Firs</i>	Lois Ganyard
No Meeting in December			
Jan. 8	Sophocles	<i>Antigone</i>	Bill Burton
Feb. 12	Marton, Kati	<i>Paris: A Love Story</i>	Leslie Walker
Mar. 12	Faulkner, William	<i>As I Lay Dying</i>	Kim Cunningham
Apr. 9	Stedman, M.L.	<i>The Light Between the Oceans</i>	Martha Norcross
May 14	Landay, William	<i>Defending Jacob</i>	Becky Parker

Great Reads is an adult reading/discussion group sponsored by the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. From September through May (except for December) it meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the **City Hall Meeting Room**. In the spring the members choose the books for the next year. Books are on Reserve at the main desk of the Library or can be ordered from New Copperfield's.

Mystery Book Club Schedule for 2013-2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
Sept. 25	Graham, Caroline	<i>The Killings at Badger's Drift</i>	Toni Baxter
Oct. 23	Adams, Riley	<i>Delicious and Suspicious</i>	Alice Robertson
Nov. 20*	Lippman, Laura	<i>The Sugar House</i>	Margene Weiss
No Meeting in December			
Jan. 22	Grafton, Sue	<i>U is for Undertow</i>	Phil Weiss
Feb. 26	Allingham, Margery	<i>The Crime at Black Dudley</i>	Judy Kerr
Mar. 26	Robinson, Peter	<i>Watching the Dark</i>	Charlie Mayer
Apr. 23	Tallis, Frank	<i>A Death in Vienna</i>	Bill Burton
May 28	Jennings, Maureen	<i>Except the Dying</i>	Lois Ganyard

The Mystery Book Club meets in the **City Hall Meeting Room** from 7-8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month (*except November). It is a discussion group of reading adults who read the books ahead of time and come to share views. A member serves as a discussion leader. There are no dues, just conversation and occasional treats. The summer meeting is a joining of the two Friends of the Library Reading groups, Mystery and Good Reads, for a potluck supper and discussion. Each spring the group selects books for the next year's reading list.

Heritage Days Book Sale Big Success

With 6 tents of mostly better quality books and mostly good weather, we had another very successful Heritage Days Books Sale taking in just under \$9,000 in sales! The Thursday Members-Only Pre-sale continued to be enjoyed by many Friends as they got the first look at a great variety of books and purchased the first dozen books at half price. This is our largest volunteer opportunity, and we were happy to see a large number of Friends volunteers along with some Rotary Club volunteers participate in making the event such a successful fund raiser.

Please keep your book and media donations coming! Recycle your paperback and hard bound books and media (DVDs and CDs) by bringing them to the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson, while the main Library is under construction. Please—no video tapes, magazines, encyclopedias or text books. If you need donations picked up, call the Library or contact the Parkers (836-7206 or parkers@macomb.com).

Thank you for your past donations!

- Becky Parker

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Face to Face with Laura Egler



1. Why did you choose to serve on the Friends board?

I chose to serve because I believe the library is an invaluable resource to our community. I spend a great deal of time there with my children and I wished to help the library in whatever way I could. I also chose to serve because I want to instill a sense of community service in my children. They both love books and

love going to the library and I thought this would be a good way to lead by example that we must support the institutions and the community that gives so much to us.

2. What do you personally like to read?

I enjoy reading historical nonfiction. The last book I read was *Nixon and Mao: The Week That Changed The World* by Margaret MacMillan. I also love reading children's book to my two sons. It's great to revisit the books that I loved as a child and to find new treasures to share with my boys.

3. With all of the competing activities, how can the Board encourage reading in the community, especially among young people?

For the young people, I think the Summer Reading Program is a great way to encourage them to read. I also think it might be a neat idea to tie in older classic books with the newer, more popular books in kids' literature. For example, one could create posters that have recommendations of books for children who enjoyed the Harry Potter series or the Hunger Games. With so many great books being turned into movies, one could also promote the idea that the book offers more as movies usually can't include

EVERYTHING that happened in the book. Perhaps the catch phrase or slogan could be something like, "You've seen the movie, now find out what you've been missing!" The addition of e-books can have great appeal to readers of all ages and should be promoted, perhaps with posters in coffee shops and schools. Maybe book clubs focusing on a certain genre such as fantasy or science fiction could be created for younger readers at which activities would enhance book discussion

4. Areas or services of the Friends that you enjoy

I LOVE the Friends book sales. I always tell myself that I don't *need* any more books and that I don't have any room for more books and yet I can't resist the book sales.

5. Other interests/activities

I enjoy cooking, watching movies (documentaries), listening to music (all sorts) and playing Scrabble. I also enjoy volunteering at my son Henry's school. My children and I also go letter boxing which is an outdoor activity that combines hiking with a treasure hunt of sorts. Really, my main interest and activity is to spend as much time as possible with my kids while they still want to hang out with me!

6. Background

I received my bachelor's degree in English from Western Illinois University and have spent my professional life in journalism as a former reporter and editor for the Western Courier and the Macomb Journal and in public relations as an editorial assistant in the Office of University Relations at WIU. Currently, I stay at home with my youngest son, Owen, who is four.