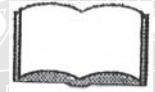




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Volunteers Needed for Sept. 24 Book Sale

This year's Better Book Sale will be held with the **Gazebo Art and AI Sears Jazz Festival** in Chandler Park, Saturday, September 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale is a lot of fun to work and much easier than the Heritage Days Sale. We need EXTRA help at the beginning and ending of the sale. In case of heavy rain, we might reschedule for the next Saturday at the Annex.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES are:

- 7:45 a.m. (At the Annex, 109 E. Jefferson) Moving crew for one tent, tables, loading trucks
- 8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. — set up book display with one hour of sales, Chandler Park.
- 10:00 a.m. to noon — straighten and sell
- Noon to 2:00 p.m. — straighten and sell.
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. — straighten and sell.
- 4:00 p.m. EXTRA help is needed to box and move the books to a storage facility.

Please email Becky at parkers@macomb.com or call 836-7206 if you can help at any of the times. Further instructions will be given to all who volunteer.

We encourage everyone to please come and buy!!! There are a lot of great bargains which would make good Christmas gifts!

- Becky Parker, Sales Coordinator



Two discriminating young readers enjoy their finds at last year's Better Book Sale.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **7:45 a.m.**
Volunteers with a truck, van or station wagon needed to transport books from library.
- **8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** Selling starts at 9 a.m. but setting up takes extra hands.
- **10 a.m. to noon**
Selling, straightening, membership table.
- **Noon to 2 p.m.**
Selling, straightening, membership table.
- **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
Selling, straightening, membership table
- **4 p.m.**
Workers are needed to box books and clean up our space.

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

Shearer Donation to be Featured at Better Books Sale



This year's Better Book Sale will feature a donated item for silent auction as well as a "Friends Picks" a table of special items selected for sale. Pictured above, Ned Shearer is showing his donated set of 10 beautifully illustrated books from the 1938

"Home University Bookshelf" series in the original wooden box which was mailed to his family. It will be available for silent auction viewing and bidding from Tuesday, September 13 through noon Friday, September 23 on the square at Vintage Accents, 129 S. Randolph St. as well as all day Saturday 24 in Chandler Park with the Better Books Sale. In addition, this year's book sale will feature a table of "Friends Picks: Treasures for You," a table of special items selected by Friends of the Library volunteers. In the event of heavy rain, the book sale would be rescheduled for Saturday October 1 at the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hard Work Pays



Heritage Days Record Set! (left to right) Margene Weiss, Sam Parker, Becky Parker, and Phil Weiss are smiling as they attempt to straighten the Annex after the Heritage Days Book Sale. Thanks to a vigorous sale day Friday and a good Members-only Pre Sale, the 2011 book sale set a record of \$7,807 beating the previous sale by \$22.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to the Friends of the Library,

I would like to draw your attention to an article in this month's newsletter discussing some popular book recommendation sites on the Internet. If browsing the library stacks and bins is not enough for you, consider trying one of the three sites mentioned in the article. If you know of other Internet sites that enhance your reading, please let us know so we can share them with other members in future newsletters.

Another great source of reading suggestions from your friends and neighbors is the local book review column that appears in the *McDonough County Voice's* weekend edition every week. Since this column began in 2007, 85 readers from the area have written 256 reviews of books they have enjoyed. Our youngest contributor was

two years old when her review, written with help from mommy, of course, was published. I am reluctant to mention the age of our oldest contributor, but suffice it to say that toddlers, students, workers, and retired people have all taken the time to write a few sentences about their favorites. One thing that continues to fascinate me is the incredible variety of books that our community members are enjoying and writing about. I personally invite each of you to help build and strengthen the love of reading in our area by sharing information about one of your favorite books with others through this Friends-sponsored column.

Happy Reading!

Kate Joswick, President



Connect With Other Book Lovers on the Internet

How do you identify new books that you want to read? Do you study reviews? Browse at the library or bookstore? Follow best seller lists or suggestions from friends? Here are some great internet sites for helping you select your next book:



What Should I Read Next?

(www.whatshouldireadnext.com) is a frequently updated database of book suggestions based on information provided by more than one million recommendations by readers like you. Enter a title of a much loved book and retrieve titles that other people who liked your book also listed as favorites. Or, for more focused recommendations, enter an entire list of the books you have most enjoyed and receive suggestions from readers whose favorites are closely aligned with yours. Recommendations for both fiction and nonfiction books are based entirely on analyzing the collective preferences of all the users.

Good Reads

(www.goodreads.com) is a social

networking site that enables you to share your book thoughts with your friends. Rather than reading reviews written by strangers, you can post your book to this site and your selected friends will see your opinion of the title. You can share recommendations among your friends, compare what you are reading, keep track of your own have-read or want-to-read lists, and even form book discussion clubs. This social networking site has over five million members world wide.

Overbooked

(www.overbooked.com) allows you to see annotated lists of books that received at least one starred review from one of four major book review sources: *Booklist*, *Kirkus Review*, *Library*

Journal, and *Publishers' Weekly*.

The reviews that appear in these publications are written by specialists who are selected for their expertise in the area. Starred reviews indicate works that the editors consider to be of exceptional merit. Lists are compiled monthly for fiction, crime fiction, nonfiction, romance, etc. The site also includes an All Star List published annually that includes only works that have received three or more starred reviews from these same four book review sources.

If you like reading suggestions from mass opinion, close friends, or experts, try one of these sites on for size.

HELP!

Volunteers are needed to maintain the grounds around the library. Tasks would include spring flower planting, weeding, trimming bushes and fall cleanup. If you're interested in helping out, please send an email to Kate Joswick at K-Joswick@wiu.edu. Thanks!

Hooray Volunteers!

Volunteers performed extra ordinary tasks due to a rainy Saturday during the Heritage Days Annual Book Sale.

Volunteers pictured include Deckle McLean (top left), Elisa Rasmussen (top right), Sheila Shearer and customer (bottom left), and a large, wet crew helping close the sale. Sheila Shearer did extra duty in the rain handling VERY wet money as customers just kept coming.



Heritage Days Volunteers

The Great Reads Book Club Schedule for 2010-2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
Sept. 14	Smith, Patti	<i>Just Kids</i>	Nancy Coney
Oct. 12	Eggers, Dave	<i>Zeitoun</i>	Christie Davis
Nov. 9	Wilson, Susan	<i>One Good Dog</i>	Leslie Walker
No Meeting in December			
Jan. 11	Jacobson, Howard	<i>The Finkler Question</i>	Marian Swisher
Feb. 8	Delany, Sarah & Elizabeth	<i>Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years</i>	Kim Cunningham
Mar. 14	Simonson, Helen	<i>Major Pettigrew's Last Stand</i>	Becky Parker
Apr. 11	Weber, Katharine	<i>Triangle</i>	Sandy Shearer
May 9	Smith, Alexander McCall	<i>La's Orchestra Saves the World</i>	Martha Norcross

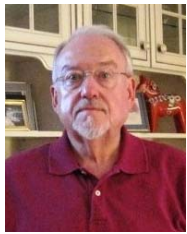
Great Reads is an adult reading/discussion group sponsored by the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. From September through May (except for December) it meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Library. All books are available at the Reserve Desk of the Macomb Public Library and can be ordered at New Coperfield's Book Service.

Mystery Book Club Schedule for 2010-2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
Sept. 28	Larson, Stieg	<i>The Girl Who Played With Fire</i>	Mel Kerr
Oct. 26	Andrews, Mary Kay	<i>Savannah Blues</i>	Alice Robertson
Nov. 16*	Rosenfelt, David	<i>Open and Shut</i>	Phil Weiss
No Meeting in December			
Jan. 25	May, John	<i>White Corridor</i>	Lois Ganyard
Feb. 22	James, P.D.	<i>The Murder Room</i>	Margene Weiss
Mar. 28	Burley, W.J.	<i>Wycliffe and the Cycle of Death</i>	Bill Burton
Apr. 25	O'Connell, Carol	<i>Mallory's Oracle</i>	Charlie Mayer
May 23	Innes, Michael	<i>An Awkward Lie</i>	Diana Allen

The Mystery Book Club meets in the Macomb Public Library 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.

Face to Face with David Self



David Self is membership chairman for the Friends' board.

Why did you choose to serve on the Friends board?

I was asked by my neighbor across the street if I would be interested in serving on the board. She knew I was a retired librarian. Though I have used public libraries all my life, I have never worked for one. The closest I've come to public library service was my first job after receiving my MSLS. I was the

librarian for the prison where "Shawshank Redemption" was filmed. I have worked for medical schools, hospitals, universities and a veterinary school. I was surprised to be asked to be on the board, but at that time I was looking for ways to become active in the community, so I decide to serve. I am currently responsible for the FOL membership records.

What do you personally like to read?

I read mostly mystery and adventure novels. We have moved a lot in the past 43 years and I especially like to read books that take place in

the area we are living. While living in the Washington DC/ Richmond VA area I read the Eleanor Roosevelt Mystery series by Elliot Roosevelt and the Patricia Cornwell Scarpetta series. While living in North Carolina I read the Margaret Maron: Deborah Knott Mystery series. I have recently come across, but have not read, a series by Barbara Allan (Max Allan Collins) which take place in Muscatine IA. I also like books by J. D. Robb.

What was your most memorable library experience?

Working in the prison

library was quite an experience. And, then there was the patron who left his bookmark in a book that was returned. It was a strip of bacon. I wonder how many people read while fixing breakfast. Then there was the request from a NURSE for literature on "prostrate" surgery for men and women. I also remember being asked to bring a textbook to the operating room because of a complication which arose during surgery. I think the most memorable are the technological changes that give instant access to the world of knowledge.