



the Bookmark



SPRING 2012

Marriage, Virginity and Queen Elizabeth I



Dr. Jennifer McNabb will present a talk on Wednesday, April 11 titled, "I am already bound unto a husband:" Marriage and Elizabeth I, the Virgin Queen. The presentation examines Elizabeth Tudor's resolve to remain unmarried even though the topic of her marriage dominated public and political discourse during the first three decades of her reign. McNabb looks at the historical contexts that influenced Elizabeth's matrimonial negotiations and her personal romances. She also considers the ways in which this legacy of a virgin queen married to her country still occurs in depictions of Elizabeth in modern popular culture.

Dr. McNabb is an associate professor of history at Western Illinois University. In 2009 she was awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Faculty Award in Teaching as well as the Provost's Award of Excellence in Teaching. She regularly presents her research at national and international conferences and has offered programs through WIU's Learning is Forever (L.I.F.E.) and numerous WIU campus organizations. She is currently working on a new, interdisciplinary study of Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* and marriage in the early modern courts in England between 1540 and 1640.

Dr. McNabb's presentation is on April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Macomb Country Club following the Friends of the Macomb Public Library Annual Meeting. The program is open to the public and free of charge.



ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

DATE

APRIL 11, 2012

PLACE

MACOMB COUNTRY CLUB

5:00 P.M.

SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS

5:45 P.M.

BUSINESS MEETING-TREASURER'S YEARLY REPORT AND ELECTIONS

6:00 P.M.

DINNER

7:00 P.M.

LECTURE BY DR. JENNIFER MCNABB

DINNER MENU

- DINNER SALAD
- CHOICE OF DELMONICO STEAK OR CHICKEN THESSALY
- ROASTED REDSKIN POTATOES
 - BROCCOLI
 - COFFEE, TEA, WATER
- ASSORTED CHEESE CAKE

DINNER \$25

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2012.

Two Members-Only Book Sales are a Success!

"Have you read this?" "Has anyone seen any Janet Evanovich books?" Comments were flying back and forth as members helped members during the two winter members-only book sales. These indoor sales are smaller, more personal, and a lot of fun!

Our December 3rd sale coincided with Dickens on the Square and featured non fiction, history, cookbooks, over-

sized books, children's books, and media. This year we sold \$446.25 of better quality, gently used books and media. Many members went home with books to be used as Christmas presents.

The January 21st book sale was promoted as an attempt to beat the winter doldrums and featured fictional reading. The avid mystery readers

were out in droves and found good books priced mostly at 75c and \$2 during the short, afternoon sale. Sales totaled up to \$337.50.

We will continue this perk for members. Thanks for coming! Don't forget we also have a pre-sale for members-only the Thursday before our Heritage Days sale. You can buy a dozen books at half price.

**Check out the NEW
Friends of the
Macomb Public Library
website at:
macomblibraryfriends.org**

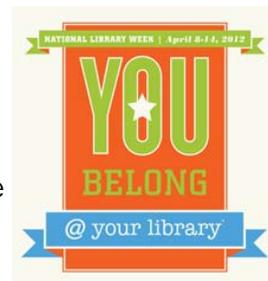
President's Report

Dear Fellow Readers,

In 1911, when Andrew Carnegie formed the Carnegie Corporation, he intended it as an organization that would "promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding." The most well-known and highly visible method he devised for achieving these ends was funding the building of 2,509 Carnegie libraries in towns and cities around the country. Without his philanthropic efforts, the existence of a library as the center of almost every community would have been an impossible dream.

Mr. Carnegie's aim over 100 years ago was to use his wealth to do "real and permanent good." Today, the Carnegie libraries that came into being because of his grants continue to enhance the education and entertainment of people of all ages and all walks of life. Can you think of a better way to achieve "real and permanent good" than by supporting public libraries? Your involvement in the Friends of the Macomb Public Library allows you to do your part and helps to ensure that the spirit of the Carnegie legacy remains alive in our town.

Happy Library Week,
Kate Joswick



The Great Reads Book Club Schedule

The Great Reads reading group has the following schedule for the remainder of the current season. The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the library.

April 11 CANCELLED—ANNUAL MEETING

May 9 Smith, Alexander McCall *La's Orchestra Saves the World* Martha Norcross

July 11 Weber, Katharine *Triangle* Sandy Shearer

(*Triangle* is a joint read with the Mystery Book Club.)

Mystery Book Club Schedule

The Mystery Book Club meets in the Macomb Public Library from 7-8 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. These are the remaining selections for the 2011-2012 Mystery Book Club:

March 28 Burley, W.J. *Wycliffe & the Cycle of Death* Bill Burton

April 25 O'Connell, Carol *Mallory's Oracle* Charlie Mayer

May 23 Innes, Michael *An Awkward Lie* Diana Allen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOOK SALE

Our Heritage Days Book Sale—Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23—involves about 50 volunteers and is a lot of fun. If you would like to join us there are a variety of ways you can help.

Some of the activities include sorting and packing books for the sale, setting up tents, moving boxes of books, helping with display and set-up during the sale, selling/taking money, assisting customers and the inevitable clean up Saturday afternoon involving boxing, packing and moving those books that don't sell.

Currently, we are looking for anyone interested in helping to sort books. Sorting is generally done on Tuesday mornings at the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson (south of the Library). We sort books by subject area and type and then box the books. Donations come in every week. Email Becky Parker at parkers@macomb.com or call her at 836-7206 for exact times.

Thanks for your help!

Library Website is New & Improved

Have you visited the Macomb Public Library website recently? The site has recently undergone a major renovation and now makes it easy for you to:

- Search the library catalog online from a search box on the home page



- Log into your library account to see the items you have checked out and renew them

- Discover upcoming events and library hours on the library calendar

- Check out and download e-books and audiobooks

- Find information about many Macomb-area organizations in the Community Info section

- Learn about other services the library offers, including interlibrary loan, computer access, and sending and receiving faxes

Visit the Macomb Public Library website today at:

<http://www.macomb.lib.il.us/>

FRIENDS OF THE MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S) _____

TOTAL NUMBER DINNER RESERVATIONS _____ at \$25.00 per person = Total Amount \$ _____

DINNER IS BUFFET-STYLE WITH THESE CHOICES OF ENTREES:

DELMONICO STEAK—*house cut rib eye seasoned & topped with herb butter*

CHICKEN THESSALY—*char-grilled breast topped with sun dried tomatoes & goat cheese*

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED THE VEGETARIAN OPTION, PASTA PRIMAVERA # _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2012-2013 (complete form below & enter membership fee here) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed for Dinner & Membership \$ _____

RSVP BY APRIL 1, 2012 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS

**Make it easy on yourself!
Write ONE check for the
annual dinner and your
membership dues!**

Please return forms with payment to:
Friends of the Macomb Public Library
c/o Macomb Public Library
235 S. Lafayette
Macomb, IL 61455
Or -
Drop off with payment at the Library

The Macomb Public Library has many important projects in the works, and the Friends want to offer as much support as possible. To save the expense of printing and mailing AND to be kind to the environment, our newsletters are generally sent out via email. Please be sure to include your email address on the Application Form. If you don't have access to email, please check the box requesting a hard copy of the newsletter. Think green and be frugal—get your newsletter by email. Thanks!

Friends of the Macomb Public Library
Membership Form for 2012-2013

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is the following amount:

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

- I would like to receive a hard copy newsletter.
- I would like to contribute \$ _____

Would you like to serve on a committee?

- Finance, Endowment
- Children's Department
- Membership
- Public Relations
- Newsletter
- Book Sale
- Adopt-a-Shelf
- Other _____

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

Friends Purchase More Great Courses

Three additional Great Courses on DVD have been added to the collection at the Macomb Public Library. Award-winning professors from leading universities teach the college-level courses that are specially targeted to stimulate people's passion for life-long learning. A guide booklet accompanies each set of DVDs. This brings a total of ten Great Courses now available for library patrons with subjects ranging from Broadway musicals to a history of western civilization. The new DVDs are:

Optimizing Brain Fitness teaches how you can increase the power of your brain through your own effort. The brain's development is dependant on experiences throughout your lifespan no matter what your age. Taught by a noted Clinical Professor of Neurology, this Great Course is for everyone.

The Secrets of Mental Math contains twelve lectures aimed at showing you ways to do mathematics in your head using multiple strategies. The teacher, Professor A.T. Benjamin, was named by *Reader's Digest* as "America's Best Math Whiz."

Lost Christianities examines the varieties of belief and practice in the early days of Christianity, before the church determined which books should be included as authentic Scripture. After looking at the conflicts among the various forms of Christianity in the early centuries, the course concludes by examining how the one understanding of the faith came to be dominant.

The Great Course collection is made possible by a gift donation from The Friends of the Macomb Public Library, an organization promoting the library as a community asset.



Friends President Kate Joswick and Library Director Dennis Danowski display some of the Great Courses available at the library.

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5 PM SOCIAL HOUR • 5:45 PM BUSINESS MEETING • 6 PM DINNER • 7:00 PM LECTURE BY DR. JENNIFER MCNABB

"I AM ALREADY BOUND UNTO A HUSBAND:" MARRIAGE AND ELIZABETH I, THE VIRGIN QUEEN

Enclosed!
2012 Annual Meeting
Reservation Form for

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