



Friends of the Macomb Public Library

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Spring 2023

Julia Albarracin, speaker at Friends' Annual Meeting

Julia Albarracín, a Professor of Political Science at Western Illinois University, was the first Dan and Laura Webb Professor in her department between the years 2015 and 2018, the 2022 WIU Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. She received her Law Degree from the Universidad de La Plata, her MBA from Universidad de Belgrano-Paris Tech, and her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Florida. Her book, *At the Core and in the Margins: The Incorporation of Mexican Immigrants in two Rural Midwestern Communities* (Michigan State University) was nominated by Casa de Las Americas for its prestigious Latino Studies Award. Her 2020 book, *Making Immigrants in Modern Argentina* was published by Notre Dame University Press in May 2020. Her coauthored book *Creating Conspiracy Beliefs: How Our Thoughts are Shaped* will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2022. Julia has also published book chapters (published by Princeton University and Universidad Nacional de Córdoba presses) and numerous articles that have appeared in *Aids and Behavior*, *Aids Care*, *American Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, *Diálogos*, and the *Hispanic Journal*

of Behavioral Sciences on a diversity of issues related to Latinx and immigrant communities, including HIV prevention, health coverage, language acquisition, trust in government, and political participation.



She is also a current editor of the *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*. Her community work includes acting as City of Macomb's Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing Commissioner, and Executive Director of the immigrant services organization,

Western Illinois DREAMers.

The evening starts at 5:00pm with a social hour prior to the business meeting scheduled to start at 5:45pm. The business meeting will include the election of representatives to fill the two-year terms on the FOMPL Board of Directors which expire in 2023, a report from the FOMPL Board President, and adoption of the 2023-2024 budget. After the brief business meeting, dinner will be served at 6pm and Albarracin will speak at 7pm.

The annual meeting will be held in the dining room on the second floor of the Macomb Country Club. The second level is handicapped accessible via the main entrance for those with mobility concerns.



April 27, 2023 • Macomb Country Club

- 5:00 Socializing
- 5:45 Business meeting - Treasurer's yearly report and elections
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Program

MENU

- Salad
- Choice of Petite Filet
- Teriyaki Salmon or Vegetable Stir Fry
- Roll, Dessert
- Water, Coffee, Tea

from the President

Paula Wise

It's early Spring already, the time of year that gives us hope that warmer weather is near and then occasionally surprises us with a winter-like snowfall or two. Spring is also the season when you receive a printed newsletter in the mail from us about our Friends of the Macomb Public Library Annual Dinner Meeting and Lecture. Those of us on the Friends' Board believe that it will be another informative and delicious event. It is a wonderful chance for us to express our appreciation to you, our members, for your support over the past year and to let you know what we have been doing and what we are planning for the future. We recently had visitors from a much smaller library attend one of our Board meetings. I think their heads were spinning by the time they left hearing about all of the projects we are engaged in and are planning.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting! And of course, during spring cleaning, don't forget to make room on those bookshelves for all of your purchases at our Heritage Days Book Sale coming up in late June. We are grateful for your support all through the year and we hope you will continue to be part of our organization.

Thanks!



Tween and Teen Programming

Two new programs are gaining momentum in the Youth Services Department. First up is Fantastic Fridays. These craft programs for participants ages 10-16 typically happen on an early dismissal day.

Past crafts included plastic canvas bookmarks and tile coasters. We are looking forward to making rocking record art and black-out poetry this summer. Next we have Anime/Manga Club. Tweens and teens are invit-

ed to share their love for anime and manga by watching movies together, sharing their art, and doing small crafts like candy sushi. Registration is required for Fantastic Fridays, but not for the Anime/Manga Club. For more information, contact Kristen in Youth Services.

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COMING SOON!

We are giving an old card catalog a new life as a seed library! If you are interested in more garden-based programming, workshops or events, please talk with a staff member.

(309)833-2714
macomblib.virtual@gmail.com

Another First

Thanks to a great turnout for our February 4, 2023 specialty Annex book sale, we took in \$917.25 in 3 hours. This was the largest total for a book sale held in the Annex. In addition, a good crew of volunteers took down the sale and placed everything back where it belonged in a record 15 minutes! Thank you everyone!

Exhibits!

Herstory, ongoing Black History, and Dementia exhibits up. Herstory and Black History are located in the Reading Room and Dementia is currently at the end of a nonfiction range in Adult Collections.

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2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Levels

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

I would like to be involved with:

- Fundraising/Donations/Gifts Newsletter
- Friends' Board Book Sales
- Membership Adopt-A-Shelf
- I would like to receive a hard-copy newsletter
- I would like to make a contribution \$ _____

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

To save time and money AND the environment, "The Bookmark" is emailed to each member 4 times a year. If you require a hard copy, please mark the above box.

Make your Annual Dinner Reservation! Due by April 15! April 27, 2023 • Macomb Country Club

Guest(s) _____

Petite Filet # _____

Teriyaki Salmon # _____

Vegetable Stir Fry # _____

Total Dinners _____ at \$30 each # _____

Total Vegetarian _____ at \$25 each # _____

Membership Level Amount \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
(membership/reservation)

**WRITE
ONE CHECK!
for the annual
dinner and your
membership
dues!**

Send your check to
Friends of the Macomb Public
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235 S. Lafayette
Macomb, IL 61455
or drop off at the library.
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Programming for Adults

by Sharon Sample, Adult Services

Adult Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 1st and runs through July 28th. The theme is: Find Your Voice. The ALA clipart this year was completely off for Adults, so we are constructing our own. At this time, we have an opened book with a swirlie as the pages with letters, music notes, staff, bass and treble clefs, and musical instruments lifting into the air from the pages. It came together so quickly this morning.


Traffic wise, our Library has begun to see pre-pandemic numbers through our gate counters for the past two consecutive months. We feel very optimistic this spring and summer will follow the same trajectory.

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There will be a newspaper article in the Community News Brief featuring the newest Dementia materials added, as the donor will be interviewed next week. The public will be informed of these new materials and their availability.

Additionally, there is going to be a Suicide Prevention collection on exhibit within the next week or so.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY!



Find Your Voice

Summer Reading starts June 1!
Storytime with WQPT PBS, June 2
Absolute Science Bubble Station, June 21
Puppet Show with David Quesal July 19
Teen and Tween programming is back!
Anime and Manga Club, June 16 & July 21
Fantastic Fridays Art Workshop: June 2 and July 7

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EGG
HUNT**

Friday, April 7, 2023
OUTSIDE ON THE ANNEX LAWN
109 E JEFFERSON

Ages 0-3	10:00
Ages 4-6	10:45
Ages 7-10	11:30