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Summer 2023

Heritage Days 2023!

Book Sale June 22-24

THIS is a great opportunity to help us with our biggest fundraiser of the year. Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen are co-chairs of this 3 day event and will be available throughout all volunteer time slots. Check the schedule below and email parkers@macomb.com indicating what dates/times/you would like to help us. Feel free to recruit friends or family to help in the setting up on Wednesday and/or taking down on Saturday. The more that help, the faster the job is completed.

Wednesday, June 21@9am

Many volunteers are needed to move light tables, move small boxes of books, open books for display.

Thursday, June 22@3:30pm

Some volunteers are needed to move final selection of small boxes and open boxes for display before our Members-Only Preview Sale at 4 pm.

Friday, June 23

2-3 volunteers are needed to work sales and help straighten books from 9-10am, 10-noon, noon to 2, 2-4pm.

Saturday, June 24

2-3 volunteers are needed to work sales and help straighten books from 9-10am, 10-noon, noon to 2, 2-4pm.

**4PM - MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO
MOVE BOOKS BACK TO THE ANNEX**

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 22 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 adjacent Annex building as it will house many books as well as media.

Need to renew your membership? Membership forms will be available at the sales table.

from the President

Paula Wise

Following my last column, I discovered that some people actually read this part of the newsletter therefore I will try to make my comments at least somewhat interesting. If you've not taken a Viking River Cruise you may not realize that passengers are greatly encouraged to get to know their fellow travelers especially at dinnertime. So we were sitting with strangers around the dinner table our second night on the ship and there was a lull in conversation. I blurted out the first topic I thought of — “What do you like to read?” — and discovered we were a table full of readers.

The woman sitting next to me and I had both started reading the same novel that very day (True Biz by Sara Novic, a fascinating book about a boarding school for deaf students.) My husband and the man sitting next to him found a shared interest in books by Eric Larsen. Another woman and I found that we both like historical fiction. As we left the table after more than 2 hours, one of the members of the group said, “This has been so great!” My point is that not only are books private experiences, but they also bring people together.

Of course, the Heritage Days Book Sale also brings book lovers together – how's that for a smooth transition? I hope to see you next to the library annex June 22-24! Happy reading!!



New windows for the original Carnegie building

New Pella windows are being installed by Laverdiere Construction. These windows, along with the borders and sills are made to match the original construction. They are even keeping the square design above the windows on the 2nd floor.

The new windows are more energy efficient and they have necessary UV blocking properties.

Thanks for bearing with the construction!



Nemec & Sayer's Book Contributes to McDonough County Animal Shelter Project

by Becky Parker

"Binx, the Uptown Cat" is a charming and delightful true story by Brenda Sayer and Patti Nemec about a local, homeless cat. In the fall of 2018 Patti Nemec made eye contact with a black cat on the Macomb square and instantly felt a strong connection with him. After many months and tiny steps, a relationship was developed between the two. Over time, Patti's mission to protect this amazing little cat from the cold winter and to find him a loving home, developed into an interesting human story which she shared with fellow animal-lover, Brenda Sayer. Brenda soon initiated the idea that she would like to collaborate in writing Binx's story to share with other animal lovers. Their goal was to share a story not only of Binx, but to reach out to others showing them the difference the power of love and perseverance can make in an animal's life. They agreed from the start that 100% of the sales would go to the new animal shelter project of the Humane Society of McDonough County.

Nearly all the 125 books were sold, and the animal shelter project received \$3,500. The Macomb Public Library currently has a copy for circulation. A second copy is held in the Historical Room of the library in their collection of local authors.

 Binx 

The "Uptown Cat"



A true story
told by
Brenda Sayre
&
Patti Nemec

a Friend suggests . . .

Recipe for a Perfect Wife By Karma Brown

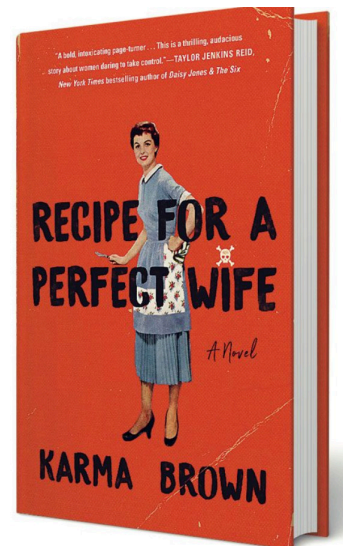
reviewed by Carol Clemons

Alice Hale leaves a high powered career to move to the suburbs with her husband. They have purchased their first house, a bungalow that is a little shabby but has "great bones." Filling up her day with household duties proves to be harder than she thinks. Alice goes to the basement and discovers some old boxes from a previous owner. In one of the boxes she finds a vintage cookbook owned by a 1950s housewife, Nellie Murdoch.

This book's story splits its time between Alice cooking her way through Nellie's cookbook and Nellie's marriage in the 50s. As Alice dives deeper into the cookbook, she discovers Nellie's life wasn't as perfect as it would seem.

This dual-narrative book is enjoyable and has a mystery to unearth about Nellie's life. Alice also has secrets of her own. This book was lively and funny in places and very dark in others. While women don't have to be the "perfect wife", there are still plenty of pressures put on women to be what society thinks we should be.

This review was written by a member of the Friends of the Library to share her thoughts on a book she considered noteworthy. To keep these reviews as a regular feature in the Friends newsletter, please consider writing your own brief book review for this column or for the "What are You Reading" piece published in the Community News Brief's Friday edition. Submit your brief reviews describing the book and what you liked about it to Kate Joswick (joswickkate@gmail.com). Be sure to include your name, the book's title and its author.



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Our Mission

According to our bylaws, the purpose of the Friends organization is to maintain an association of persons to promote the interest and welfare of the library as a cultural, education, and recreational asset to the community.

We have an 11 member Board of Directors including a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

The Library Director is an ex officio member.

The activities the members participate in include:

Adopt-A-Shelf - Dennis Danowski

Email coordinator - Becky Parker

In-House Book Sales - Kelly Gradert and Cindy Cavett

Book Sales - Becky Parker and Elisa Rasmussen

Book Club - Kelly Gradert and Kim Rice

Publicity - Open

Newsletter - Carol Clemons


Train Station - Marcia Moulden and Desiree Walton

Website - Becky Parker and Carol Clemons

Social Media - Gabby Murphy

What are you reading? - Kate Joswick

SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY!



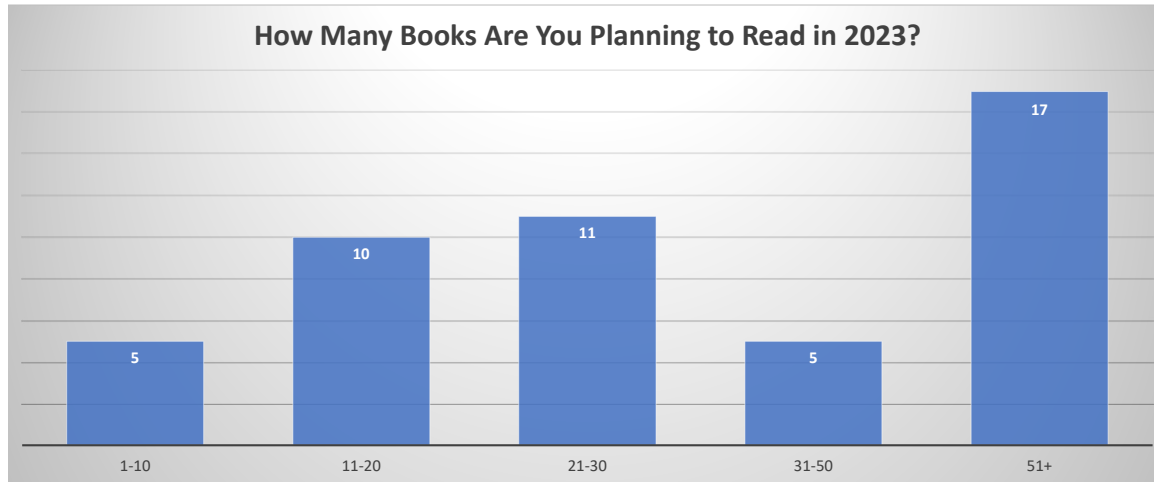
Find Your Voice

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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48 members respond to survey

How Many Books Are You Planning to Read in 2023?



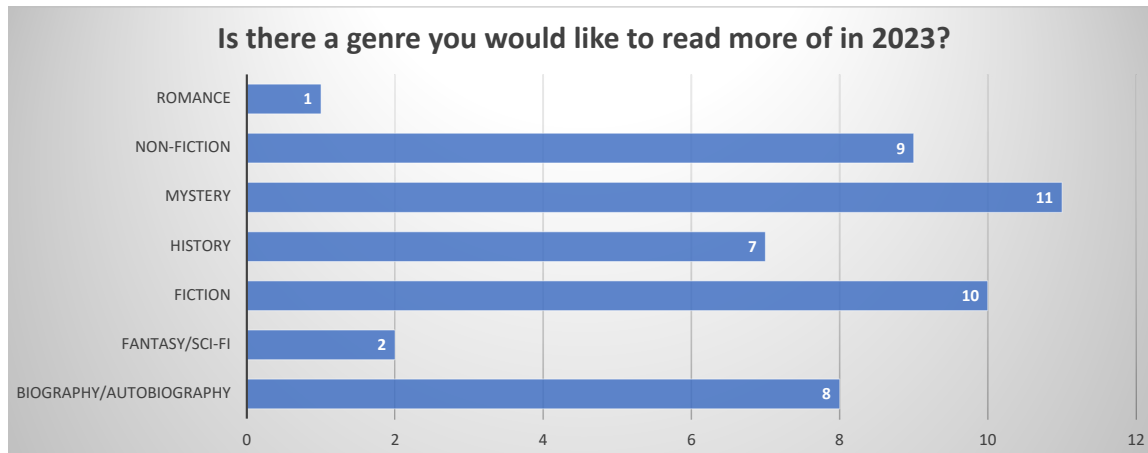
Online emailed to Friends members

Printouts available and then entered in

48 responses

Overall, respondents plan to read a lot of books this year, prefer paper books, get most of their books at the library versus other sources, were influenced by family to read

Is there a genre you would like to read more of in 2023?



Page Turner Book Club

meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Macomb Public Library Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend.