



Friends of the Macomb Public Library

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Spring 2024

Tim Roberts to speak at Friends' Annual Meeting

Annual Dinner Program

Thursday, April 11, 2024 • 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 • Pasta Alfredo
- Roll, Dessert
- Water, Coffee, Tea



Tim Roberts teaches history at WIU. He and his wife Emily enjoy the Macomb region's rich public history, public art and

public service opportunities. His last book was *This Infernal War: The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard*, about a wartime husband and wife of Lewistown, Illinois.

Tim's talk will offer information on the history of the Underground Railroad including its known operation in McDonough County and Western Illinois. The presentation will explore some of the perhaps less well known aspects and agents of the UGRR, as well as some of its popular myths.

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 2024, a report from the FOMPL Board President, and adoption of the 2024-2025 budget. Dinner will be served at 6pm and Roberts will speak at 7pm.

one book one community festival 2024

The Shared Community Action Group is inviting residents to celebrate cross-community collaborations through the 2024 One Book One Community Festival (OBOC). The books chosen revolve around the theme "water," its beauty, its power, and its critical role for life on earth.

To ensure that children of every age as well as teens and adults can participate, the OBOC will feature three books to highlight the festival theme: *This Raindrop Has a Billion Stories to Tell* by Linda Ragsdale, *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park, and *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story*

of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City (Flint, Michigan) by Mona Hanna-Attisha.

On April 30, 4:30-5:30 The Friends will host a community discussion at the library on OBOC book's impact.

The One Book One Community idea comes from the American Library Association, and cities and towns across the USA have been adopting and adapting the program for more than two decades. The festival events have been planned to bring residents together to explore some of our shared interests and basic values by reading and discussing a book in common.

Contact Virginia Diehl (virginiadiehl@gmail.com) or Janice Welsch (jrwelsch@gmail.com) for the complete schedule of events.

from the President

Paula Wise

Happy March! As with many groups, the Friends of the Macomb Public Library has a regular calendar of events. The Heritage Day Book Sale is at the end of June, and the Better Book Sale coincides with the Gazebo Arts Festival and Macomb Balloon Rally in mid September. We also have smaller members only book sales during Dickens on the Square in December and around Valentines Day in February.

Another of our popular events is our Annual Friends of the Library dinner and speaker during National Library Week in April each year. We so look forward to the dinner as a way to spend time with you, our members, enjoy a great dinner, and listen to a wonderful speaker. We also are proud to share our accomplishments over the past year with our members. I think members of many organizations enjoy taking time to reflect on the past year's achievements. I usually ask our Board to remind me of things they would like me to mention in the Business section of our dinner and they always remind me of items that I had forgotten. (I'm not sure why, but every year I seem to need more help remembering these accomplishments. Surely it can't be my age!?) If you are able to attend this year's dinner, you will hear what we are doing to support the Library and to promote reading in Macomb, Illinois. Come join us.



3 Hour Book Sale Breaks Record!



Becky Parker, Book Sale Co-Chair

Thanks to avid readers and media customers our February Annex Specialty Sale took in over \$1,200 in just 3 hours! Mysteries, fiction, children books and media flew off the shelves and out of their display boxes. This

is a win/win as it was a great bargain for readers as well as generating income to cover our financial support for the children's summer reading program and other needs of the library. Hope everyone comes to our Heritage Days Book Sale, June 27-29.

Winter Reading

Sharon Sample, Adult Services

Our Winter Reading Program, Slide into a Good Book, ended on Leap Day 2024. We had a total of 83 participants with 45 finishers. The Grand Prize was a \$25 Chamber of Commerce gift certificate and a Macomb mug from Nostalgia. The lucky winner was Mary Banning!

Our Herstory exhibit is on display for the month of March. We will celebrate the end of Poetry month by holding our first Karaoke Poetry Slam from 4-5ish pm, Friday, April 26th in the Community Room. May is Mental Health Awareness Month, some of our collection will be showcased, as well as passive activities. Soon, it will be time for the Annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is, "Read, Renew, Repeat." It will run from June 1 through July 31. We will try Book Bingo again for those who wish to participate via that venue. Otherwise, 3 of any book, any format (including eBooks, eAudiobooks, and juvenile) is accepted to complete the reading log for 16 years of age and up.

2024-2025 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
- Friends' Board
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Book Sales
- Adopt-A-Shelf
- Adopt-A-Classroom
- I will contribute \$ _____

To save time, money and resources, *The Bookmark* is emailed to each member 4 times a year.

If you require a hard copy, please INDICATE HERE:

- I would like to receive a newsletter by mail

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

Make your Annual Dinner Reservation! Due by March 28! April 11, 2024 • Macomb Country Club

Guest(s) _____

Petite Filet # _____

all filets will be cooked to medium

Teriyaki Salmon # _____

Pasta Alfredo Fettuccini # _____

Total Dinners _____ at \$35 each \$ _____

Membership Level Amount \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
(membership/reservation)

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for the annual
dinner and your
membership
dues!**

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Summer Reading Program is Read, Renew, Repeat!

Tiffany Erickson, Children's Services

The Summer Reading Program is back this year with the theme Read, Renew, Repeat. Young readers can pick up a reading log at the Youth Services Desk starting June 1, and complete as many 500 minutes reading logs as they choose by July 31. After completing a 500 minute reading log, readers will receive a certificate of achievement, prize book, brag tag, reusable tote and more. All additional logs earn another brag tag and entry into the grand prize drawing.

Aside from encouraging reading, the library will keep out young patrons busy plenty of programming. Move and Groove on Tuesdays at 10:30 am for children ages 0-3 plus a caregiver features stories, songs and instruments! Story time on Wednesdays at 10:30 am is open to all ages and often features surprise readers. Messy Makers on Thursdays at 10:30 am is for all ages and features a craft along with stories and songs. Tweens and teens are welcome to attend our Fantastic Fridays program where projects are bigger and imaginations are stretched, and the Anime and Manga Club is a celebration of drawing, movies, reading and more.

It wouldn't be summer without some special programming. This year the Macomb Park District and Macomb Public Library will partner for Little Lunchers in Chandler Park where children get a fun story time and lunch provided by a local restaurant. On June 12, we welcome Wildlife Prairie Park for an animal show, and on July 17 we will welcome the David Quesal Puppet Troupe

for two shows. PBSKids will come again to entertain young readers on June 12. We will wrap up summer reading on July 31 with Absolute Science and their amazing foam cannon. It will be a summer to remember!

A graphic for 'Keep Calm and Read a Book 2024'. It features a stack of colorful books with a black cat sitting on top. The text 'KEEP Calm and READ a book 2024' is written in a mix of fonts and colors. To the right, there is a 'PAGE TURNERS' graphic with a book icon and the text '4:30-5:30 Macomb Public Library 2nd Wednesday of each month'. Below this, the dates and titles of the events are listed: 'April 10 What the Eyes Don't See' by Mona Hanna-Attisha and 'May 8 Day' by Michael Cunningham.

KEEP Calm and READ a book 2024

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