

# **B**the **Bookmark**

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## New Copperfield's Offers Christmas Gift Suggestions



Christmas gift-shopping can be a great stress-inducer. Linda Cox of New Copperfield Book Service was kind enough to offer some gift suggestions for the book lovers on your list. All books are available at the store or by special order.

### Birth to Six Months:

- Daddy's Scratchy Face
- Pat the Bunny
- Goodnight Moon
- Black on White
- Hello Baby

### Six to Twelve Months:

- Touch & Feel Tractor
- What Does Baby Do
- More, More, More Said the Baby
- Polar Babies

### Two to Four Years:

Welcome Winter, Jill Ackerman  
Tails, Matthew VanFleet  
Corduroy, Don Freeman  
Snuggle Puppy, Sandra Boynton  
Foodie Babies Wear Bibs, Michelle Sinclair Colman  
Baby Happy, Baby Sad, Leslie Patricelli

### Pre-Kindergarten:

Fancy Nancy: Let's Get Fancy Together, Jane O'Conner  
Madeline & the Cats of Rome, John Bemelmans Marciano  
My Daddy, Susan Paradis

Little Quack, Lauren Thompson

### First To Third Grades:

Swing, Rufus Butler Seder  
Gallop, Rufus Butler Seder  
Class Trip, Mercer Mayer  
Earth Smart, Garrett  
Dactyls! Dragons of the Air, Robert Bakker  
Polar Bear, Magic School Bus

### Fourth To Sixth Grades:

Bear Called Paddington, Michael Bond  
The Mysterious Benedict Society & the Perilous Journey, Trenton Lee Stewart  
Kidnapped, Stevenson

### Seventh to Eighth:

Science Fair, Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson  
The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins  
The Pocket Daring Book for Girls: Wisdom & Wonder, Andrea Buchanan & Miriam Peskowitz

### High School:

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier, Ishmael Beal  
An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming, Al Gore  
The Twilight Saga, Stephanie Meyer

### Adult Fiction Hard Cover:

Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society, Mary Ann Shaffer, Annie Barrows  
The Story of Edward Sawtelle, David Wroblewski

The Gate House, Nelson DeMille

Devine Justice, David Baldacci  
The Brass Verdict, Michel Connelly

### Adult Fiction Paperback:

Out Stealing Horses, Per Petterson  
Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd  
Loving Frank, Nancy Horan  
Bridge of Sighs, Richard Russo;  
Pontoon, Garrison Keillor

### Adult Nonfiction Hard Cover:

Dime Novel Desperadoes, John Hallwas  
Dewey, Vicky Myron  
Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics, Ina Garten  
Hot, Flat, & Crowded, Thomas Friedman;  
The Snowball, Warren Buffett and the Business of Life, Alice Schroder

### Adult Nonfiction Paper Back:

Animal, Mineral, Miracle, Barbara Kingsolver  
Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin  
Life & Times of the Thunderbolt Kid, Bill Bryson  
Team of Rivals, Doris Kerns Goodwin  
Musicophilia, Oliver Sacks

### Gift Books:

Life Along the Illinois River, David Zalaznik  
Lincoln: The Presidential Archives, Chuck Wills

## Seasons Readings from the Staff and Trustees of Macomb Public Library



The weather is changing...getting colder...with snow just around the corner. Snowflakes will start appearing in the children's library and trees, garland, and lights will be scattered throughout the building in the next few weeks. The library staff has teamed up with the Salvation Army and will be collecting non-perishable food items for the community food pantry. The library will also be a drop off point for mittens and stocking caps to keep children warm during the cold months. Stop by the library

often and check out a good book, magazine, an audio book, DVD or music on CD.

With the economy on a down turn, our check out is on an increase. You might experience a short wait while checking out materials. While you are waiting to check out be sure to browse the Friends used books next to the staircase.

Best for the Holidays and New Year.  
Dennis Danowski  
Library Director

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the holidays approaching I thought it would be a great opportunity to thank all of you who volunteer your time to promote and support our public library. Our book sale fund raisers take many hours of work behind the scenes sorting and pricing books, transporting books to and from the library annex to our warehouse site and all the time invested in the days of the sales. Our board members spend time meeting each month and planning events and coming up with ways to enhance our library. Others run book clubs and assist the library by maintaining the shelves. We have other volunteers who transport books to the nursing homes and train station. An enormous thank you for all you do. Please consider spending some time helping promote our great resource.



Happy Holidays to all!

- Mary Kiritsy

## BETTER BOOK SALE 2008: Alternate Date Creates Success

While heavy rain temporarily damped the spirits for the 2008 Better Book Sale scheduled for Chandler Park, plans were quickly in place to cancel and look for an alternate date and place. Thanks to Citizen's National Bank's immediate response, we were able to set up in their empty lot next to 109 E. Jefferson St. and hold the sale September 20, one week later, with perfect weather conditions.

Just under \$3,000 was taken in from brisk sales of better quality paperbacks, hardbound books and media. The location and publicity seemed to attract a constant flow of customers. Plus, over 20 volunteers from the Friends of the Library helped in setting up, selling, and taking down the event. Months of preparation by the regular sorting crew helped in preparing a good sale.

Thanks to all volunteers, people who donated books and media, and supporters of the Friends of the Library this was a big success, especially considering the need to change plans due to weather.

Becky Parker, Sales Coordinator



A crowd of book lovers enjoy a perfect day for browsing.



Phil & Margene Weiss dig into some of the many boxes of donated books.

## SORTING SALES BOOKS: A Year Long Activity

Because of our high visibility with our two book sales, donations have been coming in at a strong and steady pace on a regular basis. As a result, we will be sorting and boxing donations every other Tuesday, from approximately 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 109 E. Jefferson St. Anyone who would like to see what is going on or to help, feel free to drop in.

Email Becky at [parkers@macomb.com](mailto:parkers@macomb.com) to check on which Tuesdays are sorting days.....or, look for cars in front of the building. This is fun, easy-going, and an opportunity to check out thousands of books.

## Online Card Catalogs Make for Easy Resource Access

It's 3:00 in the morning, and you can't sleep. You get online to check the book reviews on Amazon.com, and you find a title that really catches your attention. The only problem is, you can't call the library now to see if it's available for loan. What can you do?

You could search the Macomb Public Library catalog online. The following links will help explain how to access materials at the Macomb Library as well the resources of other libraries in the area, around the state or across the nation.

**Direct link to the Macomb Public Library catalog** (good for checking our local collection):  
[http://rsacat.alsrsa.org/rooms/portal/page/Sirsi\\_HOME.psm1?action=SetUserProfile&currentSetting=macombpld](http://rsacat.alsrsa.org/rooms/portal/page/Sirsi_HOME.psm1?action=SetUserProfile&currentSetting=macombpld)

**Using Your Library Catalog** (explains different ways of searching the online catalog):  
<http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/RSADocuments/systemspecificdocuments/RSACatcataloghelp.pdf>

**Using Your Online Library Account** (helpful information for seeing what you have checked out, renewing items, or updating your contact information):  
<http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/RSADocuments/systemspecificdocuments/RSACatuserhelp.pdf>

**Getting the Materials You Want with Holds** (explains how to reserve items on items checked out from our library or items available only from other libraries in the region):  
<http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/RSADocuments/systemspecificdocuments/RSACatholdhelp.pdf>

### Notes:

- The brochures are PDFs, and they are easier to read if they are printed out. Those who wish to access the links to the catalog brochures will need to have the latest free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader on their computers. All three brochures are also available on the table across from the library's automatic sliding door. (Using Your Library Catalog is the pumpkin brochure, Using Your Online Library Account is the lilac brochure, and Getting the Materials You Want with Holds is in yellow.)

- Those who wish to access their library accounts online will need to use the barcodes off their library cards and their passwords. Those who do not already have a password will need to come to the library in person to set one up. Passwords may be up to 8 characters long, consisting of numbers and/or letters. Those who keep their cards on file at the library will also need to stop by the library to get their barcode numbers.

What if your desired title is not available at Macomb Public Library? If it's not available locally, you could search other sources to see if it's available at other libraries. Titles in our region are the quickest to borrow, but we can also investigate other libraries in Illinois and out-of-state libraries for materials. Please bear in mind that it can take two weeks for borrowed items to arrive at Macomb Public Library, so this option may not be the best for urgent requests.

**Resource Sharing Alliance (RSA) catalog** (good for seeing what is available in our region):  
<http://rsacat.alsrsa.org/>

**Statewide Illinois Library Catalog (SILC)** (good for seeing what is available in the state of Illinois—just click "Enter the Catalog" on the righthand side of the page):  
<http://findit.ilsos.net/OCLC/>

**WorldCat** (good for seeing what is available outside the state of Illinois):  
<http://www.worldcat.org/>

**Western Illinois University catalog (WestCat):**  
<https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/wiu/>

**I-Share catalog** (Coalition of Academic and Research Libraries of Illinois/CARLI):  
<https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uc/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>

### Notes about WestCat:

- Western will not send items to Macomb Public Library, but many items at Malpass Library are available for checkout to those who present photo identification and fill out appropriate paperwork at the Circulation desk.

- Many items at other Western Illinois University university libraries are available to checkout for those who present a faculty ID, student ID, or employee ID.

- Concerned about parking on campus? There are usually more spaces available near the libraries after 5:00 p.m. weekdays and anytime on the weekends.

- See <http://www.wiu.edu/library/> for more general information about using Western Illinois University libraries.

### Notes about I-Share:

- Requests can be made online by anyone who has a faculty ID, student ID, or employee ID number from Western Illinois University or other CARLI-affiliated schools.

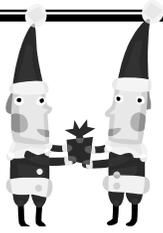
- Macomb Public Library patrons may request materials from I-Share by filling out an Interlibrary Loan Request form at Macomb Public Library.

- Some materials may not be available for loan. Examples of restricted materials may include rare or archive materials, curriculum or K-12 education items, and audiovisual items.

If anyone runs into difficulties with any of the catalog links or instruction brochures provided, please feel free to call, e-mail, or stop by the library. I will be happy to walk through the process of using services available online.

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## Special Library Holiday Hours

Wednesday, December 24 CLOSED • Thursday December 25 CLOSED • Friday, December 26 9am-6pm  
 Wednesday, December 31 CLOSED • Thursday, January 1 CLOSED  
 Monday January 19, CLOSED - Martin Luther King Day

### Book Worms Schedule for 2008-2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER			
Jan. 14	P. G. Wodehouse	<i>The Code of the Woosters</i>	Bill Burton
Feb. 11	Sally Gunning	<i>The Widow's War</i>	Diana Allen
March 11	Ian McEwan	<i>Amsterdam</i>	Martha Norcross
April 8	Khaled Hosseini	<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i>	Bea Wehrly
May 13	Evelyn Waugh	<i>Scoop</i>	Sterling Kernek

Book Worms 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 Macomb Public Library. All interested readers are invited to attend; read the book before the meeting and come prepared to discuss it. Books are available at the Reserve Desk of the Macomb Public Library and can be ordered at New Copperfield Book Service on the Macomb Square. At the club's November meeting, long-time leader Bill Burton resigned his post and Martha Norcross was elected as his replacement. Any questions regarding the club should be directed to Norcross.

### Mystery Book Club Schedule for 2008-2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER			
January 28	Michael Chabon	<i>The Final Solution</i>	Bill Burton
February 25	Peter Robinson	<i>In a Dry Season</i>	Charlie Mayer
March 25	David Carkeet	<i>Double Negative</i>	Leslie Walker
April 22	Lisa Scottoline	<i>Mistaken Identity</i>	Phil Weiss
May 27	Aaron Elkins	<i>Unnatural Selection</i>	Diana Allen

All meetings of the Mystery Reading Group are free and open to the public. From August to May (except for December) we meet at 7 p.m. in the Macomb Public Library on the fourth Wednesday of most months, unless otherwise noted. All interested readers are invited to attend. Just read the books ahead of time and come prepared to discuss with friends.