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Instructional DVD Series Now Available



*Library Director
Dennis Danowski
and Friends
President Kate
Joswick display
some of the
titles included in
"The Great
Courses" series.*

Macomb library patrons can now access some of the finest instructors in a variety of disciplines right from their homes. Recently, the Friends of the Macomb Public Library purchased seven new courses on DVD from The Teaching Company. The courses are part of "The Great Courses: Teaching that Engages the Mind" published by The Teaching Company and featuring lectures by renowned teachers in their field.

One course, "The Joy of Mathematics" was purchased by an anonymous donor in memory of Joe Stipanowich. Stipanowich was the former Western Illinois University mathematics chair and longtime mathematics faculty member. Other courses include: How the Earth Works, Broadway Musicals, Anatomy and Physiology, Dutch Masters, Foundation of Western Civilization, and Zero to Infinity. The DVD courses are available for check-out at the public library.

Train Riders Enjoy a Free Read Courtesy of The Friends



Several years ago it was suggested that the FOML institute a book service for the benefit of Amtrak riders travelling from Macomb to Chicago. As a result, we installed a revolving book rack next to the ticket window inside the station. Volunteers take turns throughout the month keeping the rack replenished with older, but still serviceable, reading material for travelers to enjoy during

the course of their trip. These books are free to the public. Selections are varied and run the gamut from cookbooks to literary classics. We have recently started including children's books, too, so there should be something available for all ages to enjoy. If you're planning to take Amtrak, take a minute before boarding your train to check out the book rack in the station. A good read can really make the trip pass quickly!

Special Meeting

The Friends of the Macomb Library Board is proposing an update of the organization's bylaws. The proposed amendments will be voted on at a special membership meeting on January 4, 2010 at 5 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. The meeting is open to all members. A copy of the proposed amendments to the bylaws is available at the library.

Gifts for the Bibliophile

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.

These are what Macomb is buying:

Adult Non-Fiction

These reflect John Hallwas new release & interest in local history.

Remembering McDonough County – John Hallwas

Barns of Illinois – Larry Kanfer

Tales of Two Rivers VII – various

Place Names of McDonough County – Gordana Rezab

Bootlegger – John Hallwas

Dime Novel Desperadoes – John Hallwas

Walk in the Woods – Bill Bryson

Birds of Illinois-Stan Tekielka

Three Cups of Tea – Greg Mortenson

Lincoln's Sword- Douglas Wilson

Adult Fiction

Gathering Storm- Robert Jordan

Water for Elephants – Sara Gruen

The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society – Mary Ann Shaffer

In the Company of Cheerful Ladies – Alexander McCall Smith

Out Stealing Horses – Per Petterson

The Lost Symbol- Dan Brown

I, Alex Cross – James Patterson

The Lacuna – Barbarba Kingsolver

Pirate Latitudes – Michael Crichton

Ford Country John Grisham

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all the Friends of Macomb Public Library,

The holiday season is here again. Have you considered turning to the library as a source for gift ideas? It is a good time for library and book lovers to think about sharing their love of reading and information with others. Books are always a cherished and lasting gift. You will find some suggestions from our local bookseller in this issue of the newsletter. In addition, the locally written reviews that appear in the Saturday edition of the McDonough County *Voice* may provide the inspiration for the perfect gift for someone. The library also subscribes to many popular magazines and journals. Browsing their collection before ordering a gift subscription gives you the opportunity to match the magazine's content to the interests of a special friend or family member, young or old.

There are other ways the library can help to recognize loved ones during the holiday season. A gift library card for book lovers or students outside the library district would open the resources of the entire library system to the recipient. A year's membership to the Friends of the Library would be a gift that would benefit the donor, the receiver, and the causes that the Friends support. Donating a book, audio book, subscription, or other library material to the library in the beneficiary's name is another way to compound a gift's benefits.

Remember, the library that we know and love can help you with your gift giving during the holidays.

Happy Reading!

Kate Joswick, President



BOOK SALE NEWS

BETTER BOOKS SALE SUCCESS

In 7 hours the Friends took in just over \$3,000 in sales of books and media during the annual Better Book Sale, September 19. The music, art and weather couldn't have been better as the customers arrived in a steady stream all day.

This smaller, but quality, sale is always a good time for customers and volunteers. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the sale.

Becky Parker,
Sales Coordinator

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION?

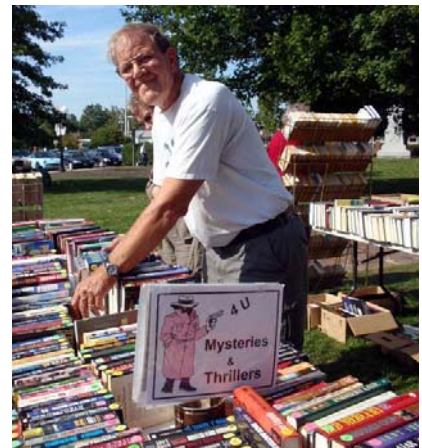
The book sales committee is encouraging you to consider downsizing and donating those extra books, CDs, audio books, video tapes, etc. by donating them to the library for sales. Just leave them at the front desk or call the library if you need someone to pick up the donations.

Please do not include any textbooks, magazines, or out-dated material like medical and financial advice. We accept donations all year long.

Tell your friends!!!

Friends board member Phil Weiss (right) helps stock and straighten books.

(Below) Shoppers browse through the large selection of better books on a beautiful September day.



Christmas Fun at the Library

Santa Is Visiting The Library!



Thursday, December 17 • 10 a.m.

Enjoy A Treat *Hear A Story*

Tell Santa Your Christmas Wish

Don't Forget Your Camera!

**Do You Have A Letter
for Santa?**



Santa Claus
1 Candy Lane
North Pole

Let the Library take care of it!

We will help Santa's Elves by collecting letters for Santa until December 23rd. We'll get them to Santa in time for Christmas.

The Red Santa Mailbox is located inside the library next to the information desk.





Special Library Holiday Hours

Thursday, December 24 CLOSED • Friday December 25 CLOSED • Saturday, December 26 9am-6pm
 Thursday, December 31 CLOSED • Friday, January 1 CLOSED
 Monday January 18, CLOSED - Martin Luther King Day

Great Reads Book Club Schedule for 2009-2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER			
Jan. 13	Pollan, Michael	<i>In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto</i>	Bill Burton
Feb. 10	Ford, Jamie	<i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>	Becky Parker
Mar. 10	Gunning, Sally	<i>Bound</i>	Diana Allen
Apr. 14	Petterson, Per	<i>Out Stealing Horses</i>	Nancy Coney
May 12	Trevor, William	<i>The Story of Lucy Gault</i>	Doris Burton

Friends of the Library Book Club 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. All books are available at the Reserve Desk of the Macomb Public Library and can be ordered at New Copperfields Book Service on the Macomb Square.

Mystery Book Club Schedule for 2009-2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER			
Jan. 27	Penny, Louise	<i>A Fatal Grace</i>	Margene Weiss
Feb. 24	Mortimer, John	<i>The First Rumpole Omnibus</i>	Mel Kerr
Mar. 24	Haddam, Jane	<i>Somebody Else's Music</i>	Alice Robertson
Apr. 28	Magnan, Pierre	<i>Death in the Truffle Wood</i>	Doris Burton
May 27	Wingfield, R.D.	<i>Frost at Christmas</i>	Diana Allen

* Meeting is on third Wednesday rather than usual fourth Wednesday of the month.

Mystery Book club is an adult reading/discussion group sponsored by the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. From August to May (except for December) it meets the fourth Wednesday (except where noted) of each month at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Macomb Public Library. All interested readers are invited to attend. It is more fun if you read the books ahead of time and come prepared to discuss them