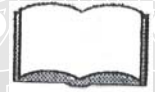




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Volunteers Needed for Sept. 19 Book Sale

This year's Better Book Sale will be held with the **Gazebo Art and AI Sears Jazz Festival** in Chandler Park, Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale is a lot of fun to work and much easier than the Heritage Days Sale. In case of heavy rain, we might reschedule for the next Saturday at the Annex.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES are:

We need extra trucks – preferably open bed pick up trucks.

7:30 a.m. (At the Annex, 109 E. Jefferson) Set up crew for one tent, tables, loading trucks

8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. — set up book display with one hour of sales,

10:00 a.m. to noon — straighten and sell

Noon to 2:00 p.m. – straighten and sell.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – straighten and sell.

4:00 p.m. Extra help is needed to box and move the books back to the library shed.

Please email Becky at parkers@macomb.com or call 836-7206 if you can help at any of the times. Further instructions will be given to all who volunteer.

If you can't work the sale, you can help by donating your better quality books (paperback and hardbound) or any media (video tapes, books on tape, CDs, etc.) In any case, please come and buy!!! There are a lot of great bargains which would make good Christmas gifts!

Becky Parker, Sales Coordinator



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The one-day Better Book Sale needs volunteers. Shifts are:

- **7:45 a.m.**
Volunteers with a truck, van or station wagon needed to transport books from library.
- **8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** Selling starts at 9 a.m. but setting up takes extra hands.
- **10 a.m. to noon**
Selling, straightening, membership table.
- **Noon to 2 p.m.**
Selling, straightening, membership table.
- **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
Selling, straightening, membership table
- **4 p.m.**
Workers are needed to box books and clean up our space.

To volunteer, sign up at the Library Desk or email Becky Parker at:

parkers@macomb.com.

Gloria Hurh Holds Book Signing at New Copperfield's



Gloria Hurh (left) is joined at her book signing by husband Won Hurh and FOL member Nancy Coney.

New Copperfield Book Service featured Friends of the Library past president, Gloria Hurh, at a book signing celebration Saturday, July 22, 2009. Amidst Korean snacks and music, people lined up for her to autograph "We Married Koreans: Personal Stories of American Women with Korean Husbands," a fascinating book conceived and edited by Gloria.

This unique book explores 12 American women who decided to marry Korean men during the 1960's, a time when 38 states had laws on the book prohibiting whites from marrying non-whites. Won's forward and Gloria's

introduction describe the social-cultural context as well as the evolution of the book itself from conception to publication. Each woman's journey into marriage, including Gloria's own, makes for a highly interesting story reflecting some common threads and cultural adjustments, as well as providing a story of love and endurance against many odds.

If you haven't purchased the book at New Copperfield, you can still check it out at the Macomb Public Library. I strongly recommend it.

- Becky Parker

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Library Lovers,

As we begin a new school year, it is important to remember the role libraries play in supporting and supplementing learning. The Macomb Public Library provides recreational and educational materials for all age groups but it also provides research materials for students and adults. Don't overlook the potential of your local library to enhance your life.

September also brings us to the second big Friends of the Library book sale of the summer, the Better Book Sale. Our book sales bring many benefits to our community. Readers are able to acquire gently used books at greatly reduced prices. The sales themselves allow a wonderful opportunity to visit with likeminded shoppers and to discuss your favorites with them. People who donate books benefit from bookcases or attics with a little newly-created space for new purchases. It is definitely a "green" experience. Of course, the biggest benefactor is the library itself. Book sale profits translate directly into additional revenue for the library to support its many, diverse initiatives. Macomb citizens should offer

a big round of applause for all the workers, sorters, shoppers, and donators who make these sales such important community events.



Another Friends initiative that keeps the love of reading in the limelight is the book review column entitled "What are You Reading?" that appears in the Saturday edition of the *Macomb Journal*. Generous area readers take the time to write up brief reviews of recently read or favorite books which are then published in the newspaper. I know I personally look forward to these reviews every week. I have had enjoyable experiences searching out and reading books that were reviewed by friends and neighbors. I hope you will all consider sharing your recommendations and opinions with others by sending three or four sentence reviews to me or dropping them off at the library. Reviews by children and students are welcome as well. We will all look forward to reading them.

Happy reading!

Kate Joswick

Heritage Days Book Sale Big Success



In spite of continuous heat all weekend, the 2009 Heritage Days Book Sale brought in the second highest sales record ever – just around \$7,000. The Open House Pre-Sales for members only and the first sales day were very active and brought in two-thirds of the income while the heat slowed down purchases on the second day. We set another record with 22 membership forms paid on Thursday and a few more coming in during the sale. This year we had a total of five tents which made display and shopping more comfortable.

Over 40 volunteers were involved in making this challenging sale a success. A special thanks goes to the hardest part of the book sales operations -- moving boxes of books, setting up and taking down.

Friends Purchase Classes on DVD for the Library

The Friends of the Library board, following up on a suggestion from a Friend, have resolved to purchase "Great Courses" on DVD from *The Teaching Company* for use by Library patrons. These classes are in-depth investigations of some of the most interesting ideas in the world. The classes range from 6 hours to 38 hours and consist of groups of lectures that are approximately 30-40 minutes long. About six lectures are held on each DVD. The company claims that the classes are taught by the top 1% of the country's college professors, based on teaching awards, student evaluations, newspaper articles, and first hand observa-

tions of classes. The cost of these courses range from approximately \$100-\$400 each.

After reviewing hundreds of course descriptions and studying course evaluations from the company's website (www.TEACH12.com), the board recommended six courses to the library director for the initial purchase. The topics of the courses include art history, western civilization, anatomy, the history of the Broadway musical, geology, and mathematics. In addition to the DVDs paid for from Friends funds, a library patron purchased an additional course as a memorial to a friend.

The courses should be available for check-out at the library in the near future. The library staff has yet to de-

termine the loan period and the number of DVDs that can be lent at one time. Please check with the library staff for additional information on this new service.

The library intends to monitor the use of these courses over the next year. If they prove to be as popular as we hope they will be, the Friends will fund the purchase of additional courses. Meanwhile, if you own *The Teaching Company* courses, consider contributing them to the library. Donations for a commemorative course is a very special way to honor a friend or celebrate a special event. Of course, your recommendations for additional courses are always welcome.

New Book Discussion Group Sponsored by the Friends

The Friends of the Macomb Public Library are delighted to announce the organization of a new book discussion group sponsored by the Friends. This group will meet during daylight hours at the Everly House, in contrast to the other groups that meet in the evening at the Library. The initial meeting for the new group will be Thursday, September 17, at 3:00 pm. The group will routinely meet at this time: the **Third Thursday at Three!** Alice Davenport has agreed to be the initial moderator and convener.

At the first meeting, participants will pool their ideas of what type of books to read and discuss, whether to all read the same book or listen to one person report on a book, and the basic format the discussions will follow. Members will determine the schedules for the first year. Please contact Alice Davenport (309-836-6521) for additional information or to express your interest.

This new book discussion group joins the other established book groups sponsored by the Friends of the Macomb Public Library. The Great Reads Book Group meets at the Library at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. The Mystery Book Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, same time, same place. All interested readers are invited to attend these groups as well. Their 2009-2010 schedules and book selections are posted on the Friends website at www.follibrary.tripod.com. As the website states, "This is an organization with no dues, no officers, no by-laws and just one purpose—reading and discussing good books." What could be better?

The Great Reads Book Club Schedule for 2009-2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Discussion leader</u>
Sept. 9	Bennett, Alan	<i>The Uncommon Reader</i>	Martha Norcross
Oct. 14	Cahill, Thomas	<i>Mysteries of the Middle Ages</i>	Edie Selders
Nov. 11	Krakauer, Jon	<i>Into Thin Air</i>	Leslie Walker
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

The Great Reads 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>
July 1	Silbert, Leslie	<i>The Intelligencer</i>	Lois Ganyard
Aug. 26	Milne, A.A.	<i>The Red House Mystery</i>	Bill Burton
Sept. 23	Pickard, Nancy	<i>The Virgin of Small Plains</i>	Martha Norcross
Oct. 28	Fiffler, Sue	<i>Dead Guy's Stuff: A Jane Wheel Mystery</i>	Betsy Downing
Nov. 18*	Cohen, Jeffrey	<i>It Happened One Knife</i>	Phil Weiss
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 with friends.

Face to Face with Paula Wise

This is a new addition to our newsletter. Each issue will feature a member of the FOL board who will answer several questions relating to his or her interest in reading and libraries. Paula Wise is one of our newest board members, and the first in our series of interviews.



Why did you choose to serve on the Friends board?

I am recently retired and considering various options to stay active in the

community. As a life-long reader, getting involved with the Friends of the Macomb Public Library seemed to be a good fit for me. I started by volunteering to help with the Heritage Days book sale last year and gradually got involved with sorting donated books. From there I guess I worked my way up to be asked to be a member of the board.

What do you personally like to read?

In terms of fiction, I usually prefer to read novels by female authors such as Anne Tyler, Jane Smiley, Maeve Binchy, etc. I also enjoy "light mysteries" – the kind that includes recipes, gardening tips, word puzzles, or crochet patterns. As a school psychology practitioner and then trainer for many years, I love the Denise Swanson mysteries featuring a school psychologist from rural Illinois as the main character.

In terms of non-fiction, I prefer autobiographies with a smattering of self-help books thrown in. I am currently reading "Put Your House on a Diet" in an effort to get our household organized.

What was your most memorable library experience?

In the neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio in which I grew up, there was a small public library about a block from my elementary school. I loved to check out books on the way home from school and I loved the summer reading program. I do recall feeling a bit intimidated by Mr. Matey, the librarian. He asked questions about each summer reading program book to verify that we had actually read the books we said we had completed.