



MUNCIE PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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February 2024



Library Director Retirement Reception

Akilah Nosakhere, Library Director of Muncie Public Library, will retire on March 1, 2024 after more than seven years of dedicated service to MPL. Nosakhere became Library Director in 2017, following the retirement of former Library Director Ginny Nilles. Please join us as we honor Akilah for her leadership and wish her well in her retirement!

**Retirement Reception for Akilah Nosakhere
with Live Music & Refreshments (All Ages)
Thursday, February 29 from 4:30-7pm with comments at 5:30pm
Carnegie Library, 301 E. Jackson Street, Muncie, IN**

Upcoming Programs

A Night of Jazz (Adult Program)

Thursday, February 15 from 5-7pm

Maring-Hunt Library, 2005 S. High Street, Muncie, IN

This program will include a brief presentation about the African American origins of jazz, followed by a live performance by Tom Foolery & the Laughing Stocks, an Indianapolis-based jazz band. Free refreshments, including nonalcoholic mocktails, will be served.

Stone Soup Kitchen (All Ages)

Saturday, February 17 from 2-4pm

Maring-Hunt Library, 2005 S. High Street, Muncie, IN

Staff and volunteers from the Soup Kitchen of Muncie will be on hand to serve homemade chili. Program activities will include story times, crafts, and more based on the traditional tale of stone soup. The Soup Kitchen is marking its 30th anniversary in 2024, and this event will include a celebration of that milestone. MPL is also conducting nonperishable food drives at all branches throughout February to benefit the Soup Kitchen of Muncie.

Hidden Figures: Celebrating Notable African American Women of Delaware County (Adult Program)

Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm

Connection Corner, 1824 E. Centennial Avenue, Muncie, IN

Local historians and community advocates including Dr. Terry Witt Bailey, Melissa Gentry, Sara McKinley, and Karen Vincent will share stories, historic photos, maps, and more. Program sponsors are BSU University Libraries, Delaware County Historical Society, Notable Women of Muncie & Delaware County, Minnetrista Museum & Gardens, and MPL.

Author Talk with Max Fraser (Adult Program)

Friday, February 23 at 5:30pm

Maring-Hunt Library, 2005 S. High Street, Muncie, IN

Has your family lived in Muncie for generations and can you trace your family roots to Jamestown, Tennessee or another southern community? Then don't miss this program with Max Fraser, the author of "Hillbilly Highway: The Transappalachian Migration and the Making of a White Working Class." Fraser will discuss the movement of southern whites to the industrial Midwest. This program is a collaboration of MPL, the Center for Middletown Studies, and the Ross Community Center. Unfortunately, books will not be for sale at the event, but can be purchased at Princeton University Press.

<https://press.princeton.edu/books/hardcover/9780691191119/hillbilly-highway>

All programs are free and a library card is never required to attend any program or event at MPL. For additional information, visit the library website at: www.munciepubliclibrary.org

All MPL Branches Will be Closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day!



Featured Photos

Muncie Public Library is proud that we were named a Growing Home™ Certified Habitat by the Red-tail Land Conservancy for our Maring-Hunt Library Gardens. What makes it a habitat? It has all of the essentials for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover, and a place to raise young. We can't take all of the credit. The MH Gardens have been a partnership project since the beginning! All of the elements of the space were made possible by working together with Ball State University, Lowe's Community Grants, the 8Twelve Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, the Thomas Park Avondale Neighborhood Association, the Urban Gardening Coalition, the Zeigler Foundation, and many others. If weather permits, stop by the MH Gardens for a brisk walk and to enjoy all that it offers!



What's New @ MPL?

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www.munciepubliclibrary.org

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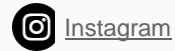
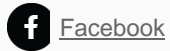
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