Thanks to Our Summer Reading Sponsors!

It takes a whole team of people to make our summer reading program a success each year, including valuable community partners. We’d like to thank these local partners for contributing their merchandise to fund our summer reading prizes:

- 3rd Base Sports & Country Shack
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- Muncie Mission
- Murray’s Jewelers
- Normandy Flowers
- Pizza Hut
- Savage’s Ale House
- Sitara Indian Cuisine
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Fickle Peach
- Victor’s Gyro & Pancake House
- Wendy’s
- White Rabbit Used Bookstore
- Wizard’s Keep

Youth Services Gears Up for Back-to-School Season

Believe it or not, the new school year will soon be upon us. To kick off a new season of learning, Maring-Hunt and Kennedy Libraries will be offering up fresh new programming to help re-engage kids and teens. Check out what’s coming down the pike:

**Fashionistas!**
This new teen programming series is designed to appeal to the style-savvy teen in your life. At our first program, we'll be bleaching designs into t-shirts. Materials and stencils will be provided.

**Daddy & Me Story Time**
Maring-Hunt Library
August 18 @5pm
Kids from birth to five years of age can join Daddy for an hour of bonding at this story time, which features music, reading, and dancing.

**Teen Advisory Board**
Maring-Hunt
August 27 @4pm
Teens, boss the librarians around for once! This group will meet monthly to give input about library programs. Participants will gain leadership skills, volunteer hours, and most importantly--free pizza!

**Are you Smarter than a Kindergartner?**
Kennedy Library
August 28 @6pm
First-time students can attend this game night-style program, which focuses on Kindergarten readiness skills.

And don't forget to keep an eye out for us at your school's open house! Youth Services staff will be on hand at most area open houses to provide you with information about how the library can offer resources to parents and students during the school year.

**Update: Kano Computer Grant**

Over twenty kids attended MPL's first Kano Computer Create event, which the library was able to put on thanks to a sizable grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

At the program, kids got an opportunity to tinker with our collection of Kano Computers--small, easy-to-use computers designed for kids--and learned how to build, code, and program. The participants' inquisitive hands eagerly inserted micro-SD cards, hooked up speakers, and collaborated with our staff to build other STEM skills.

Throughout the program, kid-friendly Kanos allowed for the exploration of new realms of computer understanding. Who knows? Perhaps the next Steve Jobs is in our midst!

Whether it's modifying Minecraft or making art through code, Kano has something for every kid. We hope you can make it to our next program! Register by visiting our online calendar, or calling (765) 747-8204.

**Kano Computer Create**
Maring-Hunt Library
Sight Words for Young Readers

The Dolch Word List is a list of commonly used words originally compiled by Edward William Dolch, PhD and published in his 1948 book, Problems in Reading. Dolch compiled the list based on children's books of the period, and selected 220 "service words" which children need to recognize to achieve reading fluency. Why are they called sight words? Many of the 220 words in the Dolch list, cannot be "sounded out", and must be learned by sight, according to the Dolch Sight Words website.*

MPL will be promoting this word list as part of our mission to help all children be prepared for learning and reading. We will post a few words from this list each month for you to share and review with young readers in your life. Here are this month's words:

- Kindergarten & 1st grade: yes, all, be
- 2nd grade: gave, don't, off
- 3rd grade: cut, hot, myself


This site also offers helpful word lists and activities for caregivers to share with young readers.

Library Collaborates for Local History Programming

Here's a local history fun fact: in the early 1800's, two local railroads ran in close proximity between Indianapolis and Cleveland. One was called the "Indianapolis & Bellefontaine" and the second was called "Bellefontaine & Indiana." Because of the similarity between their two names, and the bee-line path that both rail lines took toward Cleveland, both became known as the "Bee Line" railroads.

Muncie Public Library's Carnegie Library, in conjunction with Yorktown-Mt. Pleasant Historical Alliance, will be presenting a two-part series about these railroads. However, these programs will go beyond a mere retelling of the two rail lines. Instead, the programs will use the story of the "Bee Lines" to explore the larger cultural and economic shifts happening in Indiana between the 1830's and the 1880's--shifts that touched every aspect of rural Midwestern life from technology to enterprise, travel to finance. The programs will also feature guest speaker Arthur Andrew Olson III, author of "Heritage & Pedigree of the 'Bee Line' Railroads: Struggle for Control of the Cleveland-St. Louis Rail Corridor."

Don't miss out on this chance to glimpse a unique part of our local history, and support two fantastic Delaware County-based local history resources in the process.
Heritage & Pedigree of the "Bee Line" Railroads: Part I
Carnegie Library
301 E. Jackson St., Muncie
August 18, @6:30pm

Heritage & Pedigree of the "Bee Line" Railroads: Part II
Yorktown-Mt. Pleasant Historical Alliance
9132 W. Smith St., Yorktown
August 19, @7pm

Book Clubs: Bigger Variety, Snazzier Names
MPL is happy to welcome a new book club into the fold! The Bookworms & Brews Book Club will meet monthly at The Fickle Peach in downtown Muncie* and will focus on literary fiction and historic non-fiction.

Bookworms & Brews creator Anthony was inspired to start the book club because he wanted to explore reads that were challenging, but still accessible. "Vidal's (author of September's book club pick) mastery of the English language is brilliant and decadent. The characters are vibrant and incredibly realistic. They remind you of people you know."

In other book club news, the KB Book Club has recently undergone a make-over: while the club will continue to offer high-quality reading picks, monthly meetings, and great conversation, the club will now be known as the "Literary Explorers" book club and even has a new logo to match. Says librarian Kathy Burton, "We wanted patrons to get a sense that they're going on an adventure with each new book."

Want more info on upcoming dates and times for our book clubs? Check out our online calendar, or scroll to the bottom of this newsletter to learn more about book club picks for September.

*Participants must be over 21 years old to attend.

Go ALL-IN With Muncie Public Library!

Have you heard of the ALL-IN project? It's a state-wide campaign, facilitated by the Indiana Humanities Council, that invites Hoosiers to think, read, talk, and do.
Specifically, the ALL-IN challenge encourages community members to participate in the world around them by engaging in a series of themed challenges.

Beginning August 3, Muncie Public Library will be promoting two ALL-IN challenges per week throughout an eight-week campaign. To get involved, visit the ALL-IN display at any MPL location to find out more. Some examples of weekly challenges include:

- Tell someone about your favorite book character
- Donate a book to a worthy cause
- Give a book to a friend
- Encourage others to read

Participants are urged to take on the challenges and share their activity with the Indiana
Make A Difference At Your Library

Every donation, big or small, can make a difference. Your donation will allow Muncie Public Library to promote literacy, guide learning, and inspire curiosity.

Donate now by clicking the link below. If you prefer, check donations should be made out to Muncie Public Library and can be mailed to: 2005 S High St, Muncie, IN 47302.

Thank you so much for your support.

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Coming in September: Book Club Selections

Literary Explorers Book Club
The Rise and Fall of Great Powers
Tom Rachman
September 10 at 6:30pm at Kennedy

Spanning three decades and criss-crossing the globe, THE RISE AND FALL OF GREAT POWERS is the story of Tooly Zylberberg and how she got to a second-hand bookshop in Wales via the streets of Manhattan and downtown Bangkok. This novel, dazzling in its scope and inventiveness, is peopled by an extraordinary array of unforgettable characters, from Humphrey the chess-playing Russian émigré to Venn, Tooly’s shadowy protector.

Reading Circle Book Club
A Curious Mind
by Brian Grazer and Charles Fishman
September 14 at 12pm (Noon) at Kennedy Library
For decades, film and TV producer Brian Grazer has scheduled a weekly "curiosity conversation" with an accomplished stranger. From scientists to spies, and adventurers to business leaders, Grazer has met with anyone willing to answer his questions for a few hours. These informal discussions sparked the creative inspiration behind many of Grazer's movies and TV shows, including Splash, 24, A Beautiful Mind, Apollo 13, Arrested Development, 8 Mile, J. Edgar, Empire, and many others.

A Curious Mind is a brilliantly entertaining, fascinating, and inspiring homage to the power of inquisitiveness and the ways in which it deepens and improves us. Whether you're looking to improve your management style at work or you want to become a better romantic partner, this book—and its lessons on the power of curiosity—can change your life.

**Bookworms & Brews Book Club**

**Burr**
by Gore Vidal
September 16 at 6pm at The Fickle Peach Downtown
(Participants must be over 21)

Burr is a portrait of perhaps the most complex and misunderstood of the Founding Fathers. In 1804, while serving as vice president, Aaron Burr fought a duel with his political nemesis, Alexander Hamilton, and killed him. In 1807, he was arrested, tried, and acquitted of treason. In 1833, Burr is newly married, an aging statesman considered a monster by many. Burr retains much of his political influence if not the respect of all. And he is determined to tell his own story. As his amanuensis, he chooses Charles Schermerhorn Schuyler, a young New York City journalist, and together they explore both Burr's past and the continuing political intrigues of the still young United States.

**Books on Tap**

**The Omnivore's Dilemma**
by Michael Pollan
September 29 at 6:30pm at Savage's Ale House Downtown
(Participants must be over 21)
What should we have for dinner? To one degree or another this simple question assails any creature faced with a wide choice of things to eat. Anthropologists call it the omnivore’s dilemma. Choosing from among the countless potential foods nature offers, humans have had to learn what is safe, and what isn’t—which mushrooms should be avoided, for example, and which berries we can enjoy. Today, as America confronts what can only be described as a national eating disorder, the omnivore’s dilemma has returned with an atavistic vengeance.

The cornucopia of the modern American supermarket and fast-food outlet has thrown us back on a bewildering landscape where we once again have to worry about which of those tasty-looking morsels might kill us. At the same time we’re realizing that our food choices also have profound implications for the health of our environment.

All descriptions via Goodreads

**Library Photo of the Month**

![Ramadan Activity Board](image)

Families who attended our MPL Break-Fast party, which celebrated the end of Ramadan, shared their favorite Ramadan activities on our whiteboard. This photo first appeared on our Facebook page.

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