



December 2019

Library Connections

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Director's Report

In my three years as library director, I have found state legislators from the Muncie area are committed to public education and public libraries and they want to hear from us.

In November, Indiana celebrated Red for Ed Day. Education advocates from across the state sent a polite reminder to Indiana Legislators that our public school system needs an increase in funding for high quality resources, safe facilities, and support personnel—especially school librarians. As we move into a season of thoughtfulness and assessment, let us engage our state leaders about the challenges of our educational system and work with them to discover ways we can improve the educational experience of Muncie's school children and young adults.

When public libraries, social service organizations, and neighborhood associations partner with local school systems to address literacy we expect the government to have our back. As we know, it is better to invest in the development of young minds than it is to pay the price to subsidize an under-educated, under-employed, depressed, angry, and poverty-ridden population.

Let's make Muncie smile again!

Sincerely,

Akilah S. Nosakhere

Holiday Closing

- **All MPL branches will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas Holidays!**
 - **All MPL branches will *close early* at 5pm on Tuesday, December 31 for New Year's Eve and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day!**
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Upcoming Programs & Events



We are teaming up with Signature Healthcare to help make someone's holiday merry. Drop in and make a card for someone who may not receive one. Their goal is to make sure every resident in every building receives a card this year.

Operation Holiday Cards for All Ages!

Connection Corner
Monday, December 2 @ 10am-6pm

Maring-Hunt Library
Tuesday, December 3 @ 10am-7pm

Kennedy Library
Wednesday, December 4 @ 10am-7pm

Carnegie Library
Thursday, December 5 @ 10am-6pm



Celebrate Christmas with a flood of books! Our Jólabókaflóð Fest will include crafts, refreshments, a youth book drive with United Way, learning opportunities for how you can become involved with the library, and a book exchange.

Jólabókaflóð Fest
Kennedy Library
Thursday, December 5 @ 5pm
Free Event for All Ages



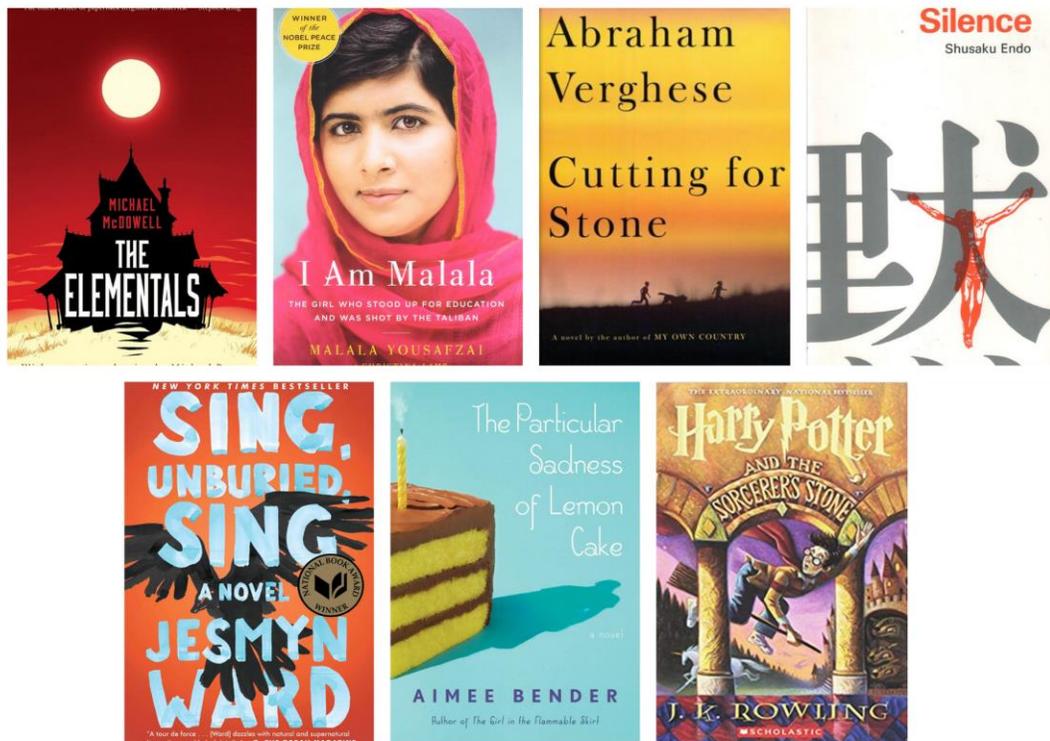
Enjoy activities, crafts, refreshments, a movie, and fun holiday green screen photos!

Frost Fest
Maring-Hunt Library
Wednesday, December 18 @ 3pm
Free Event for All Ages

See a full list of our upcoming programs and events at www.munciepubliclibrary.org

Book and Movie Clubs at MPL

No library card is needed to attend. No club to join, just drop in.
Free Events. Adult Programs.



Stranger Reads:

The Elementals by Michael McDowell
Monday, December 2
Kennedy Library @ 7pm

Vintage Youth:

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Wednesday, December 4
Books & Brews @ 6:30pm

Reading Circle:

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
Monday, December 9
Kennedy Library @ 12pm

Global Perspectives:

Silence by Shusaku Endo
Wednesday, December 11
Carnegie Library @ 6pm

Literary Explorers:

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
Thursday, December 12
Kennedy Library @ 6:30pm

Books on Tap:

The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake
by Aimee Bender
Tuesday, December 17
Twin Archer Brewpub @ 6:30pm

CineMuncie:

Surprise Selection!
Wednesday, December 18
Carnegie Library @ 6:30pm

Bookworms & Brews:

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
by J.K. Rowling
Thursday, December 19
The Fickle Peach @ 6:30pm

Donate

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**2005 S High Street,
Muncie, IN 47302**



Thank you so much for your support!

December Photos of the Month



Thanks to the Muncie Indiana Transit System (MITS) for the new bus stop on Rosewood Avenue, located by Kennedy Library. The bus stop will keep library visitors and staff protected from the elements as they wait for their bus!

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