Akilah S. Nosakhere
Director’s Report

I am excited to announce that Muncie Public Library serves as one of ten non-profit organizations working together to create YouthLink. YouthLink is a new initiative committed to the educational and personal development of Muncie youth from preschool to high school and career. Other partners include Apple Tree YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs of Muncie, BY5, Motivate Our Minds, Project Leadership, Shafer Leadership Academy, TeenWorks, and Upward Bound at Ivy Tech. The YouthLink initiative is funded by the George and Frances Ball Foundation.

It is our mission to encourage well-rounded young adults who are prepared for personal and academic success by addressing the needs of the child and the family. Interested families are invited to participate in the YouthLink Future Fair on Saturday, February 16 at Central High School from 11am – 2pm. The Future Fair is open to Muncie’s families with children from birth through high school. At the fair, you will find out how to participate in a pilot project dedicated to personal success through a unified approach supporting the entire family. If you are interested in attending Future Fair, please mark your calendar—no RSVP required.

The YouthLink Future Fair will require many volunteers to help manage the event, so if you or your service organization would like to register as volunteers to help, please email your interest to munpublibrary@gmail.com. Thanks for your continuing support of Muncie Public Library!

Sincerely,
Akilah S. Nosakhere
AARP Tax Aide
Free Tax Help at Maring-Hunt Library

AARP Tax Aide will be at Maring-Hunt Library from 10am-3pm every Wednesday and Friday throughout the tax season. This popular service is offered by certified volunteers. There is no age or income limit, however, due to high demand, it is the service’s mission to emphasize those with low to moderate income and the elderly.

Those wishing to participate can sign in with facilitators at the door beginning at 9am for free tax preparation on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please remember to bring a copy of last year’s taxes, photo IDs for all taxpayers, and social security cards for yourself and all dependents.

Maring-Hunt Library
Wednesdays & Fridays
Friday, February 1 -- Friday, April 12
10am-3pm

Ready Readers
Mascot Naming Contest

In January, we invited everyone on Facebook and at Maring-Hunt Library to submit a name for our Ready Readers mascot. The students of the Ready Readers program are the official judges and will pick from the top five names: Rocky, Bandit, Mr. Fox, King, and Riley. The winning mascot name will be announced in our March newsletter.
### Book and Movie Clubs at MPL

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

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**S.T.E.M.**

Celebrate the inventions and innovations of African-Americans

Every Thursday in February 3pm
Maring-Hunt Library
Upcoming Programs & Events

**Valentine's Day Artist Trading Cards**
Learn from local artist Dawn Carter what an Artist Trading Card (ATCs) is and then make your own personalized Valentine’s Day ATC to keep or exchange with others. All artistic levels welcome! All supplies provided.
**Maring-Hunt Library**
**Tuesday, February 12**
**4pm**
**Adults**

**Casual Coders**
Casual Coders is an extension of Digital Climbers for teens (13-18). It provides dedicated work time for coding and robotics. Funded through a Best Buy grant, Casual Coders will also include a two-week workshop where teens can learn tech skills and create their own community service project.
**Kennedy Library**
**Wednesday, February 13 & 27**
**5:30pm**
**Ages 13+**

**Maring-Hunt Library**
**Thursday, February 14 & 28**
**5pm**
**Ages 13+**

**What U.S. Presidents Have Done in Retirement**
Richard W. Harris, local Presidential Historian, will tell little known stories about the lives of some of the presidents after they left the White House. This program is presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) in partnership with Muncie Public Library.
**Carnegie Library**
**Thursday, February 14**
**1pm**
**Adults**

**Dr. Seuss Literacy Fair with BSU**
Come learn, read, and participate in crafts and activities honoring Dr. Seuss. This program is presented by Ball State Student Volunteers in cooperation with Muncie Public Library.
**Kennedy Library**
**Saturday, February 16**
**2-4pm**
**All Ages**

**Big Questions, Big Ideas: Decisions that Change your Life**
Dr. Rachel Fredericks, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Ball State University, will speak about the decisions that change your life and what you should think about and do when confronted with decisions of that magnitude.
**Kennedy Library**
**Thursday, February 28**
**6:30pm**
**Adults**

**Friends Book Sale**
Get great deals on books, DVDs, CDs, and more at the Friends Book Sale! Regular pricing (75¢ per pound for books) Thursday through Saturday. Bag sale on Sunday. $3 per bag for books and VHS tapes only on Sunday.
**Friends Building (1110 W. Memorial Dr.)**
- **Members Only!**
  **Thursday, February 28 & Friday, March 1**
  **6-8pm**
- **Everyone Welcome!**
  **Saturday, March 2**
  **9am-2pm**
- **Everyone Welcome!**
  **Sunday, March 3**
  **1-4pm**

See a full list of our Calendar of Events at [www.munciepubliclibrary.org](http://www.munciepubliclibrary.org)
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February
Photos of the Month

Children enjoying making music, singing, dancing, and stories at Music and Movement held at Maring-Hunt Library on Mondays at 10:30am.

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