



February 2019

Library Connections

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

Holiday Closing



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



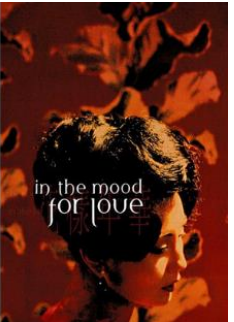
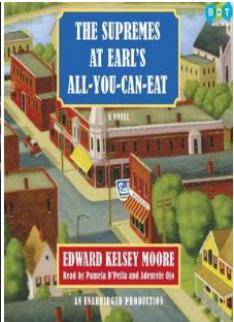
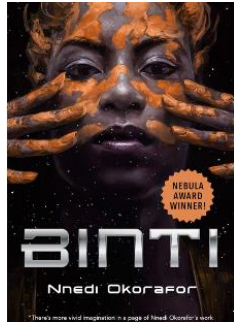
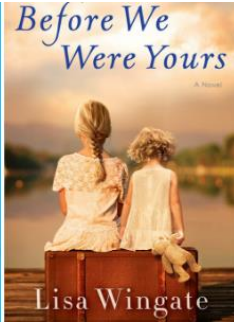
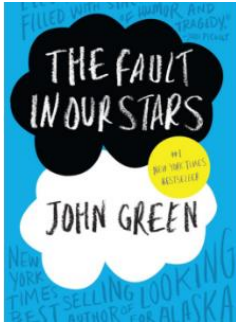
Ready Readers Mascot Naming Contest



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.



Vintage Youth

The Fault in Our Stars
by John Green

Wednesday, February 6
6:30pm
Books & Brews

Reading Circle

Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate

Monday, February 11
12pm
Kennedy Library

Literary Explorers

Bluebird, Bluebird
by Attica Locke

Thursday, February 14
6:30pm
Kennedy Library

Bookworms & Brews

Binti
by Nnedi Okorafor

Thursday, February 21
6:30pm
The Fickle Peach

Books on Tap

The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat
by Edward Kelsey Moore

Tuesday, February 26
6:30pm
Twin Archer Brewpub

CineMuncie

"In the Mood for Love"
(PG)(2000)
by Kar-Wai Wong

Wednesday, February 27
6:30pm
Carnegie Library

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

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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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