Akilah S. Nosakhere  
**Director’s Report**

Happy New Year Library lovers!  
2019 promises to be a great year for Muncie Public Library. We are entering into the final year of our existing strategic plan. As we look back to assess our progress we are encouraged by our success and hopeful to formulate new goals that will help Muncie Public Library maintain its tradition as a learning space fulfilling the information needs and sparking creative inquiry for all ages. In 2019, we will give attention to our facilities to ensure they are properly maintained. New signage and new parking lot stripes are scheduled for Carnegie Library and Connection Corner, our technology center. The excavation of the track and installation of signage at the Maring-Hunt Library Garden and Pavilions are planned with the cooperation of the 8Twelve Coalition, Ball State University, and other library partners. The 2019 ‘To-Do’ list contains much more than we can do in one year! Thank goodness for the MPL Board of Trustees who will guide us in prioritizing goals and directing our activities throughout the year.

Thank you for your support of Muncie Public Library and our efforts past, present, and future!

Sincerely,  
**Akilah S. Nosakhere**

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**Holiday Closings**

All MPL branches will be closed for the following:

**New Year’s Day**  
Tuesday, January 1: Closed

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
Monday, January 21: Closed
MPL’s Premiere Chess Club
Knights & Knaves

Your favorite strategy game is back and with a new name! Knights & Knaves, cleverly named after the chess pieces you would discover in the game, begins on Monday, January 7 at 6:30pm at Maring-Hunt Library. This series of programs focuses on popular chess openings that should be relevant to the experienced player as well as to beginners. Come learn about the opening game, Ruy Lopez, at this month’s meeting!

Maring-Hunt Library
New Dates and Hours for Digital Climbers

Kids 8+ learn STEAM skills at their own pace during dedicated Digital Climbers programming. Digital Climbers at Maring-Hunt Library is now offered:

Every Monday: 3-6pm
Every Friday: 3-5pm

Check the online calendar for all Digital Climber programming at Kennedy Library and Connection Corner.

Carnegie Library
New Operating Hours
New Opportunities

Starting January 2, 2019, Carnegie Library will have new business hours. With the new hours, comes more time for staff to help and support patron needs as well as new opportunities to explore local history and genealogy through events, more open computer hours, and researching through the collections. The new hours are the following:

Mon: Closed
Tues-Fri: 10am-6pm
Sat & Sun: Closed

Maring-Hunt Library
MPL’s Premiere Chess Club
Knights & Knaves

Maring-Hunt Library
Monday, January 7
6:30-8:30pm
Adult Program. All Skill Levels Welcome!
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**
*Feed*
by M.T. Anderson

Wednesday, January 2
6:30pm
Books & Brews

**Literary Explorers**
*All the Light We Cannot See*
by Anthony Doerr

Thursday, January 10
6:30pm
Kennedy Library

**Reading Circle**
*Dead Wake*
by Erik Larson

Monday, January 14
12pm
Kennedy Library

**Bookworms & Brews**
*House of Leaves*
by Mark Z. Danielewski

Thursday, January 17
6:30pm
The Fickle Peach

**Books on Tap**
*Wine to Water*
by Doc Hendley

Tuesday, January 29
6:30pm
Twin Archer Brewpub

**CineMuncie**
"My Winnipeg" (NR)(2007)
by Guy Maddin

Wednesday, January 30
6:30pm
Carnegie Library

Upcoming Programs & Events

**Bad Art Night**
In partnership with Cornerstone Center for the Arts, we ask you to leave your talent at the door and come make something terrible with us!
Maring-Hunt Library
Thursday, January 10
6-7:30pm
Adults

**Pies for Peace**
Co-hosted by Muncie Public Library and the local community organization Pies for Peace, this gathering promotes peace, acceptance, and harmony for all citizens of our community over a slice of pie.
Maring-Hunt Library
Saturday, January 19
2-4pm
All Ages
**Remember When...**
Muncie Public Library is proud to host the Delaware County Historical Society for the next part in their "Remember When..." community history round table series. Come by and share memories of Center Township!

Carnegie Library
Monday, January 14
6:30-8pm
Adults

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**Lego Showcase and Reception**
This is a chance for Lego creators to share their works with the public. Feel free to include a written design statement to accompany the piece. Our fanciest hor d'oeuvres will be served!

Kennedy Library
Thursday, January 24
5:30-7pm
All Ages

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**Friends of MPL Board Meeting & Annual Meeting**
Find out more about the Friends of Muncie Public Library! The annual meeting will be followed by a short meeting for new board members. All Friends members and potential Friends members are welcome to attend!

Kennedy Library
Wednesday, January 16
6-8pm
Adults

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**Cut Your Energy Costs**
A Vectren representative will be talking about ways to lower energy costs within your home. This includes: energy savings, home upgrades, and renewable technologies for homeowners.

Kennedy Library
Thursday, January 17
5:30pm
Adults

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**Cookies and Canvas**
Reserve a spot to paint a picture then enjoy a sweet snack! Space is limited so register online or call the Maring-Hunt Youth Services at 741-5151.

Maring-Hunt Library
Tuesday, January 29
3pm
Ages 6-12

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**Tabletop Gaming: Ticket to Ride**
Join the library for an evening of board games! The featured game is Ticket to Ride, but feel free to bring your own games to share and experience with others.

Maring-Hunt Library
Wednesday, January 30
6pm
Adults

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See a full list of our Calendar of Events at [www.munciepubliclibrary.org](http://www.munciepubliclibrary.org)
This past December, we had an abundance of artists display their work at Maring-Hunt Library and Kennedy Library.

Kennedy Library featured a nativity collection by Shirley Liby and acrylic paintings by Christine Abercrombie.

Maring-Hunt Library featured acrylic paintings by TL Stader, a mix of mediums from local organization Beyond I Can, and a holiday figurine collection by Maring-Hunt's branch manager, Mary Lou!

We also had a friendly Holiday Book Tree Contest among MPL staff. Thanks to your votes both in person and online, the winner of the contest was Team Merry Maring Musketeers. Team members included Tatyana, Tabitha, and Samantha!
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Muncie, IN 47302

Thank you so much for your support!

January

Photos of the Month

A very special Kwanzaa Story Time presented by MPL Director Akilah Nosakhere was held on Monday, December 26 at Kennedy Library. The selected book "It's Kwanzaa Time" by Synthia Saint James includes vibrant and colorful artwork along with text to explain the seven principles of Kwanzaa. After the story time, kids were able to make their own kinara with seven candles!

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