



June 2019

Library Connections

Report to the Community 2018

Muncie Public Library's Report to the Community 2018 is now available. It has a wide range of information about Muncie Public Library including programs and activities, cardholder and circulation numbers, financial information, partnerships, MPL leadership, and more. The past year was a great year for MPL and we hope you enjoy the report knowing that your support and participation made it all possible! For a printed copy of the report, visit any MPL branch.

Akilah S. Nosakhere Director's Report

Reading is fundamental for understanding the world around us and creating our life within it. As librarians, teachers, and social service providers to children and their caretakers, we promote access to reading material and educational activities. This is especially important during summer vacation when young people need structured activities that are enriching and fun! Public libraries across the country launch annual summer reading programs promoting an assortment of literacy activities. The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) provides four summer reading book lists on their website for Birth-Preschool and grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. These lists are free for download from the ALSC website.

Muncie Public Library invites children and youth to read material in any format, listen to podcasts, and attend library programs to earn points for prizes. Adults have their own Summer Reading Program and can enter a drawing for prizes for every three books that are read. Everyone, children and adults alike, are invited to the Summer Reading Wrap Up Party at Maring-Hunt Library on Saturday, July 27, from 2-4pm. The theme this year is "A Universe of Stories."

MPL is also a partner with [Motivate Our Minds](#), and the [Whitely Community Council](#) to involve merchants, senior service providers, and community centers in a city-wide campaign "[Yes We Care, Reading Everywhere!](#)"

Sincerely,
Akilah S. Nosakhere

June 3 – July 28, 2019
Summer Reading Program



Babies, children, teens, and adults can all participate in the MPL Summer Reading Program 2018. The theme is "A Universe of Stories" with a focus on space and the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing! MPL Summer Reading Program runs June 3 through July 28 for both children and adults.

To participate in the Youth Services SRP, sign up at any MPL branch and start earning points to complete the reading and activity log. Kids and teens of all ages earn points when they read any kind of book, ebook, magazine, or listen to audiobooks. New this year, points can be tracked online using READsquared at muncie.readsquared.com.

Adults don't have to register for their SRP, they just fill out an entry form each time they read three books for a chance to win in the prize raffle! Also don't forget! If you are participating in Library-opoly, our year-long reading challenge, you can fill up your board with all those books you'll be reading during the SRP!

The more you read the more chances you have to win amazing prizes generously donated by local businesses and organizations!

Summer Reading Program
June 3-July 28, 2019
Reading logs and entry forms available at all MPL locations!

Upcoming Programs & Events

Sunflower Story Time

We'll be having a special sunflower-themed story time! Kids will learn about sunflowers and help us plant a sunflower circle. Everyone will also plant a sunflower seed to take home.

Wednesday, June 12 @ 4pm
Gateway to Gardening Pavilion at
Maring-Hunt Library
All Ages



Genealogy Information Fair

The free Genealogy Information Fair will feature local genealogy groups and lineage societies providing information about family history research. This year's event will also feature a "Genealogy 101" workshop in the Carnegie Library meeting room at 1:30pm, no registration required. The class will be presented by Karen Good, chair of Ancestor Hunters (Delaware County). Free tote bags from MyHeritage and genealogy information packets will be available while supplies last!

This event is hosted by the Muncie Public Library, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Delaware County Historical Society.

Saturday, June 15 @ 1-4pm
Carnegie Library
Adults



Professor Steve's Space & Flight Show

Come see Professor Steve amaze and entertain you! Find out why astronauts wear a space suit, how Star Wars and Star Trek have lied to you, and more. Things will fly, hover, crash, and change shape! There will be two free shows on Thursday, June 20!

Thursday, June 20 @ 1pm
Maring-Hunt Library
All Ages

Thursday, June 20 @ 4pm
Kennedy Library
All Ages



The Mark History Project

In keeping with MPL's mission to document and celebrate local history, Muncie Public Library is creating a history of The Mark III Tap Room and will rely on local Muncie residents to document this landmark and the history of the Muncie LGBT community. The public is invited to attend this event at The Mark III Tap Room to learn about The Mark History Project and how they can contribute their experiences to this ongoing project.

The Mark III Tap Room (306 S. Walnut)
Saturday, June 29 @ 8pm
Adults



See a full list of our Calendar of Events at www.munciepubliclibrary.org

Music for All



Music for All is one of the largest and most influential national music education organizations in support of active music-making. Their mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all.

Music for All's Summer Symposium will hold a wide range of concerts from June 24-27 including Yamaha Young Performing Artists, Ahn Trio, and Grace Kelly. MPL will receive 40 free tickets! For those interested, contact the MPL Public Relations Department at 765-741-7336 for tickets to the concerts.

June 24-27
Emen's Auditorium
Ball State University

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