



Library Connections

August 2018



From the Director

An Attitude of Gratitude

Summertime provides us with abundant opportunities to explore our surroundings, and to enjoy our friends and families while experiencing the richness of human diversity. Growing up in Muncie, I loved the summer nights as I listened to radio stations late into the night. Nightly listening led me to develop an appreciation for all sorts of musical traditions. Today, I can still repeat lyrics to many popular songs I heard on WTLC, WERK, and WLBC radio stations. As a young girl, I kept a file with cards noting the many radio stations and their locations I discovered on my SONY radio. My favorite stations included WLAC in Gallatin, Tennessee and a station in Windsor, Canada that I could get only after WLBC signed off. The music was quite different from any that I had heard. I believe it is called 'World Music' today. The artists were from Jamaica, Europe, Asia, and Africa. I could recognize certain tones of these musical cultures.

Music has a way of reducing the stress and clearing our body and mind of stress, anxiety, and over-stimulation. Some tunes, sounds, and pitches can reduce the stress in our lives. This is possible even when we are unfamiliar with the language. There is something about the tone of the instrument and the manner of the musician that silently informs us to relax and enjoy. Such is the case with the West African Kora, a mysteriously simple and versatile instrument Muncie Public Library wants to share with you!

Join us on Sunday, September 9, 2018, to enjoy free music and light refreshments at a fall concert. The concert is a musical gift of thanks to recognize the support the Muncie and Center Township community provides to our public library system. The featured musician is Sean Gaskell, a young man who discovered the kora during his travels to Gambia, West Africa. The event is underwritten by DB Quality Construction. A representative of the BSU Multicultural Affairs -- African Students Association will be on hand to share information and take questions. I hope you will attend to relax and to share the attitude of gratitude we will celebrate that day!

Peace and Blessings,
Akilah S. Nosakhere



Music of the West African Kora

Join us for a lively event of West African music. Musician Sean Gaskell performs traditional songs on the Kora, a 21-string harp that he was introduced to during his travels to Gambia, West Africa. The kora was created 300 years ago, and is traditionally played by oral and musical historians known as Griots (Gree-ohs). Sean has been featured in several music festivals in the US, Gambia, and Senegal. Everyone is welcome for this free musical gift of thanks to the community, underwritten by DB Quality Construction.

West African Kora Concert
Sunday, September 9 @ 3:30pm
Muncie Central High School Auditorium
Free Event. All Ages Welcome.



The Friends Back to School Book Sale!

Get great deals on a HUGE selection of books, DVD's, and more at the Friends of Muncie Public Library book sale. Your purchases provide funding for many of the programs and activities at Muncie Public Library!

Friends Members Only Preview Nights

Thursday, August 9 and Friday, August 10 from 6-8pm.
Must show your Friends card, or join at the door.
Memberships are \$15 for individuals, \$25 for a family membership, and \$5 for students!

Public Sales

Saturday, August 11, 9am-2pm

Sunday, August 12, 1-4pm

Bag Sale Day! Books and VHS Tapes only \$3 per bag!

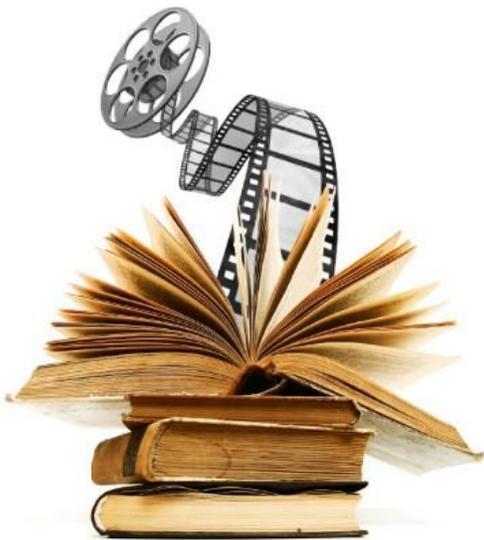


Pricing:

Books 75¢ per pound

DVDs - \$1 each, CDs - \$1 each

The Friends Building is at 1110 W. Memorial Drive, Muncie, IN 47302.

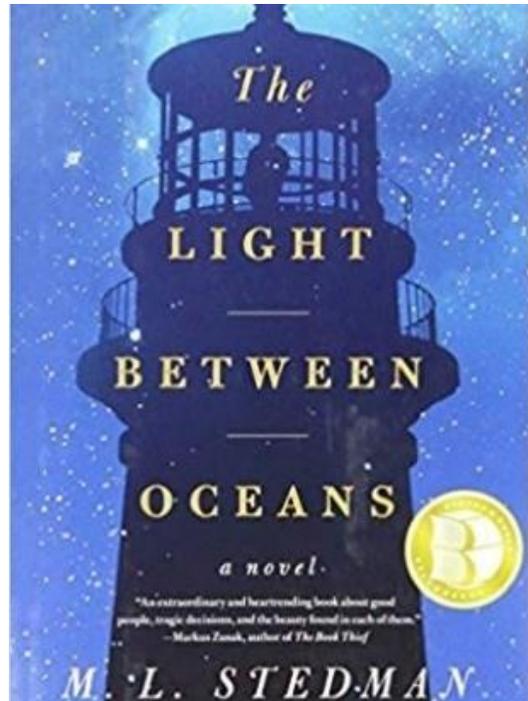


Book and Movie Clubs at MPL

No library card is needed to attend.

No club to join, just drop in.

Free Events. Adult Programs.



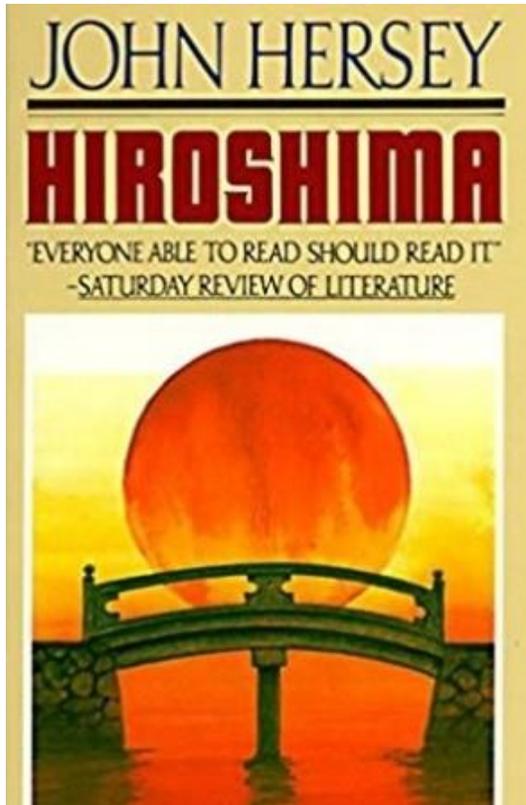
Literary Explorers

The Light Between Oceans

by M.L. Stedman

Thursday, August 9 @ 6:30pm

Kennedy Library



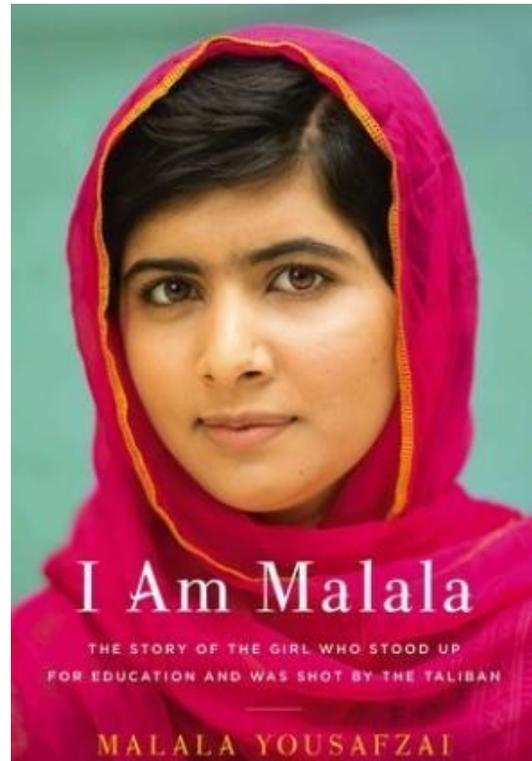
Bookworms & Brews

Hiroshima

by John Hersey

Thursday, August 16 @ 6:30pm

The Fickle Peach



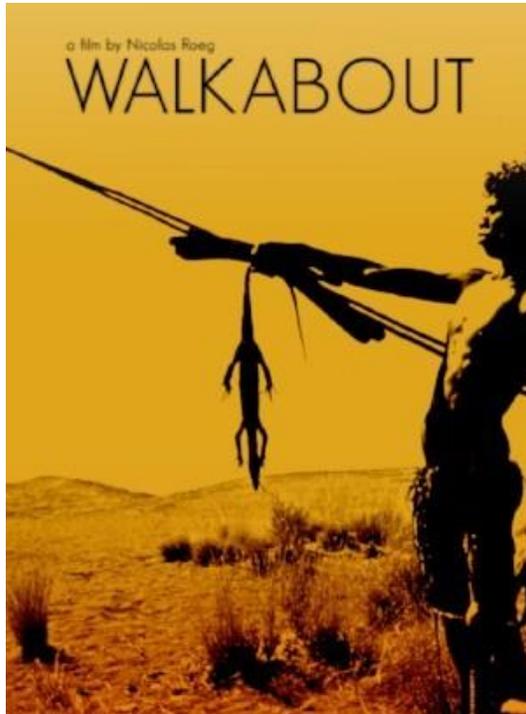
Books on Tap

I Am Malala

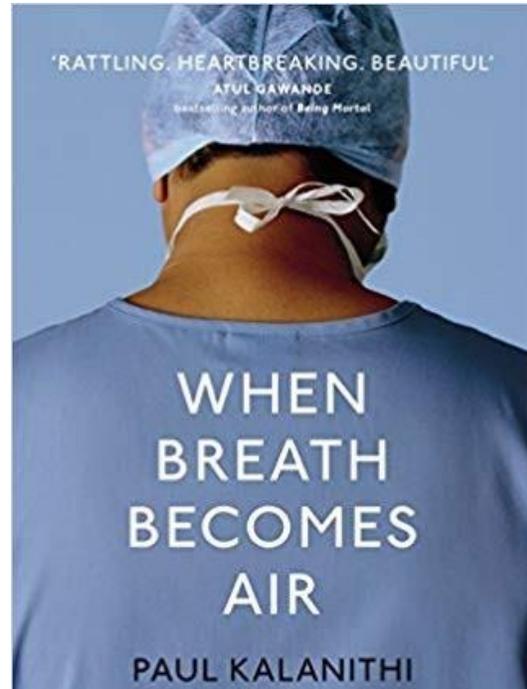
by Malala Yousafzai

Tuesday, August 28 @ 6:30pm

Twin Archer Brewpub



CineMuncie Film Club
"Walkabout" (NR) (1971)
by Nicolas Roeg
Wednesday, August 29 @ 6:30pm
Carnegie Library



Reading Circle
When Breath Becomes Air
by Paul Kalanithi
Monday, August 13 @ 12pm
Kennedy Library

Introduction to Finding Grants for Nonprofits

Muncie Public Library is a member of The Foundation Center's Funding Information Network (FIN). Attendees at this event will learn the 10 most important elements to finding grants including: who funds nonprofits and what are their motivations; what do funders really want to know about the organizations they are interested in funding; and how to identify potential funders and make the first approach. The program will also review some of the library's many resources on this topic, including the databases *Foundation Directory Online* and the *Directory of Indiana Grantmakers*.



This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Participation is limited to the first 15 registrants, so please sign up early!

Intro to Finding Grants for Nonprofits

Monday, August 27 @ 10am

Free Event. Adult Program.

Maring-Hunt Library

Recent Donations to Muncie Public Library -- Thank You!

Ball Brothers Foundation
Community Champions Fund of Old National Bank
Fresh Thyme Farmers Market
Sharon Guentner in Memory of Jeannie (Emdee)
West
Forrest and Lois O'Bryant
Dave Skibinski
Muncie Symphony Orchestra
Muncie WIC Program
Normandy Flower Shop
Tony and Elizabeth Piazza





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

Photo of the Month

MPL had a great experience with the young employees of the TeenWorks program. They cleaned shelves, helped prep walls for painting, weeded our community gardens, made a "book" clock for the Maring-Hunt Library lobby, and much more. Thank you to the teens and to this program that helps prepare young adults for their future through hands-on work and job skill sessions!



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