



Library Connections

September 2018



From the Director

The role of the public library as a partner in public education is a cornerstone of our profession. The Muncie Public Library is committed to the success of Muncie Community School libraries. I thank the MCS Board of Trustees for allowing me the opportunity to share about the dynamic educational programming of our public library and the intricacies of the online-shared catalog developed by MPL and MCS library and technology professionals over the past two years. MOMs afterschool educational enrichment center also joined the combined Union Catalog (UCAT) recently.

Our shared mission to inspire a love of reading and increase access to learning materials in all formats fueled our efforts and we are very proud of the results and now let's celebrate this important milestone.

On **Monday, October 1 @ 5pm, a UCAT Reception** will be held at Kennedy Library. Muncie Public Library and Muncie Community Schools will celebrate the hard work and effort that went into planning and implementation of the shared UCAT. The reception begins at 5pm. Comments & Recognition at 5:30pm. The event concludes at 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be served. **This a free event and all are cordially invited to congratulate those responsible for making UCAT a reality!**

The Muncie Public Library is honored to work with Muncie Community Schools on behalf of the students to ensure access to current age-appropriate learning resources. We will continue to work closely with MCS media specialists and library staff to ensure a productive and successful school year.

Please join us in marking this significant achievement. Thank you for all you do for the Muncie Public Library.

Sincerely,
Akilah S. Nosakhere



NEH One State/One Story: *Frankenstein*: "The Body Adapted"

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* bridges literature and science in its exploration of what makes us human. The novel at once speaks to physical adaptation and itself has been adapted into films, television series, and theatrical performances. Join Ball State English Professor Joyce Huff, Professor of Theatre Drew Vidal, and others as we explore "The Body Adapted." The evening will include a brief preview of Ball State Theatre's award-winning production of *Frankenstein*, that will be performed at the Indianapolis Central Library on October 19 and 20. *Photo provided.*



Frankenstein: "The Body Adapted"
Friday, September 28 @ 7pm
Kennedy Library
Free Event. Adult Program.



**MUSIC OF THE WEST
AFRICAN KORA
WITH SEAN GASKELL**

**A MUSICAL GIFT OF THANKS
FROM MUNCIE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 3:30PM

**MUNCIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**

801 N. WALNUT STREET, MUNCIE, IN 47305

**ALL ARE WELCOME. OPEN SEATING.
FREE MUSICAL EVENT!**

**Thank you to DB Quality Construction for
major sponsorship of this program!**



You Better Bee-lieve it's Back!

Our adult spelling bee is back! On **Monday, September 17 at 7pm**, join your friends at Kennedy Library to see who is the best speller in town.

Prizes will be awarded, including a dictionary for the first person to be eliminated (because, clearly, you need it). The bee will be moderated by Indiana Public Radio's Stephanie Wiechmann and Michelle Kinsey.

To participate, contact Dennis Everette at Kennedy Library, via Facebook, in person at Kennedy, by email at deverette@munpl.org, or by phone 765.747.8209. No registration needed to watch and cheer on your favorite s-p-e-l-l-i-n-g bee contenders!

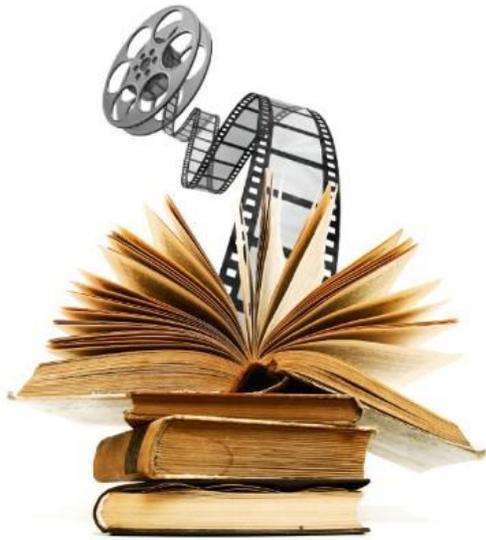


3rd Annual Kennedy Adult Spelling Bee

Monday, September 17 @ 7pm

Kennedy Library

Free Event. Adult Program.



Book and Movie Clubs at MPL

No library card is needed to attend.

No club to join, just drop in.

Free Events. Adult Programs.



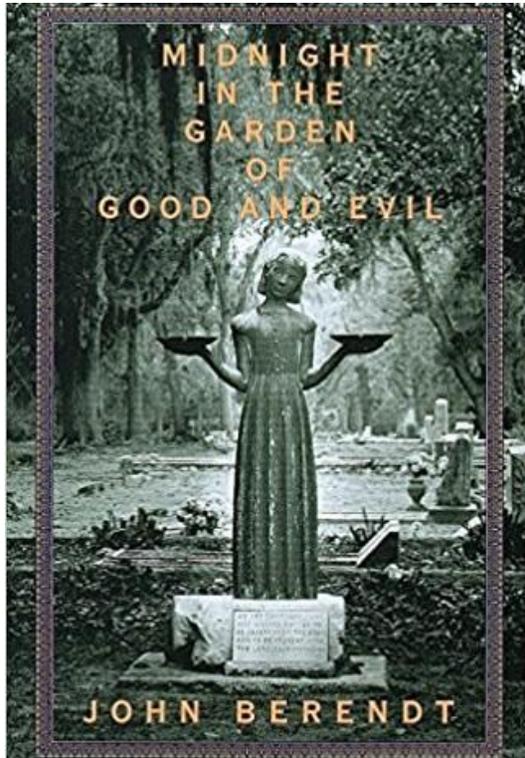
Literary Explorers

Frankenstein

by Mary Shelley

Thursday, September 13 @ 6:30pm

Kennedy Library



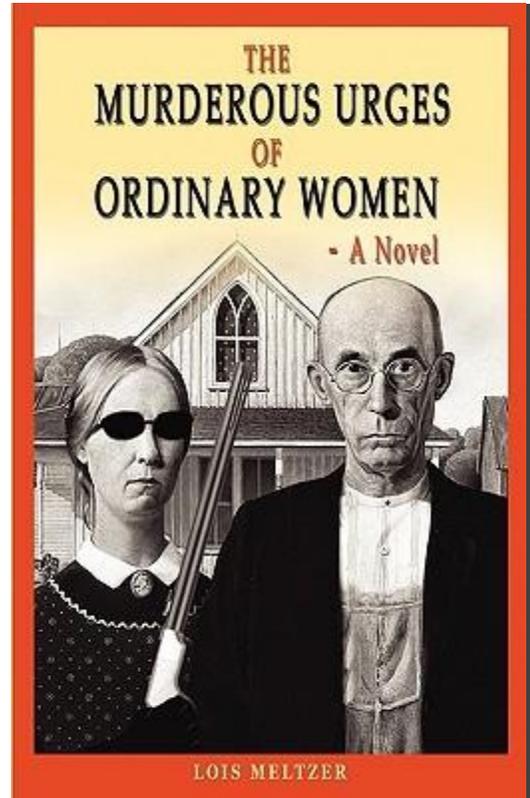
Bookworms & Brews

*Midnight in the Garden
of Good and Evil*

by John Berendt

Thursday, September 20 @ 6:30pm

The Fickle Peach



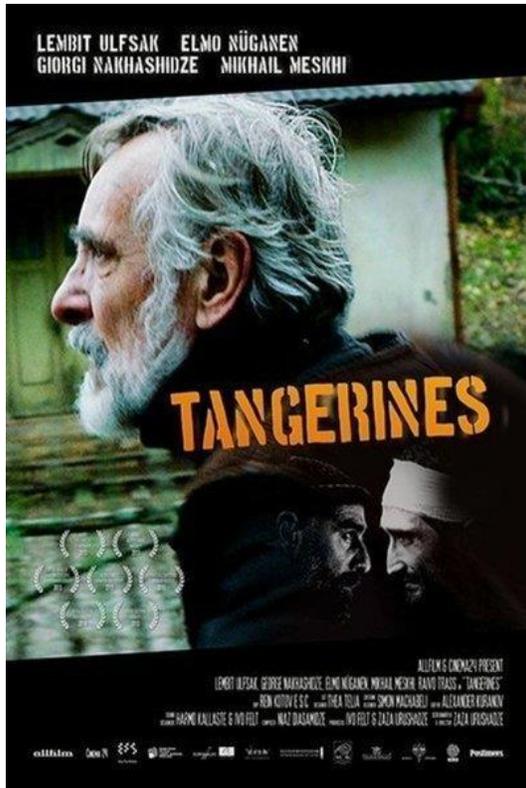
Books on Tap

*The Murderous Urges
of Ordinary Women*

by Lois Meltzer

Tuesday, September 25 @ 6:30pm

Twin Archer Brewpub



CineMuncie Film Club

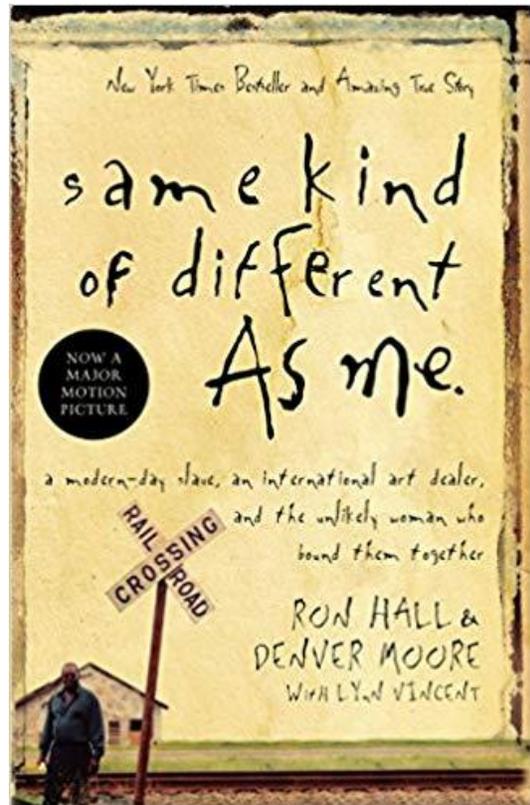
"Tangerines" (R) (2013)

by Zaza Urushadze

Wednesday, September 26 @

6:30pm

Carnegie Library



Reading Circle

Same Kind of Different as Me

by Ron Hall

Monday, September 10 @ 12pm

Kennedy Library

Scarecrow Festival

Join us for our first ever scarecrow contest as well as food, drinks, crafts, games, and more!

Who can enter?

Our scarecrow contest is open to all ages! Any individuals, families, clubs, groups, or organizations are welcome to participate for free!



When does my scarecrow need to be dropped off ?

Scarecrows can be dropped off at the Maring-Hunt Library starting at 10am Thursday, September 20 and no later than 12:45pm on Saturday, September 22.

Other rules and regulations:

- Scarecrows should be life-sized.
- Each scarecrow must have a vertical support for the body.
- Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind, and rain.
- All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow.
- Every scarecrow needs a name! Scarecrows should have a sign that is securely attached.

Scarecrow Festival

Saturday, September 22 from 1-5pm

Maring-Hunt Library Community Garden

Free Event. Everyone Welcome!

Countdown to Kindergarten

Is your child ready for kindergarten? Join us for a six-week kindergarten readiness program consisting of a story time and activities focused on a different skill each week.



Register by calling 765.741.5151, or by visiting the Maring-Hunt Youth Services desk. Children who complete all six weeks will receive their own Countdown to Kindergarten certificate.

We will be covering the following skills (one each week) and explain how each helps with school readiness:

- Talking
- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing
- Self Help and Motor Skills

Countdown to Kindergarten

Tuesdays @ 10:30am

September 11 through October 16

Maring-Hunt Library

Free Program. Ages 3-4.



Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. Donations allow Muncie Public Library to promote literacy, guide learning, and inspire curiosity.

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

Photo of the Month

Meet Wendell, the newest Paws to Read Dog at MPL! Wendell is a certified member of Therapy Dogs International. Reluctant readers (Grades K-5) can reserve a time slot to read aloud to Wendell and his owner, Lisa. Children improve their reading skills and develop a love and appreciation for animals. The next Paws to Read is Thursday, September 20 at 5pm at Kennedy Library. Call 765.741.7333 to register.





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