



Library Connections

October 2018



From the Director

One of the most rewarding aspects of serving as Director of Muncie Public Library is to have an active hand in the programs, events, and services we offer to the community. Sometimes we plan special programs as part of a grant, such as The Great American Read, and other times we are contacted directly by authors, speakers, and others who have a talent or knowledge that we feel would be of interest to our community.

This month, MPL will be offering a myriad of programs. Some were planned in partnership with local organizations, such as the Genealogy Information Fair, co-hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Delaware County Historical Society. Other programs came about when authors or speakers contacted us and asked if we would host their lecture or other event. The answer is often yes!

It is my sincere hope that you will read through this newsletter and find at least one special event that appeals to you. A complete calendar of events can be found on our online calendar at www.munciepubliclibrary.org.

One fact that sometimes surprises the public is that a library card is never, ever required for any of our programs and events. Our doors are open to everyone. I hope I will see you soon at Muncie Public Library!

Sincerely,
Akilah S. Nosakhere, Director
Muncie Public Library



Bradbury & The American Space Age

Escape Velocity at Muncie Public Library! Join Jonathan R. Eller from the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies at IUPUI as he discusses the connection between the American Space Program and popular Bradbury stories such as *The Martian Chronicles* and *The Illustrated Man*. For more information call 765-747-8204.



Bradbury & The American Space Age
Saturday, October 13 @ 2-4pm
Maring-Hunt Library
Free Event. Adult Program.

The Great American Read & Author D. E. Westbrook, III

Spend an afternoon with Indiana-native author, David E. Westbrook, III and learn about his book, *The Shoe Tree: Tales of Aver Nes*. This event is part of the PBS & American Library Association promotion, The Great American Read.

The Great American Read is a PBS series encouraging people to explore literary themes and to vote on their favorite American novel. WIPB-TV Muncie is a partner in The Great American Read programming at Muncie Public Library.

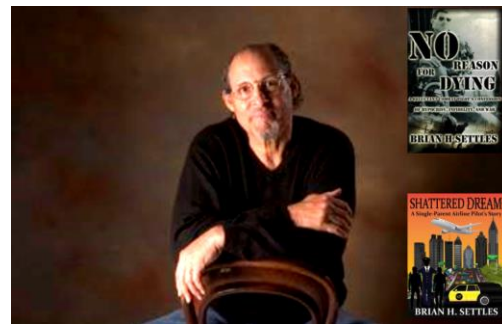


Westbrook will explore the themes of "villains" and "other worlds." His book will be available for sale and signing after the discussion. (Approximate cost is \$14.)

The Great American Read & D. E. Westbrook, III
Saturday, October 20 @ 3pm
Maring-Hunt Library
Free Event. Adult Program.

Book Talk: Meet Captain Brian Settles!

Meet Muncie native, former combat pilot, and author Brian Settles. Hear stories from his books, *Shattered Dream* and *No Reason for Dying*, recently rereleased as *Smoke for Breakfast*. Brian's books share his life experiences as a combat pilot in Viet Nam, and as a single dad raising two young sons.



Books will be available for sale and signing. Softcover books are approximately \$20 each. Hardcover books (if available) are approximately \$35.

Book Talk: Captain Brian Settles

Sunday, October 21 @ 2-4pm
Kennedy Library
Free Event. Adult Program.

Genealogy Information Fair

October is National Family History Month! The Daughters of the American Revolution, Delaware County Historical Society, and Muncie Public Library have partnered to sponsor a free Genealogy Information Fair that will feature representatives of local genealogy groups, lineage, and affinity organizations providing information and networking opportunities for those interested in family history research.



Among those represented will be:

- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center
- Central Indiana DNA Interest Group
- Delaware County Historical Society and Ancestor Hunters
- General Society of the War of 1812
- Henry County Historical Society and Genealogy Library
- Indiana Historical Society and Delaware County Historian
- Indiana State Library Genealogy Collection
- Minnetrista Center Heritage Collection
- Muncie Public Library - Local History and Genealogy Department
- National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Genealogy Info Fair
Sunday, October 21 from 2-4pm
Carnegie Library
Free Event. Adult Program.

***War of the Worlds* 80th Anniversary Radio Play Performance**

Eighty years ago, CBS Radio broadcast an episode of the Mercury Theatre Production of an adaptation of H. G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*. The live broadcast caused confusion and panic as listeners thought they were hearing news bulletins about invading aliens landing near a small farm in New Jersey and wreaking havoc on civilization.

While there is some debate on how much panic actually resulted from the broadcast, MPL will honor the anniversary of the event with a live radio play performed by Muncie Public Library employees. Partner organizations include Cornerstone Center for the Arts, who will host the event, and Muncie Civic Theatre, who assisted with costumes and staging advice.

***War of the Worlds* Live Radio Play
Tuesday, October 30 @ 8pm
Cornerstone Center for the Arts
Free Event. Adult Program.**



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Photos of the Month

Everyone had a great time at the first-ever Scarecrow Festival held in September at the Maring-Hunt Library Community Garden area. The event featured popcorn, cider, face painting, crafts, and a scarecrow contest.



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