From the Director

Muncie Public Library is proud to have participated as one of the 50 library systems nationwide in the 2018 Great American Read sponsored by the American Library Association and the Public Broadcasting System. Readers and viewers across the nation followed the televised PBS series where celebrities, authors, popular figures, and fans spoke passionately about their favorite novel and invited viewers to cast a vote for one of America’s 100 most-loved books.

In May, we launched the series with a delightful evening with Ball State University professor and playwright, Angela Jackson-Brown who entertained us with stories of her early writings and literary influences. In October, horror novelist and Muncie native David E. Westbrook, III spoke of his love of ghost stories and of horror movies hosted by the unforgettable Sammy Terry and how this influenced his decision to write spooky tales.

The final segment of the Great American Read aired October 23, a few days after voting had ended for the best loved book. The winner was “To Kill a Mockingbird,” the classic literary tale by Harper Lee. It is the story of one special summer in a small Alabama town during the Great Depression as told from the perspective of a young girl named Scout. The book made a lasting impression on me and I can agree it is a fine piece of literature worthy of being the Best Loved American Book for 2018. Haven’t read it? Well, you still can and any of the other 99 titles on the list of America’s best-loved novels. I invite you to visit the Library or The Great American Read website to begin your literary journey into some of America’s most treasured stories. The entire PBS series, broadcast locally by WIPB-TV, is available for viewing from their website and is also available for check out from the Muncie Public Library.

As we close out The Great American Read, MPL will host a final program featuring Indiana author, Kurt A. Meyer. Meyer’s love of historic homes and Midwestern small town life makes for an enjoyable read in his novel, “Noblesville.” Join us on Monday, November 26 at the historic Carnegie Library at 6 p.m. to share the love of reading. Light refreshments will be served.

Sincerely,
Akilah S. Nosakhere
All Muncie Public Libraries Closed for Thanksgiving

All Muncie Public Libraries will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23, 2018.

Great American Read with Author Kurt A. Meyer

As part of the Great American Read, Hoosier newspaper columnist and author Kurt A. Meyer will discuss literature and his approach to writing. Meyer’s latest book, "Noblesville" will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Great American Read with Author Kurt A. Meyer
Monday, November 26 @ 6pm
Carnegie Library
Free Event. Everyone Welcome.

2018 Friends Holiday Book Sale!

Friends of Muncie Public Library 2018 Holiday Book Sale!
Shop for the book lovers & music lovers on your list!

Thursday & Friday, November 15 & 16 @ 6 – 8pm
Friends Only Preview Nights
Must show your Friends card or join at the door.
$15 Individual Membership. $5 Student Membership.

Saturday, November 17 @ 9am – 2pm
Public Sale. Everyone Welcome!

Sunday, November 18 @ 1 – 4pm
Public Sale. Everyone Welcome!

Special Bag Pricing & Free Popcorn All Weekend!
$5 a Bag on Thursday & Friday
$4 a Bag on Saturday
$3 a Bag on Sunday
What can you stuff into a bag? Books, VHS Tapes, Audio Cassette and Albums. Other items individually priced. DVD’s & CD’s $1 each.

Friends Building 1110 W. Memorial Drive, Muncie, IN 47302
Book and Movie Clubs at MPL

No library card needed. No club to join, just drop in! Adult programs.

**Literary Explorers**  
*Universal Harvester*  
by John Darnielle  
Thursday, November 8 @ 6:30pm  
Kennedy Library

**Bookworms & Brews**  
*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*  
by Douglas Adams  
Thursday, November 15 @ 6:30pm  
The Fickle Peach

**Reading Circle**  
*Calling Me Home*  
by Julie Kibler  
Monday, November 12 @ 12pm  
Kennedy Library

**Books on Tap**  
*The Invention of Wings*  
by Sue Monk Kidd  
Tuesday, November 27 @ 6:30pm  
Twin Archer Brewpub

**CineMuncie Film Club**  
"Ikiru" (NR) (1952)  
by Akira Kurosawa  
Wednesday, November 28 @ 6:30pm  
Carnegie Library
Digital Climbers Now Offered at Kennedy Library!

The Digital Climbers program, the nationally-recognized technology program for children created at MPL, will now be offered at Kennedy Library every Wednesday at 10:30am and 4:30pm. Kids will complete self-directed challenges while learning valuable science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) skills. Digital Climbers has been a popular program offered at MPL's Connection Corner and Maring-Hunt Library branches for the past few years.

Digital Climbers at Kennedy Library is made possible by a grant from the U.S Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Indiana State Library.

Digital Climbers
Every Wednesday at 10:30am & 4:30pm
Kennedy Library
Ages 8+

#GivingTuesday
Giving Tuesday, also known as #GivingTuesday, is a global day of giving celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. Please consider a gift to Muncie Public Library. It's one way to help our community through literacy and enrichment programs!

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

Donate online now by clicking the image or sending a check donation made out to Muncie Public Library and mail to:
2005 S. High St
Muncie, IN 47302
Don't Miss These Other Library Events!

**Attack of the Movies: "Ladies and Gentlemen, The Fabulous Stains"**
Saturday, November 3 @ 3pm at Kennedy Library
(Rated R) Adult Program

**Opera at Noon with BSU! Hänsel and Gretel**
Wednesday, November 7 @ 12pm at Kennedy Library
All Ages

**Bad Art Night**
Thursday, November 8 @ 6pm at Cornerstone Center for the Arts
Adult Program. Free Program (Suggested donations of $5 help to offset the cost of materials.) Adult Program

**Introduction to Finding Grants for Nonprofits**
Tuesday, November 13 @ 4pm at Maring-Hunt Library
Adult Program

**FINAL Outdoors with Librarians**
Friday, November 16 @ 3pm at Maring-Hunt Library
All Ages

**Google Overview with Muncie Housing Authority**
Thursday, November 29 @ 4pm at Price Hall
Adult Program
Photos of the Month

On October 30, 2018, MPL employees celebrated the 80th anniversary of the original panic-inducing broadcast of Orson Welles’ “War of the Worlds” with a live radio-play performance at Cornerstone Center for the Arts! Thanks to Cornerstone for hosting the event, Muncie Civic Theatre for assisting with costumes, and everyone who attended!