



# Library Connections

## December 2017



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### Points of Interest:

**Family Photo Ornament Craft @ Carnegie**  
**3pm, Tuesday, December 12**

**Persuasion with Barbara Shoup:**  
**@ Kennedy**  
**7pm Monday, December 18**

**All MPL Branches will be closed on Sunday and Monday, December 24 & 25 for Christmas**

**All MPL Branches will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year's Day**

### From the Director



As the final days of 2017 whiz by we take time to reflect upon our activities and set new goals for the coming year. Reflecting on the accomplishments of the Early Literacy Program, MPL can take pride in the graduation of the first participant. Created and directed by Katie Lehman, the program currently has a waiting list and is a 2018 priority for MPL.

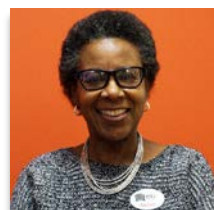
This educational initiative is strengthening connections with community partners, such as Ball State University Bracken Library, By5, and South View Elementary School.

We can also pat ourselves on the back for the 2017 release of UCAT, the shared online catalog developed in partnership with the Muncie Community Schools. The visionary groundwork provided by former MPL Director Virginia Nilles and MCS Superintendent Dr. Steven Baule, has increased student access to learning materials through the use of a universal student card anxiously awaited by MCS students! MCS school libraries are no longer isolated collections. They can now easily share materials and collaborate with each other and MPL in collection development.

The success of UCAT continues to attract interest from community organizations. In 2017, MOMs, (Motivate Our Minds, Inc.), joined the consortium and will circulate materials through its Whitley location. There has been a noticeable increase in the circulation of materials in all formats.

I look forward to 2018 and seek the continued creativity of our staff and community partners to achieve our goals as outlined in MPL Long Range Plan.

Sincerely,  
 Akliah Nosahere, Director



## Donations are Always Accepted

Donate online at our website or by mailing a check. Check donations can be made out to Muncie Public Library and can be mailed to:

**2005 S. High Street,  
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Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. Donations allow Muncie Public Library to promote literacy, guide learning, and inspire curiosity.



## Family Photo Ornament Craft



Break out the photos and decorations, and let Carnegie Library help you turn your love of family history into a unique gift!

This make-and-take craft program is free and open to the public and will teach you how to make an ornament using a copy of a family photo. One ornament per person, first come first served, while supplies last.

To participate please bring a small family photo (a portrait is the best). We will make a copy of the photo for the craft.

If supplies run out, attendees may watch, learn, and take instructions home to try this inexpensive craft at home.

**Tuesday, December 12 at 3pm  
Adult Program. Free Event.  
Carnegie Library**

## Jingle and Mingle at Maring-Hunt!



Everyone is invited to this festive event!

Featuring a seasonal double feature of "The Year Without a Santa Claus" (1974 NR) and "The Santa Clause" (1994 PG)

The fun continues in multiple areas of Maring-Hunt Library with festive family photos, cookies, cocoa, crafts, and a special reading of the holiday classic *The Night Before Christmas*.

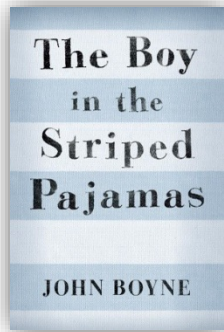
**Thursday, December 7 from 3-7pm  
All Ages Welcome. Free Event.  
Maring-Hunt Library**

All events are free and open to the public, and a library card is not required.

**Book and Movie Clubs**

**Reading Circle**

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*  
by John Boyne  
Monday, December 11 @ 12pm  
Kennedy Library



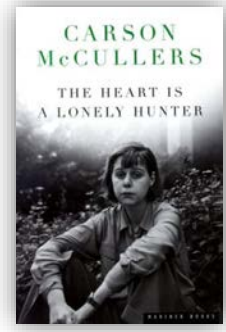
**Literary Explorers**

*2 A.M. at the Cat's Pajamas*  
by Marie-Helene Bertino  
Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30pm  
Kennedy Library



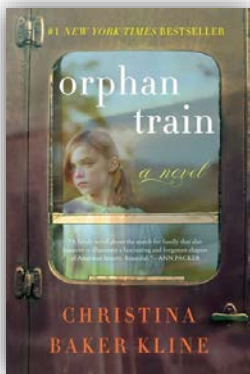
**Bookworms & Brews**

*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*  
by Carson McCullers  
Thursday, December 21 @ 6:30pm  
The Fickle Peach



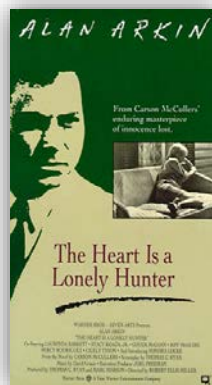
**Books on Tap**

*Orphan Train*  
by Christina Baker Kline  
Tuesday, December 26 @ 6:30pm  
Twin Archer Brewpub



**Bookworm Movie**

*"The Heart is a Lonely Hunter"* (G)  
Sunday, December 17 @ 2pm  
Maring-Hunt Library



**CineMuncie Film Club**

*"Arsenic and Old Lace"* (NR) (1944)  
by Frank Capra  
Wednesday, December 27  
@ 6:30pm  
Carnegie Library



## All Muncie Public Libraries Closed for Christmas Holiday!



All Muncie Public Libraries will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Sunday and Monday, December 24 & 25, 2017.

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## Well-Written Letters: A Conversation on Jane Austen



Join Indiana novelist Barbara Shoup for a presentation about Jane Austen's life and a discussion and analysis of her novel, *Persuasion*. Barbara Shoup is author of eight novels and co-author of two books about the creative process. Her short fiction, poetry, essays, and interviews have appeared in *The Writer* and in the *New York Times* travel section.

**Monday, December 18 at 7pm**  
**Adult Program. Free Event.**  
**Kennedy Library**

Copies of *Persuasion* are available for check out at MPL.

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## Polar Bear Dance



Come join the Grand Spinners for a Modern Western Square and Round Dance outside Kennedy Library in the parking lot. The Polar Bear dance will take place no matter the weather!

Chili will be served inside the meeting room to warm the chill from your bones.

Feel free to come and watch or join in!

**Monday, January 1, 2018 from 1-3:30pm**  
**All Ages. Free Event.**  
**Kennedy Library Parking Lot**

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## New Year's Hours



Kennedy Library and Maring-Hunt Library will be open their regular Sunday hours of 1-5pm on New Year's Eve on December 31, 2017.

On Monday, January 1, 2018, all Muncie Public Library Branches will be closed.

Have a Happy New Year!

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## Photo of the Month

MPL was one of several recipients of a Lowe's Neighborhood Revitalization grant. The funds are being used to build a Market Pavilion at Maring-Hunt that will provide a community garden stand and outdoor kitchen with a food prep and demonstration area. Students from the BSU College of Architecture and Planning have designed and are building the structure under the leadership of Dr. Pam Harwood.





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