



From the Director

Hello MPL Supporters!

I am pleased to be the director of the Muncie Public Library system. It is a vibrant and innovative organization that successfully combines information access and community service. It is my primary responsibility, as your new director, to build partnerships with staff, library users, and supporters to ensure the most efficient use of resources and the attainment of goals as we define them. During the past 30 days, I have come to marvel at the energy and creativity of library services as provided by our incredibly dedicated staff. MPL services are rooted in community service and the staff is always looking for ways to improve upon what we do.

Like most service institutions, the library is continuously evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. The new role of the public library in the 21st century far exceeds the traditional role of the library as a loaner of print material. Today MPL loans popular technology tools, as well as yard tools! Technology tools, such as internet routers and digital entertainment streamers, enable library users to access information in contemporary digital formats. The loaning of yard and garden tools is a unique service that helps to build pride in the community.

MPL operates four locations within Center Township and has four separate programming schedules. As I visit, observe, and interact with MPL staff at each of the facilities I think about how I can connect staff with opportunities for continuous personal and professional development as the role of library workers continues to evolve. I enjoy talking with staff and library supporters about library long-range plans. Stop in, send an email, or let us make an appointment!

Thank you,
Akilah Nosakhere, Director



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Points of interest:

- Community Garden Pavilion:
Feb. 8, 2017
5-7pm
- Heroes of Color:
Feb. 9, 2017
3-5pm
- Bad Art Night:
Feb. 16, 2017
6-7:30pm
- All Libraries Closed for Presidents' Day
Feb. 20, 2017

A Shared Art Project for Kids and Maring-Hunt Library

Local artist and author Laurie Lunsford has set up an art easel and canvas in the Maring-Hunt Library lobby. Lots of afternoons she is there with paints so kids can get creative and add something to the shared painting. Check out the winter scene and stop by sometime to see artists contribute to it, or add to the painting yourself!



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,
Muncie, IN 47302**

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

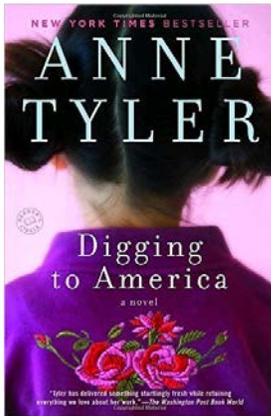


Book and Movie Clubs

Reading Circle

Digging to America
by Anne Tyler

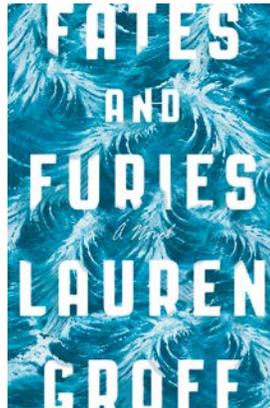
Monday, February 13 @ 12pm
Kennedy Library



Literary Explorers

Fates and Furies
by Lauren Groff

Thursday, February 9 @ 6:30pm
Kennedy Library

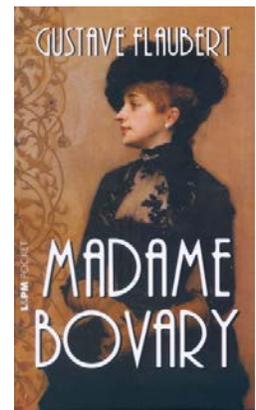


Bookworms & Brews

Madame Bovary

by Gustave Flaubert

Thursday, February 16 @ 6:30pm
The Fickle Peach

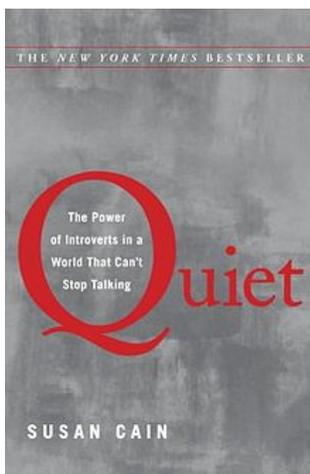


Books on Tap

Quiet

by Susan Cain

Tuesday, February 28 @ 6:30pm
Twin Archer Brewpub

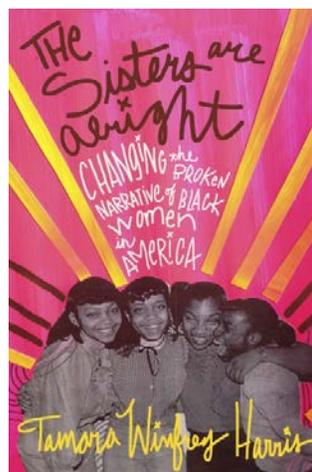


A Novel Idea

The Sisters are Alright

by Tamara Winfrey Harris

Tuesday, February 7 @ 6:30 pm
Maring-Hunt Meeting Room

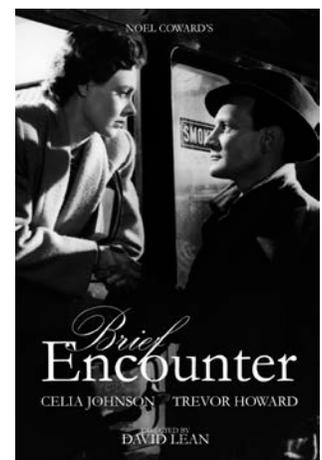


CineMuncie Film Club

"Brief Encounter" (1945)

by David Lean

Wednesday, February 22
@ 6:30pm Carnegie Library



Heroes of Color



HEROES OF COLOR

AW YEAH COMICS! **MUNCIE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?

Bring the whole family to learn about heroes of color in the comics world and create your own superhero with Christina Blanch from Downtown Muncie's Aw Yeah Comics!

Program will include a short presentation followed by a character creation workshop and cosplay fashion show.

Thursday, February 9
3pm-5pm
Connection Corner
1824 E Centennial Ave

Stay Connected



On Thursday, February 9 from 3-5pm at Connection Corner, (1824 E Centennial Ave), bring the family to learn about heroes of color in the world of comics. Create your own superhero with Christina Blanch from Downtown Muncie's Aw Yeah Comics!

BSU Immersive Learning Project: Maring-Hunt's Community Garden Pavilion Attend a Special Planning Event!

Here is the opportunity to express your ideas about the plans to expand the M-H Community Garden which will include an outdoor community pavilion to enrich engagement and learning. Community partners include Maring-Hunt Library and Avondale/Thomas Park Neighborhood Association. Project Mentor is Pam Harwood, BSU College of Architecture. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

Garden Pavilion Planning Event
Wednesday, February 8 from 5-7pm
Maring-Hunt Library Meeting Room



Photo of the Month

A young customer explains the rules of the Candy Land board game to a library employee at Kennedy Library.



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