



## From the Director

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Dear Readers,

What's on your 2017 reading list? What's on your 'to-do' list; what do you hope to accomplish? It is a brand new year, filled with possibilities and new beginnings! We are invited to imagine, dream and build upon the past but to make changes that will propel us forward in ways that will make us better and stronger.

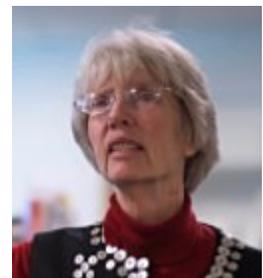
The Library will be re-imagining programs and services, building a future on the foundations of the past. It is difficult to say exactly what changes will occur in 2017 but you can bet there will be change! Change is our constant, is it not?! Being part of the future means being part of the change.

Everyone at MPL wishes you a very Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2017 and we will be proud to help you accomplish your to-do list(s) and your dreams! We look forward to including you in our plans for change, whatever they are!

Happy New Year and best always,  
Ginny

### **Points of interest:**

- All Libraries Closed on New Year's Day  
**Jan. 1, 2017**
- Friends of MPL Book Sale  
**Jan. 7, 2017, 12-8pm**



### Muncie Public Library Welcomes Akilah Nosakhere as Director

Akilah Shukura Nosakhere has been hired as the next Library Director of MPL. Since accepting the position, she has shared that she will continue to move MPL forward and hopes to maintain and further strengthen MPL's community focus and outreach.

Previously, Akilah headed up the library at New Mexico University Carlsbad where she focused on life-long learning. She has worked with legislators and community leaders, as well as with faculty and staff to expand library services. A graduate of Ball State University, Akilah got her MLS (Master's of Library Science) with a focus in Academic Library Administration.

Akilah is no stranger to public libraries; she worked one year at MPL and four years at the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library in Atlanta, Georgia. Throughout her career, Akilah has served on countless committees including search committees and re-accreditation and diversity teams. She has worked in her local community of Carlsbad organizing African American cultural activities in collaboration with the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club and served on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Welcome back to Muncie and Muncie Public Library!

**Public Reception to Welcome Akilah Nosakhere**

**Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 4-6pm**

**Carnegie Library, All ages welcome!**



### Did you attend Ginny's Retirement Party?

*Here is the recipe for MPL Board President Daniel Stalling's Coconut Snowballs!*

#### Ingredients:

(Makes approx. 130 snowball candies)

- ½ lbs butter
- 32 oz powdered sugar
- 2 C (16 oz) flaked coconut
- 4 C chopped pecans
- 1 C sweetened condensed milk (1-14 oz can)
- ¼ lbs, paraffin wax, divided
- 12 oz semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 12 oz butterscotch chips

#### Directions:

- Blend first 5 ingredients thoroughly by hand; roll into balls (size of walnuts; use a large melon baller)
- Refrigerate for 2 hours, until firm
- Blend paraffin wax with chocolate chips in one pan and remaining paraffin wax with butterscotch chips in separate pan; turn heat to lowest setting.
- Dip balls into melted chip mixture with toothpicks to create chocolate dipped and butterscotch dipped snowballs. Allow to cool/harden on wax paper.

## In the Spotlight: Dennis Everette

By Loren Mc Clain

While he has his name written all over the adult services programming at Kennedy Library, Dennis Everette, the Adult Services Supervisor and Head of Reference at Kennedy Library, has his hands in more of the programming at Muncie Public Library than he takes credit for. As the curator of CineMuncie, a film club that focuses its efforts on offering an alternative to the mainstream movie houses in Muncie, Everette aims to provide a service that does not currently exist in the community. “Higher-end cinema is best experienced while gathered with other people, watching it on a big screen. It’s a collective enterprise,” Everette states.

Everette thoroughly enjoys his work at MPL and shares his thoughts on why libraries and librarians are a great resource for the community, “Muncie Public Library has a lot of great resources, but I’m always amazed by the librarians and always have been. They are a great resource; they come with their own experiences and knowledge bases that they can pull from and don’t have to rely on a computer. They are an impressive group of smart people and that is great.” Because libraries expose people to a wide breadth of knowledge and experiences that they sometimes do not get during school or outside of their workplace, Everette suggests coming into the library even if it is simply to check out a movie to take home, but suggests everyone should come to at least one of MPL’s programs. Everette created several new programs for MPL in the last year, notably the popular *Adulting Series*, aimed at twenty-somethings learning to live on their own and *Kennedy Late Night*, which offers extended hours one Friday night each month.

Due to his quirky and slightly random nature, I asked Dennis which fictional character was his favorite, “Snowball, from *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. Snowball is an optimist revolutionary.” Optimist revolutionary, that phrase sums Everette up to a tee. Everette is always looking out the new things to innovate and revolutionize at MPL and his programming shows it.

Thanks for all the great programming, Dennis and we look forward to more innovative and creative programs in 2017!



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## Donations are Always Accepted

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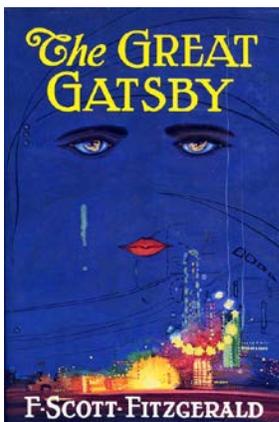
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## Book and Movie Clubs

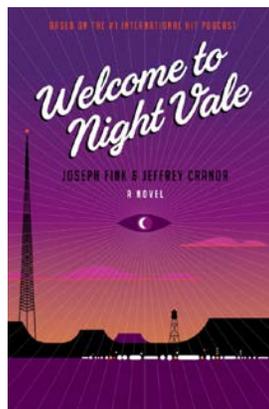
### Reading Circle

*The Great Gatsby*  
by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Monday, January 9 @ 12pm  
Kennedy Library



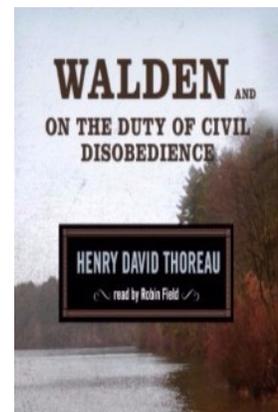
### Literary Explorers

*Welcome to Night Vale*  
by J. Fink & J. Crandor  
Thursday, January 12 @ 6:30pm  
Kennedy Library



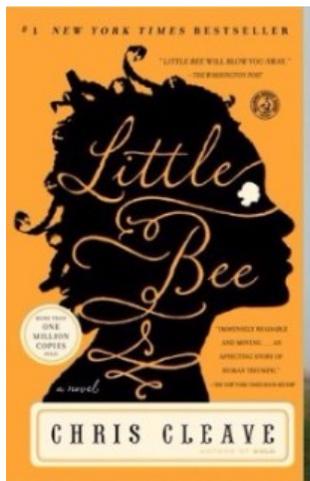
### Bookworms & Brews

*Walden & Civil Disobedience*  
by Henry David Thoreau  
Thursday, January 19 @ 6pm  
The Fickle Peach



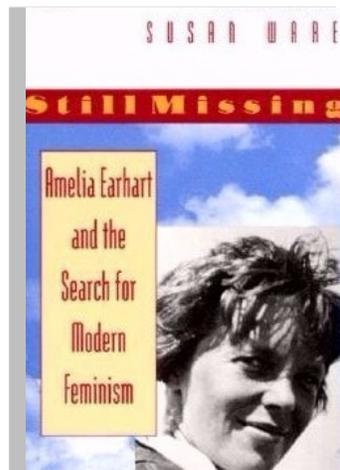
### Books on Tap

*Little Bee*  
by Chris Cleave  
Tuesday, January 31 @ 6:30pm  
Twin Archer Brewpub



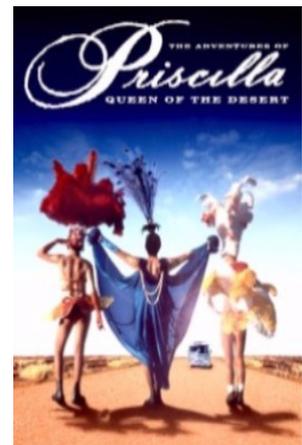
### A Novel Idea

*Still Missing: Amelia Earhart and the Search for Modern Feminism*  
by Susan Ware  
Tuesday, January 17 @ 5:30 pm  
Maring-Hunt Maker Loft Annex



### CineMuncie Film Club

*The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* (1994)  
by Stephan Elliott  
Wednesday, January 25  
@ 6:30pm Carnegie Library



## A Call for Artists and Collectors

Are you an artist or collector? If so, Muncie Public Library is looking for material to fill the display cases for the 2017 year!

Both Kennedy and Maring-Hunt have wall space and glass front display cases that are perfect for art and artifacts. Both libraries are seeking paintings, photos, ceramics & sculptures as well as collectibles and memorabilia. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Kathy Burton (Kennedy Library) at 747-8209 or [kburton@munpl.org](mailto:kburton@munpl.org)

For Maring-Hunt contact Noelle Gudger at 727-8204 or [ngudger@munpl.org](mailto:ngudger@munpl.org)

Thank you!

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## Friends of Muncie Public Library

### New Year's Blowout Book Sale – One Day Only!

Get great deals on books and more at a special one-day book sale on **Saturday, January 7 from Noon-8pm**. Pay just \$1 per bag that you stuff with books, VHS tapes, books on cassettes, audio cassettes, and albums. Anything on a disk is just \$1 each. Pay just \$1 each for dvd's, music cd's, and audio books on cd. Please bring your own bags. The Friends Building is at 1110 W. Memorial Drive in Muncie.

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## Photo of the Month

Volunteer and retired MPL employee Dixie VanCamp takes a break from indexing obituaries for the archives to help Carnegie Library staff identify students in a newly acquired Muncie Central High School photo from 1947.



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