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Points of interest:

- Levi Coffin House – Underground Railroad:
**March 25, 2017
2pm at Kennedy**
- Friends of MPL* Book Sale:
Members Only:
Thursday and Friday, March 30 & 31, 6-8pm
- Friends of MPL* Book Sale:
Public Sale
**Saturday, April 1
9am – 2pm
Sunday, April 2
1-4pm**
*Friends Building
1110 W. Memorial Dr.

From the Director

Hello MPL Supporters!

I am unceasingly impressed by the amount of innovative community service offered by Muncie Public Library staff. For instance, this summer MPL will be recognized by the American Library Association national conference as the recipient of the 2017 ALA Information Today *Library of the Future Award* for its innovative Digital Climbers STEAM learning program.

Developed by MPL staff under the leadership of Technology Coordinator Rebecca Parker, Digital Climbers is a series of self-guided challenges that kids age 8 and up can complete independently to develop their skills in science and technology. Participants are challenged to climb the STEAM Mountain by completing challenge sets related to computer coding, Photoshop design, movie shooting, script writing, editing, and much more. Students track their own progress and many show great enthusiasm for the activity.

Digital Climbers is a service provided for youth at the Connection Corner and the Maring-Hunt Library Maker Loft. The STEAM program is popular with the Great Achievers after-school program at Maring-Hunt Library. Gary Chin, Director of the Great Achievers program uses the Digital Climbers activity as an incentive to inspire self-directed learning and good behavior among the afterschool kids.

Many of MPL’s programs are driven by community support and we are open to exploring new opportunities to partner with Muncie organizations and businesses to meet the information needs of our community—including senior and adult populations.

As we prepare for spring and summer programming seasons there is the M-H garden to prepare, summer reading activities to plan, and a whole range of services for adults of all ages. I can barely wait to see what’s next!

Thank you,
Akilah Nosakhere, Director



Get R.A.D. at Kennedy Library

Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.), is a comprehensive program of realistic, self-defense tactics, and techniques for women. The Ball State University Police Department is offering this four week course from 6-8pm on Thursdays beginning March 9. **Registration required:** sign up online or call Kennedy at 765-747-8209. Ages 18 and up.



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:
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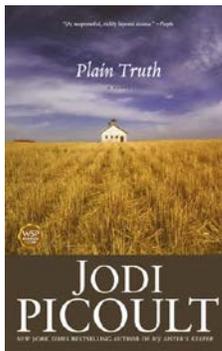
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Book and Movie Clubs

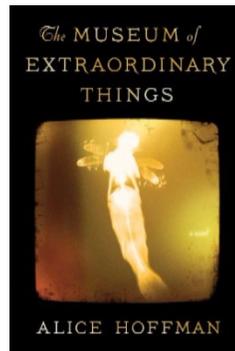
Reading Circle

Plain Truth
by Jodi Picoult
Monday, March 13 @ 12pm
Kennedy Library



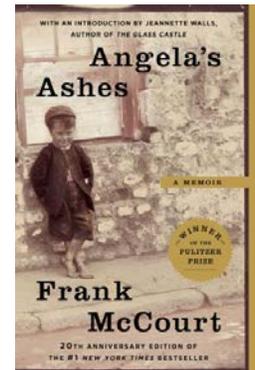
Literary Explorers

The Museum of Extraordinary Things
by Alice Hoffman
Thursday, March 9 @ 6:30pm
Kennedy Library



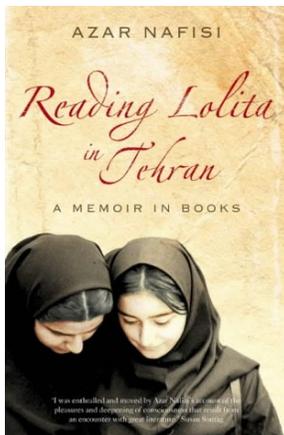
Bookworms & Brews

Angela's Ashes
by Frank McCourt
Thursday, February 16 @ 6:30pm
The Fickle Peach



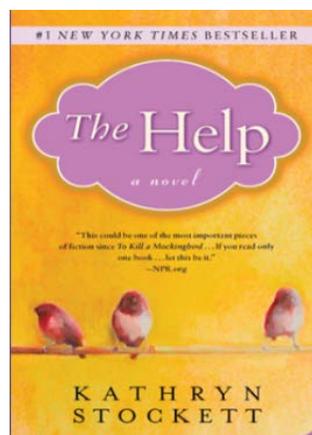
Books on Tap

Reading Lolita in Tehran
by Azar Nafisi
Tuesday, March 28 @ 6:30pm
Twin Archer Brewpub



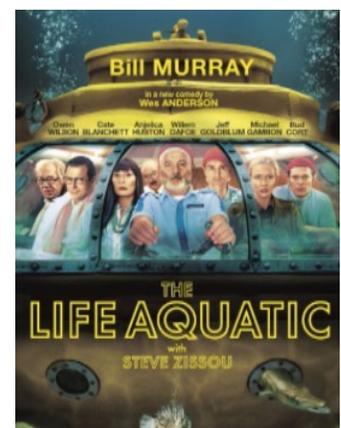
A Novel Idea

The Help
by Kathryn Stockett
Tuesday, March 21 @ 5:30 pm
Maring-Hunt Maker Loft Annex



CineMuncie Film Club

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (2004, R)
by Wes Anderson
Wednesday, March 29
@ 6:30pm Carnegie Library



Tax Help



AARP Tax Aide will be at Maring-Hunt Library from 10am-2pm every Wednesday and Friday throughout the tax season. This popular service is offered by certified volunteers. Sign in with facilitators at the door beginning at 9am for free tax preparation on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no age or income limit, however, due to high demand, it is the service's mission is to emphasize those with low to moderate income and the elderly.

Bill Harley Children's Entertainer, Storyteller, and Author

Two-time Grammy winner Bill Harley will perform a free storytelling and musical performance at Muncie Civic Theatre. The concert is sponsored by Wayne and Jane Myer as a gift to the community!

The concert is free, but **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED.**

Free tickets (four per family) can be picked up at the Youth Services Departments at Kennedy Library and Maring-Hunt Library beginning **Thursday, March 23.**



Photo of the Month

A group of young patrons realize they are all heroes and show off their crime fighting skills at Connection Corner's *Heroes of Color* event!



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