



Library Connections

October 2017



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From the Director



At the Muncie Public Library we nourish both the literary and literal appetites of our customers!

Food boxes in our library system provide access to fresh produce from area food growers and distributors, such as the Minnetrista Farmer's Market, Edible Muncie, and the Gresham Center. The Community Garden at Maring-Hunt Library will install a food box within the week to share its bounty with library visitors.

Also, MPL has a fresh crop of graduate students from the BSU Immersive Learning Program continuing work on the "Gateway to Gardening" Project. College of Architect and Planning students are designing and building an outdoor demonstration kitchen. This kitchen will offer instructional space for fresh food processing and nutrition workshops. Current development of the Garden Market Pavilion is funded by the 2017 Lowe's Neighborhood Revitalization Program in partnership with **Greater Muncie Habitat for Humanity** and the **8/Twelve Coalition**.

Thank you,
Akliah Nosahere, Director



Points of Interest:

Ghosts in the Library, Saturday, October 14, at 7pm @ Carnegie Library

All MPL Branches will be closed on Thursday, October 19 for Employee Development Day

Ghost Stories in the Graveyard, Monday, October 30 at 7:30pm @ Beech Grove Cemetery

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.



The Gravedigger's Tale: A Ghost Story Circle



Join us the night before Halloween to share ghost stories in the most appropriate setting possible. Beech Grove Cemetery has granted us rare after-dark access to their grounds for this unique event. It's local history. It's storytelling. It's ghost stories in a graveyard right at Halloween!

Parking will be extremely limited, so we would ask you to carpool as much as possible. Parking can be found near the main office, and along the small paths throughout the cemetery. The easiest path to the story site is along the red arrows. MPL will have staff posted at the office, and along the path to help people find the clearing. It will be dark, so we ask participants to only use the suggested paths leading to the site.

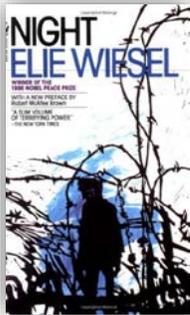
If you have any questions call the Reference Desk at Kennedy Library at 747-8209.

**Ghost Story Circle at Beech Grove Cemetery
Monday, October 30 at 7:30pm
This event is strictly for ages 18+ only**

Book and Movie Clubs

Reading Circle

Night
by Elie Wiesel
Monday, October 9 @ 12pm
Kennedy Library



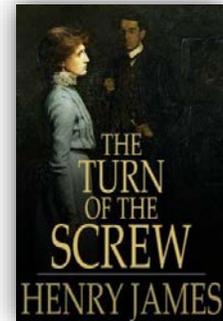
Literary Explorers

The Witches: Salem, 1692
by Stacy Schiff
Thursday, October 12 @ 6:30pm
Kennedy Library



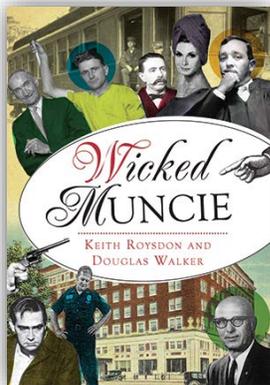
Bookworms & Brews

The Turn of the Screw
by Henry James
Thursday, October 19 @ 6:30pm
The Fickle Peach



Books on Tap

Wicked Muncie
by Keith Roysdon & Douglas Walker
Tuesday, October 31 @ 6:30pm
Twin Archer Brewpub



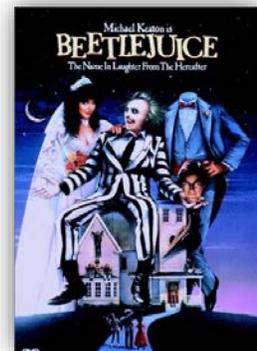
CineMunie Presentation

"Frankenstein" (NR)
Friday, October 27 @ 7pm
Heerot Pub and Draught House



CineMuncie Film Club

"Beetlejuice" (PG-13) (1988)
by Tim Burton
Wednesday, October 25
@ 6:30pm
Carnegie Library



All Muncie Public Libraries Closed for Employee Development Day!



All Muncie Public Libraries will be closed for Employee Development Day Thursday, October 19, 2017. We will resume normal hours on Friday, October 20, 2017.

Haunted Weekend: Ghosts in the Library!



Join us for the return of the East Central Indiana Paranormal Investigators (ECIPI)! In 2016, ECIPI conducted an investigation at historic Carnegie Library in downtown Muncie and found some things that couldn't readily be explained. ECIPI conducted a follow-up investigation in 2017, and will once again share the details in a reveal event! Come learn about their techniques and experiences as paranormal investigators, have a look and listen to their video and audio recordings gathered here in Indiana, and decide for yourself if our beautiful library has a few unseen patrons.

**Ghosts in the Library at Carnegie Library
Saturday, October 14 at 7pm
Adult Program**

Tenisha Harris to Lead MPL's Connection Corner

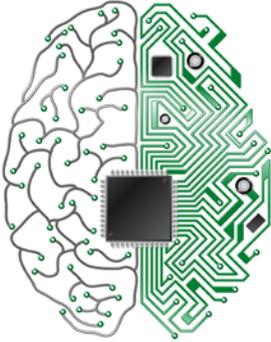


Tenisha Harris has been named the new Coordinator of Connection Corner, the high-technology center of the Muncie Public Library. Connection Corner offers open computer use, computer classes, digital printing, video and audio production, children's activities, and film screenings.

An MPL employee since 2010, Harris served most recently as a Local History & Genealogy assistant at Carnegie Library in downtown Muncie. She is thrilled about the new opportunity and is excited to get back to the Whitely neighborhood where she grew up. Harris will begin her new position on Monday, October 9 and she envisions Connection Corner "as a refuge for learning and knowledge, not only in the traditional sense of knowledge but also in learning more about Whitely and our African-American community."

A Muncie native, Harris attended Muncie Community Schools and earned an Associate Degree in Computer Programming from Ivy Tech. Her extensive experience as a reference assistant in MPL's local and family genealogy history center and as an instructor of technology to adult students in the community makes her appointment all the more special. Harris will succeed Rebecca Parker who recently accepted a position at Ivy Tech Community College. Connection Corner is located at 1824 E. Centennial in the Whitely neighborhood. Stop in and say hello to Tenisha!

CyberPsych



CyberPsych is a discussion series held in partnership with the Ball State University Practicum Clinic. It seeks to connect technology and psychology concepts in such a way that anyone who interacts with our modern world can grasp. The program features speakers from the BSU Practicum Clinic and covers technologies and the cultures formed by the people who use them. Dan Allen, MPL Technology Coordinator shares his inspiration for the series, "The library remains the people's university and we feel collectively giving the public a space and an engaging topic to learn about and discuss showcases one of the many roles a modern library must take on to meet the public's needs."

At the convergence of technology and psychology, CyberPsych puts forth conversations on topics like violence in video games and its effects on the player, screen time and child development, media addiction, video games as stress reduction, and how some psychologists are using virtual reality to help people face their biggest fears and overcome phobias.

Allen also sees the series as an opportunity for BSU students to interact with Muncie residents and vice versa. "By welcoming students into the community to engage people directly, commonalities will create an environment where everyone can participate," says Allen.

The students participating in the series are training to become counselors and psychologists and to conduct public outreach sessions where they research and present on topics important to the mental health of Muncie citizens. According to Allen, participants will benefit not only from the information and discussions at this series but also from learning more about the resources available to the community. The Ball State University Practicum Clinic provides counseling to the public at a nominal charge (\$10 or less) to all ages to help anyone dealing with mental health issues and challenges.

CyberPsych Discussion Series at Maring-Hunt Library ideastudio (Second Floor)

Adult Program

Wednesday, October 11 at 5:30 pm : Gaming as Stress Reduction

Wednesday, October 25 at 5:30 pm : Phobias and Virtual Reality

Wednesday, November 1 at 5:30 pm : Online Assessments and the Factual Truth

Wednesday, November 8 at 5:30 pm : Screentime and Child Development

Wednesday, November 15 at 5:30 pm : Online Communities and Connections

Photo of the Month

Muncie Public Library congratulates Rebecca Parker, MPL Technology Coordinator, on being named to the 2017 *M Magazine* list of "20 under 40." Parker was selected based on her accomplishments on the job at MPL and in her volunteer endeavors as a member of the Whitely Community Council, where she provides leadership and serves as editor of its award-winning neighborhood newsletter. *M Magazine* lauded Parker, saying, "she has both passion and vision for the community she lives and works in." Rebecca recently resigned from her position at MPL and will become the director of a new Ivy Tech Community College initiative, Upward Bound. Best of luck in your new position, Rebecca, and congratulations on your win!



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