



March 2019

## Library Connections

### Akilah S. Nosakhere Director's Report

The range of winter weather has refreshed my memory of Indiana winters! I can truly say that I have never been so ready for spring. MPL programmers are gearing up for the new season with some amazing options, such as "Good-Bye Winter!" an activity marking the end of winter on Tuesday, March 19. Young participants will mark the official end of winter by planting something for spring. Of course, this event will be held indoors as we can never be too sure about Indiana weather!



Likewise, Maring-Hunt Library gardeners are not quite ready to go outdoors; many gathered to swap seeds indoors last week. The event was co-hosted by Minnetrista and the Urban Gardening Coalition. Gardeners and friends will meet again on Saturday, March 9 to plan the 2019 planting season. Come have coffee, reserve a garden plot, and catch up with neighborhood news at the Gardening Café beginning at 9am in the Maring-Hunt Atrium. This event is sponsored by MPL and the 8twelve Coalition.

Sun or no sun, O.W.L. (Outdoors with Librarians) and kids, ages 6 and up, will be outdoors with librarian-guided nature activities beginning Wednesday, March 6 at 3pm (and every Wednesday throughout March) at the Maring-Hunt Library Gardens. For the rest of us, remember to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with Celtic and American folk music by Walden Song at Kennedy Library on Sunday, March 17 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome. I hope it is warm and sunny by then, don't you? Hang in there!

Sincerely,  
**Akilah S. Nosakhere**

Gardening Café:  
**A Community Gathering**



Get updated information on garden plot rentals, register for your plot, or volunteer for the new Free U-Pick Garden. Refreshments will be served. There will also be a book give-away at the event.

**Maring-Hunt Library**  
**Gardening Cafe: A Community Gathering**  
**Saturday, March 9 @ 9-11am**  
**Adults**

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Ready Readers  
**Mascot Naming Contest**

The students of the Ready Readers program picked the name King for the Ready Reader's mascot!

**Hi!**  
My name is  
**king**



## The Films of 1923

For the first time in twenty years, a year of copyrighted material entered into the public domain. Art, literature, cinema, and music from 1923 is now free of copyright restriction. To celebrate, this month and next month we are hosting free showings of some of the best films of 1923.

### **Carnegie Library**

**"Safety Last!" (NR)**

**Thursday, March 7 @ 7pm**

**Adults**

### **Kennedy Library**

**"The Ten Commandments" (NR)**

**Thursday, March 28 @ 7pm**

**Adults**

### **Carnegie Library**

**"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (NR)**

**Thursday, April 4 @ 7pm**

**Adults**

### **Kennedy Library**

**"Our Hospitality" (NR)**

**Thursday, April 25 @ 7pm**

**Adults**

## 30 Year Cycle

They say pop culture has a habit of resurfacing things from 30 years ago. We're bringing back the 80's and showing the great and not-so-great movies from 1989 in Maring-Hunt Library's idea studio!

### **Maring Hunt Library**

**"Arena: Man VS Monster" (PG-13)**

**Monday, March 11 @ 5pm**

**Adults and Teens**

### **Maring-Hunt Library**

**"Lean on Me" (PG-13)**

**Tuesday, March 19 @ 5pm**

**Adults and Teens**

### **Maring-Hunt Library**

**"Troop Beverly Hills" (PG)**

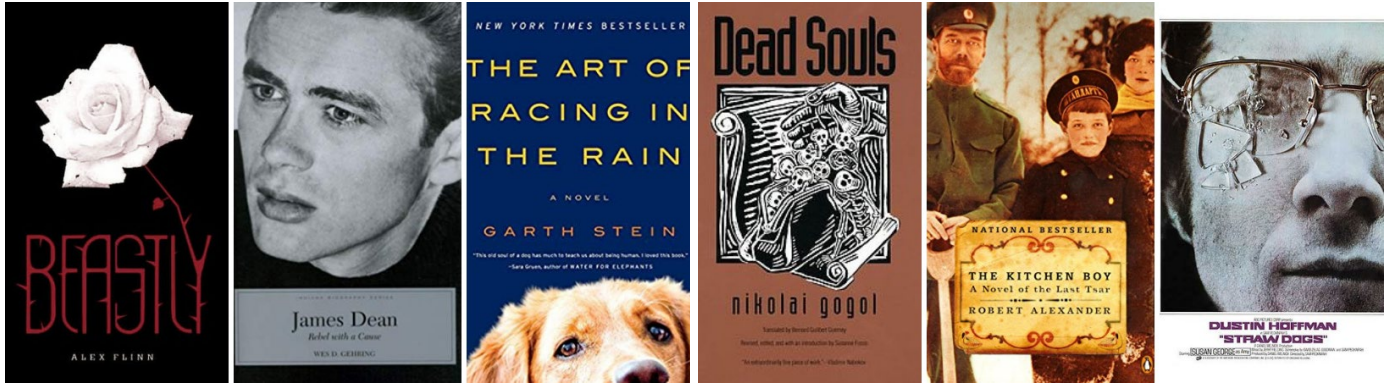
**Monday, March 25 @ 5pm**

**All Ages**



## Book and Movie Clubs at MPL

No library card is needed to attend. No club to join, just drop in.  
Free Events. Adult Programs.



### Vintage Youth

*Beastly*  
by Alex Flinn

Wednesday, March 6  
6:30pm  
Books & Brews

### Reading Circle

*James Dean*  
by Wes Gehring

Monday, March 11  
12pm  
Kennedy Library

### Literary Explorers

*The Art of Racing in the Rain*  
by Garth Stein

Thursday, March 14  
6:30pm  
Kennedy Library

### Bookworms & Brews

*Dead Souls*  
by Nikolai Gogol

Thursday, March 21  
6:30pm  
The Fickle Peach

### Books on Tap

*The Kitchen Boy*  
by Robert Alexander

Tuesday, March 26  
6:30pm  
Twin Archer Brewpub

### CineMuncie

"Straw Dogs" (R)(1971)  
by Sam Peckinpah

Wednesday, March 27  
6:30pm  
Carnegie Library

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## Upcoming Programs & Events

### Outdoors with Librarians

Each week offers a different theme relating to the great outdoors. Explore all that nature has to offer. In case of inclement weather, activities will be held in The Fort.

**Maring-Hunt Library**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**3pm**  
**All Ages**

### Good-bye, Winter!

March 20 is the first day of Spring, so say good-bye to Winter by starting some Spring planting!

**Maring-Hunt Library**  
**Tuesday, March 19**  
**3pm**  
**Ages 6+**

### Casual Coders

Casual Coders is an extension of Digital Climbers for teens (13-18). It provides dedicated work time for coding and robotics. Funded through a Best Buy grant, Casual Coders will also include a two-week workshop where teens can learn tech skills and create their own community service project.

#### **Connection Corner**

**Monday, March 11 & 25**

**5:30pm**

**Ages 13+**

#### **Kennedy Library**

**Wednesday, March 13 & 27**

**5:30pm**

**Ages 13+**

#### **Maring-Hunt Library**

**Thursday, March 14 & 28**

**5pm**

**Ages 13+**

### St. Patrick's Day Live Music

Enjoy live Celtic and American folk music by the group Walden Song on St. Patrick's Day!

#### **Kennedy Library**

**Sunday, March 17**

**2pm**

**All Ages**

### People & Community: A Steinbeck Book Talk on "Cannery Row"

Michael Szajewski from BSU's Archives and Special Collections will discuss their Steinbeck collection and John Steinbeck's 1945 novel "Cannery Row."

#### **Kennedy Library**

**Wednesday, March 20**

**6pm**

**Adults**

### Criminal Record Expungement

Learn about record expungement at this information session provided by an Indiana lawyer with years of experience in criminal law and private civil law.

#### **Maring-Hunt Library**

**Friday, March 22**

**6-7:15pm**

**Adults**

### Dungeons and Dragons: Teen Edition

What better way is there to spend Spring Break than plundering dungeons and slaying dragons? This is a teen only event!

#### **Kennedy Library**

**March 25, 26, 28, & 29**

**4pm**

**Ages 13+**

See a full list of our Calendar of Events at [www.munciepubliclibrary.org](http://www.munciepubliclibrary.org)

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## Photos of the Month



Kennedy Library recently hosted a Lego Showcase inviting children to show off their best Lego creations. Don't miss the next round of building brick fun on Tuesday, March 26 when kids can drop in at Kennedy Library Youth Services (10am-7pm) to build something creative!

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