



September 2019

Library Connections

Akilah S. Nosakhere Director's Report

The success of the 2019 public reading campaign has inspired Muncie Public Library and a core of local organizations to work together to implement other innovative approaches to summer reading and recreational programs for Muncie's citizens in 2020.

The widespread participation of individuals, local businesses, and non-profit organizations in MPL's 2019 Summer Reading Program (SRP) and the "Yes We Care, Reading Everywhere" campaign has brought together organizations with similar goals to promote reading as a gateway skill to personal and career development. Reading in public places is a great strategy to showcase residents of all ages and occupations reading. The banker, the secretary, the college student, the artist, health professional, and others, all promoting reading as a fundamental skill. We intend to repeat this strategy in 2020 with new emphasis on the development of multiple literacies for children and young adults.

MPL is excited to work with other organizations to engage Muncie citizens to share their love of reading and illustrate publicly that reading is a basic skill that supports life in general. Thank you Muncie for your support of Muncie Public Library and the summer reading programs!

Sincerely,
Akilah S. Nosakhere

Holiday & Early Closing



All MPL branches will be closed on **Sunday, September 1** and **Monday, September 2** for Labor Day!



Carnegie Library will close early at **1pm on Thursday, September 5.**



SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH



Sign Up Today!

Second Annual Scarecrow Festival

Join us for our second ever free Scarecrow Festival! Events will include the scarecrow walk and contest results, crafts and games, snow cones, popcorn, music, and a special performance by Danny Russel as James Whitcomb Riley!

Join in the fun by entering the Scarecrow Contest!



Who can enter?

Our scarecrow contest is open to all ages! Any individuals, families, clubs, groups, or organizations are welcome to participate for free! There will be three categories of participants: individual, youth/family, and organization with one prize winner per category.

When can I register my scarecrow?

Drop off your registration form to Maring-Hunt Library starting Tuesday, September 3 and no later than 5pm on Friday, September 6. You will receive instructions on setting up your scarecrow when you turn in the form.

Other rules and regulations:

- Scarecrows should be life-sized and handmade.
- Each scarecrow must have a vertical support for the body.
- Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind, and rain.
- All decorations must be securely attached to your scarecrow.

Scarecrow Festival
Gateway to Gardening Pavilions at Maring-Hunt Library
Saturday, September 7 @ 4-7pm
All Ages

Fourth Annual Adult Spelling Bee



Sesquipedalians rejoice! Our adult spelling bee is back! See who can vanquish the best spellers in town. Prizes will be awarded, including a dictionary for the first person to be eliminated. To register, contact jnelson@munpl.org, 765-747-8209, or sign up online at www.munciepubliclibrary.org.

Registration is not required to come and watch!

Moderated by Indiana Public Radio's Stephanie Wiechmann and Rebecca Parker, Director of Upward Bound at Ivy Tech Community College.



Adult Spelling Bee
Kennedy Library
Wednesday, September 18 @ 7pm
Adults

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

Ready Player One
by Ernest Cline

Wednesday, September 4
6:30pm
Books & Brews

Bookworms & Brews

Dracula
by Bram Stoker

Reading Circle

The Stranger in the Woods
by Michael Finkel

Monday, September 9
12pm
Kennedy Library

Books on Tap

Cutting for Stone
by Abraham Verghese

Literary Explorers

Sharp: the Women Who Made an Art of Having an Opinion
by Michelle Dean

Thursday, September 12
6:30pm
Kennedy Library

CineMuncie

"What We Do in the Shadows" (R)(2014)
by Taika Waititi

Thursday, September 19
6:30pm
The Fickle Peach

Tuesday, September 24
6:30pm
Twin Archer Brewpub

Wednesday, September 25
6:30pm
Carnegie Library

“Too Hot to Hold”

New items at MPL

New Adult Fiction: "The Girl Who Lived Twice" by David Lagercrantz

New Adult Nonfiction: "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone" by Lori Gottlieb

New DVD: "The Hustle" (PG-13)(2019) Starring: Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson

New CD: "Africa Speaks" by Santana

See a full list of new print and AV material added to our collection!

See a list of this month's New Items at www.munciepubliclibrary.org

Upcoming Programs & Events

Job Seeker Services

Get free help from Eastern Indiana Works/WorkOne on resume development, interviews, job search, federal bonding, occupational skills training, IndianaCareerConnect.com, assessments, career development, and more!

Maring-Hunt Library

Every Tuesday in September @ 12-4pm

Teens and Adults

Sunrise Yoga

Trounce Martial Art Fitness will host morning yoga sessions. Mats will be provided!

Maring-Hunt Library

Every Friday in September @ 8-9am

Adults

Honoring a Family Legacy

Through genealogy, research, and examination of journals and artifacts, Jennifer Bow presents her family's story. A fascinating account of turn-of-the-century immigration, Muncie history, and World War II service will be shared, and family heirlooms will be on display.

Carnegie Library

Wednesday, September 11

Mayoral Candidates Town Hall

MPL will host a town hall with the 2019 mayoral candidates! The candidates on the panel will be: Dan Ridenour (R), Steve Smith (L), and Terry Whitt Bailey (D). Bring in your questions or submit your questions to deverette@munpl.org or 765-747-8209.

Kennedy Library

Monday, September 16 @ 7pm

Adults

Muncie: Hidden Stories Behind...

Learn about some of the stories behind unique places, people and events in Muncie history at our panel discussion. The panelists will provide interesting, little-known facts and stories about Muncie swimming pools, the Kirby family and house, the Ball factory, Carnegie Library, Ball State during World War II, and more followed by a Q&A discussion.

Carnegie Library

Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:30-8pm

Adults

Pies for Peace

Enjoy a delicious piece of pie at this community gathering to promote peace, acceptance, and harmony. Co-hosted by the local organization

@ 6:30-7:30pm
Adults

Pies for Peace and Muncie Public Library.
Kennedy Library
Sunday, September 29 @ 2pm
All Ages

See a full list of our **Calendar of Events** at www.munciepubliclibrary.org

Donate

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

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**2005 S High Street,
Muncie, IN 47302**

Thank you so much for your support!



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September Photo of the Month



MPL Director Akilah S. Nosakhare recently received a Vivian Conley Award for her work with literacy and social justice at the 27th annual Women's Equality Day program at City Hall.

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