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## Board President John Gurda Retires

*Milwaukee historian John Gurda retires from the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees after an unprecedented 25 years of service.*

Local historian and Milwaukee son John Gurda retired from the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees on Monday, May 21 after 25 years of service. His last four years on the board were served as president.

the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* on May 4. “One reason I accepted the post and stayed for so long was to repay some of what I’ve received over the years.”

And repay he has. During his tenure on the Building and Development Committee of the Board of Trustees, Gurda helped lead numerous capital projects from tuck-pointing, renovations of branch libraries and the beautiful downtown Central Library, redesigns such as the Central Library Drive-up, total rebuilding projects of the Bay View, Washington Park, and Tippecanoe libraries, and the new mixed-use developments including the Villard Square, East, Mitchell Street, and upcoming Good Hope branches.

Gurda is frequently in attendance at library programs and events, not only as a board member, but as a concerned and involved member of the community. His presence puts a stamp of importance on events for both the public and the staff alike.

As one of the library’s most faithful patrons and researchers, he is a familiar face in the Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room, and staff feel a kinship with him that has extended beyond his role as a board member. So much so, that when the Milwaukee Public Library held its biennial staff retirement dinner this year, Gurda was invited to attend as a “retiree” and special guest.

Though he may be retiring from the Board of Trustees, there is little doubt that Gurda is nowhere near retiring from writing, or from continuing to serve the interests of the Milwaukee Public Library. Benjamin Franklin, father of the public library, said “Either write something worth reading, or do something worth writing.” John Gurda continues to do both.

Gurda is the descendant of Polish immigrants who settled in Milwaukee in the late 1800s. “Our ancestors came to a strange country with almost nothing but hope, and the present generations have, to one degree or another, realized that hope,” said Gurda.

In 1974 he wrote a neighborhood history of the south side surrounding Journey House, interviewing residents of the area as they reminisced on the changes that took place through the years. From there, Gurda developed a career of documenting the histories of Milwaukee area businesses, churches and neighborhoods, culminating in *The Making of Milwaukee*, his definitive history of the city. That book, in conjunction with the many others he has written, ensured his induction to the Wisconsin Writers Wall of Fame at the Central Library in 2000.

John Gurda is an author, photographer, lecturer, columnist and, possibly of greatest importance to the library, a civic-minded individual dedicated to preserving the Milwaukee Public Library and its place both in the history and future of Milwaukee.

“When Mayor John Norquist appointed me to the board in 1993, I was near the midpoint of my career and absolutely dependent on the public library’s collections, particularly its local history materials,” wrote Gurda in his column for



FROM THE



# CITY LIBRARIAN PAULA A. KIELY

According to *Forbes* online magazine, there are four essential questions a company's mission and vision statements must answer: What do we do? How do we do it? Whom do we do it for? What value are we bringing?

When we developed the library's current vision and mission statements in 2013, we knew the library's identity as a "keeper of books" was already well established. What we needed to impart was the vital role the library plays in the community and how it contributes to a strong city - beyond the catalog of books.

*Vision - MPL is an anchor institution that helps build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods - the foundation of a strong Milwaukee.*

*Mission - Inspiration starts here - we help people read, learn, and connect.*

It is important to the community that the library provides access to books, materials, and free online resources for early literacy, English as a Second Language, academic studies, job and career enhancement, and of course self-improvement and enjoyment.

However, the library's role within the neighborhood and throughout the city at large is equally important. Our free meeting spaces, computer classes, job help, homework help, outreach to childcare centers, summer reading programs, book clubs, story times, author visits and special events and programs touch the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds.

And we continue to find new ways to build up our community. The new Office of Early Childhood Initiatives, which will be located within the Milwaukee Public Library, will coordinate and increase access to quality services and programs available to Milwaukee parents, ensuring that their young children get an equal start in life and are prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn.

Whether we are helping to build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods, or encouraging people to read, learn, and connect, inspiration truly starts here.

## Celebrate Hmong Culture with LunaBellas

Experience a Hmong cultural presentation through dance to learn about the Hmong journey at the Central Library Schoenleber Reading Room on **Saturday, July 14, from 2-3 p.m.**

LunaBellas is a Hmong dance team from Sheboygan, Wisconsin whose dances are inspired by the beauty of the many different cultures of Southeast Asia.



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## Thank You Friends Volunteers

Friends volunteers contributed 3,772 volunteer hours in 2017 selling books in the Bookseller Used Bookstore, sorting books, operating Used Book Sales, and leading tours of historic Central Library. Thank you to the volunteers who donate their time for these and other events to help support Milwaukee Public Library!



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Experience fascinating Milwaukee Public Library history every Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Central Library, located at 814 West Wisconsin Avenue. Tours begin in the rotunda and tour goers will receive a coupon for a free book at the end of the tour in the Bookseller Book Store and R Café. Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To arrange for a special tour or to learn more about becoming a docent, please call (414) 286-TOUR.



## 25-cent Used Book Sale

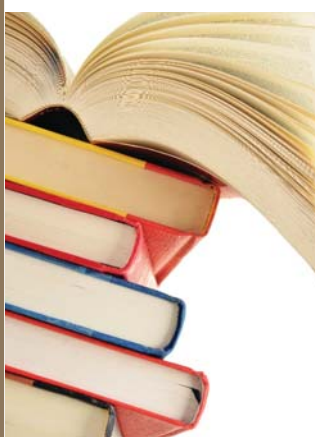
**Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

### *Community Room 1, first floor*

Featuring a large selection of gently used books featuring adult fiction and nonfiction titles for only 25-cents each. Children’s books 2 for 25-cents. **Join or renew your Friends membership on the day of the sale to be entered to win a library gift basket!** All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card.

Interested in volunteering in the Bookseller or at Friends Book Sales?  
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**Next Sale: Saturday, November 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Holiday and Children’s Sale**



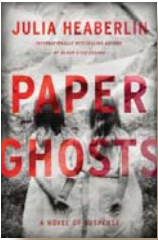
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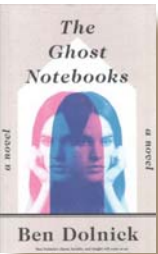
# THE BOOKSHELF

## Paper Ghosts by Julia Heaberlin.



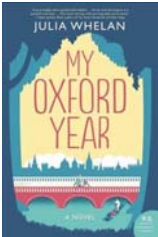
After training half her life to be ready for anything, a young woman in Texas has seized the opportunity to spend time with the man she's certain killed her sister. She's determined to find out what happened, and prepared for everything she can imagine... but does that include the truth?

## The Ghost Notebooks by Ben Dolnick.



Nick and Hannah move to the small town of Hibernia in upstate New York when Hannah accepts a job at the Wright Historic House as the museum's live-in director. As the months pass, the couple experiences supernatural occurrences in the historic house and come to believe that they could be the work of the home's original 19th century owner.

## My Oxford Year by Julia Whelan.



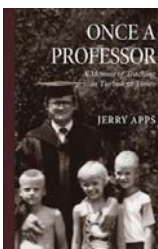
A graduate student finally takes her dream Rhodes year at Oxford but finds her meticulous plans tossed in the wind after meeting and falling for a professor with a big, life-changing secret.

## Song of Blood and Stone by L. Penelope.



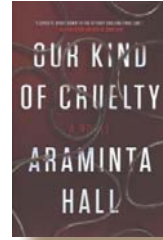
An outcast due to her ability to tap into forbidden magic, a young woman who only wishes to keep to herself is unwittingly drawn into a war between two nations when she rescues a spy.

## Once a Professor: A Memoir of Teaching in Turbulent Times by Jerry Apps.



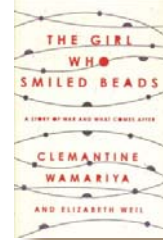
Former UW-Madison professor Jerry Apps writes about the historic events he experienced during his tenure at UW. Starting in the late 1950s and ending in the mid-1990s, Apps takes readers through his own personal journey of teaching and how his philosophy of education was greatly influenced by the time he spent at UW.

## Our Kind of Cruelty by Araminta Hall.



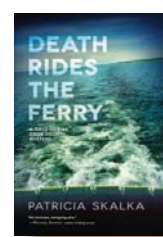
Most people would assume their ex had moved on after receiving an invitation to their wedding months after the breakup. Mike isn't most people. He's sure this is just another move in the intricate and secret game they used to play...and now it's his turn.

## The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After by Clemantine Wamariya.



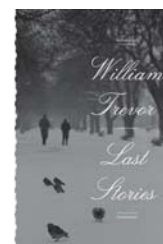
From ages 6-12 the author came to know hunger and suffering moving from Burundi to Mozambique to Zambia as a refugee fleeing Rwanda. After being granted asylum in the U.S., will she ever recover from the injuries and aftershock of war?

## Death Rides the Ferry by Patricia Skalka.



Forty years after the death of a woman and the theft of a 16th century instrument, the Viola de Gamba Music Festival returns to the far reaches of Door County. When an estranged woman is found dead at the festival, local Sheriff Dave Cubiak is forced to follow a trail of murder, kidnapping, and deceit, while managing his troubled personal life.

## Last Stories by William Trevor.



A final collection of ten stories from one of the great writers of our time. *Last Stories* is a wonderful introduction for readers new to Trevor, who died in 2016, and a fitting goodbye for long-time fans.

## Look Alive Out There by Sloane Crosley.

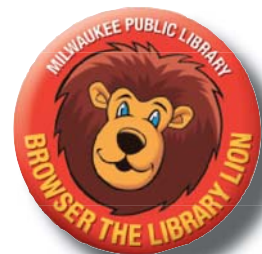


In her new collection of essays, Crosley manages to be both laugh-out-loud funny and really, really smart. This is the book you'll love this summer, and the one you'll recommend to all your friends.

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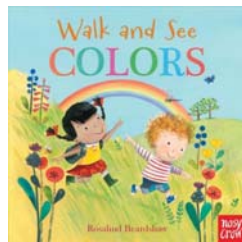
# CHILDREN'S ROOM



## First-Rate Reads for Super Reader Squad & Summer Challenge!

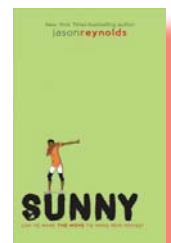
Two children explore and discover the many colors in nature in this charmingly illustrated board book.

**Walk and See Colors** by Rosalind Beardshaw. Ages 0-3.



**The Last** by Katherine Applegate; illustrated by Max Kostenko. Ages 9-12. When Byx's pack is eliminated, she believes she may be the last of her kind. She sets out on a quest to discover if any other dairnes like her may still exist, meeting friends and foes along the way.

**Sunny** by Jason Reynolds. Ages 10-14. In the third book in the riveting *Track* series, Sunny struggles with his challenging relationship with his father and finding his place on the Defenders track team.



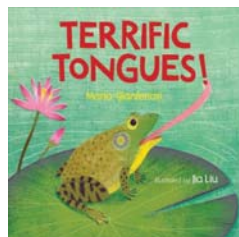
**Summer Supper** by Rubin Pfeffer; illustrated by Mike Austin. Ages 3-6. A delicious summer supper is cultivated from a garden. Children will discover a rich vocabulary all beginning with the letter "s" in this vibrant story.



**Monday's not Coming** by Tiffany D. Jackson. Ages 12-14. No one seems concerned about the whereabouts of Claudia's best friend Monday. After not hearing from her all summer Claudia is determined to find out what is going on.

**Terrific Tongues!** by Maria Gianferrari; illustrated by Jia Liu. Ages 3-9.

Animal tongues are compared to objects familiar to children in this engaging and informative guessing game style book.



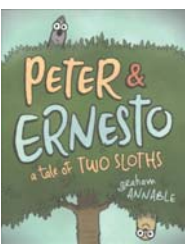
**War Storm** by Victoria Aveyard. Ages 12-14.

Find out what King Maven's plans are and who Mare must side with in order to save the kingdom as the saga continues in this fourth and final book of the Red Queen Series.



**Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths** by Graham Annable. Ages 6-9.

Peter and Ernesto are two very different sloths. One seeks adventure and one is content to stay home, but they discover their time apart only deepens their friendship in this graphic novel for early readers.



**Leah on the Offbeat** by Becky Albertalli. Ages 15-18.

In this sequel to *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*, Leah Burke can keep a beat when drumming but in her daily life the rhythm just isn't there, especially when she has a secret she hasn't shared with her friends.

**The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Creature of the Pines** by Adam Gidwitz; illustrated by Hatem Aly; created by Jesse Casey, Adam Gidwitz and Chris Smith. Ages 8-11.

What begins as a class field trip turns into a wild and life-changing adventure for Elliot & Uchenna who become part of the Unicorn Rescue Society.



**The Way You Make Me Feel** by Maurene Goo. Ages 15-18.

Clara Shin took a prank too far and is now forced to work on her father's food truck for the summer. Will she find a way to manage her love interest and figure out her relationship with her estranged mother?







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in a safe, welcoming environment. First time attendees must register with the Alzheimer’s Association of Southeastern Wisconsin at 1.800.272.3900.

**Tuesday, July 17, 1:30 pm | Capitol Branch**  
 Ice Cream Social

**Tuesday, August 21, 1:30 pm | Atkinson Branch**  
 Rhythm for Unity Drum Circle

For a complete list of 2018 programs and locations see the library’s website at [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) or ask library staff for a program flyer.



### King Drive Book Club

Join the King Drive Book Club presented by the Martin Luther King Branch Library in partnership with Rise & Grind Café. Check out

the book at the library, then join the discussion at Rise & Grind Café at 2737 N. King Drive.

**Thursday, July 12, 11 am-noon**

*American Fire: Love, Arson, and Life in a Vanishing Land* by Monica Hesse.

**Thursday, August 9, 11 am-noon**

*The Ministry of Utmost Happiness* by Arundhati Roy.

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