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**Calling all Super Readers!** 

The Milwaukee Public Library needs your help this summer to defeat the dreaded Dr. Brain Drain!

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Brain drain occurs when the mind is inactive during long periods spent outside the classroom. Children who do not read regularly over the summer can see the skills they developed throughout the school year begin to fade. This summer slide can be avoided. Developing a daily reading habit is a fun and easy way to keep the mind active and learning during the summer months. Reading every day makes better readers, and good readers do better in school.

The Super Reader Program, designed for children ages 12 and under, helps families make daily reading a priority. Children who are still too young to read on their own can also participate, by being read to! Reading aloud to young children is the perfect way for grownups to share a love of reading. Not sure what to read this summer? Librarians have lots of suggestions to suit all interests and reading levels.

Sign up to be a Super Reader by visiting your neighborhood library. Super Readers earn great incentives for signing up, checking in with librarians, and completing the program. There are lots of ways to read this summer. Reading books and magazines, listening to audiobooks, being read to, or reading together as a family-all of these things count towards earning Super Reader prizes and developing a lifelong habit of reading every day!

The Milwaukee Public Library also offers a Teen Summer Reading challenge. Teens track the books they read throughout the summer and earn prizes along the way, including food coupons, a book, and entry into a grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire. Great reads for teens can be discovered at your neighborhood library.

As you read throughout the summer, be sure to visit the library to report your reading and to pick up your prizes. MPL also offers free weekly programs for children and families at all neighborhood branches. Stop in to pick up a summer calendar of events or check it out on the library's website. Both the Super Reader Program and Teen Summer Reading run from May 16 to August 27. For more information, please visit the library's Summer Reading website at mpl.org/summerreading/.









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When we installed the Green Roof at Central Library in 2009, we had no idea how many more "green initiatives" would follow in the Milwaukee Public Library System. We were just happy to have a roof engineered with moisture barriers and insulating features that would

reduce heating and cooling costs, minimize the urban heat island effect and absorb rainwater to reduce storm water runoff.

Since the installation of the green roof we also designed the new East Branch to include a number of repurposed materials including slab glass windows and a reclaimed wood ceiling and laptop bar using materials salvaged from the former East Library.

The Tippecanoe Branch upped the ante with green landscaping that includes a rain garden, a bio swale, and a permeable parking lot surface to reduce storm water runoff.

In addition to the physical green initiatives, Tippecanoe is also hosting a series of "Green Home" programs together with a number of Milwaukee area partners. You can learn about Beepods (May 23, 4:30-6 p.m.); how to take part in the "solar group buy" partnership with Milwaukee Shines and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (June 22, 6-7 p.m.); and get gardening tips (June 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.) and composting ideas (August 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.) from a UW-Extension master gardener. The Green Home series continues each month throughout 2016 - check our calendar of events for the complete schedule at Tippecanoe.

As you "think spring" this month, we invite you to join one of Central Library's green roof tours which are free and offered to the public every Wednesday at noon and Saturday at 10 a.m. now through the end of October. The roof boasts an assortment of 12 varieties of sedum, chives, and Karl Forester Reed Grass. It's a beautiful green island in the city skyline, and a true testament to the Milwaukee Public Library's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Paula

## The Vienna Secession On the Threshold of 20th Century Modern Design

#### To every time its art, and to every art its freedom.

This was the motto of the Vienna Secession, a group of artists and designers who were rejected for trying to bring about change in art and design at the turn of the 20th century. Believing that a return to handwork could rescue society from the moral decay, these artists formed their own group and separated themselves from the conservative Association of Austrian Artists. By modifying the style of French Art Nouveau, and relying on their own intuition, the Vienna Secession creators laid a foundation of form and expression which would be the basis for 20th century modernist art and design.



James Slauson, Professor of art and design history at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD) will talk about the Vienna Secession and feature original materials housed in the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room on **Saturday, June 11, from 2-4 p.m. at the Central Library.** 

Part of the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room Educational Series.



**Vision:** The Milwaukee Public Library 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.

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an e-mail with questions or comments to mailbox@mpl.org



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Join us for popcorn and a Stories from the Stacks video screening party on **Wednesday, May 18 at 6 p.m.** at the Villard Square Branch.



The Milwaukee Public Library is Summer Reading Headquarters for Super Readers to defeat brain drain and summer learning

loss over the summer months. Because of generous support from donors like you, 25% more children (5,000 more) participated in the Super Reader Summer Reading Program for a total of more than 25,000 kids last year.

New in 2016! Stay tuned for an announcement for MPL's end-of-summer Super Reader Celebration sponsored by the Milwaukee Bucks. Super Readers who complete their summer reading goals will be eligible for a drawing to celebrate their success. Hear diverse perspectives of MPL storytellers featured in a NEW six-part series sponsored by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation. Watch online and learn how using the library has uniquely impacted their lives and many others in Milwaukee at mpl.org/watchmpl.

Join our sponsors and help MPL encourage a lifelong love of reading for more kids and teens this summer! Support the Summer Reading Program at mpl.org/donate.

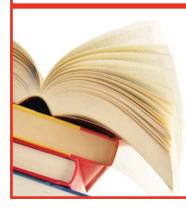
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Architectural Tour of Central Library and a FREE Book

Experience fascinating Milwaukee Public Library history every Saturday at 11 a.m. at 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 Cafe. 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.





### Summer Used Book Sale

Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. Meeting Room 1, 1st floor

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. There will be a 2-for-1 sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale. In the month of May, the Bookseller will feature a selection of half-priced books on home improvement and interior design. Next Sale: September 17, 25-cent Sale, Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. *Coincides with Doors Open Milwaukee* 



#### Humans of New York: Stories by Brandon Stanton.



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photographed.

#### **Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the**



American Soul by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. 305.896073 G552.

Many people find discussions about race difficult. It is hard to trust one another to speak honestly and openly about the topic. After the election of the first black U.S. President, many people believed America's

race problems were solved. Glaude contends that black America faces an emergency based on the 'value gap' in which the country was founded.

#### A Thousand Naked Strangers: A Paramedic's Wild



**Ride to the Edge and Back** by Kevin Hazzard. 92 H4314A.

After spending a decade as an EMT in Atlanta, Kevin Hazzard has some stories to share. Darkly humorous, scary, and tragic, Hazzard doesn't sugarcoat his experiences and makes you feel as if you're sitting next to him in the ambulance. Not for the faint

of heart, but an enthralling experience nonetheless.

Fiction.

#### All the Birds in the Sky by Charlie Jane Anders. Science



Laurence and Patricia are outcasts as children. Laurence built a two-second time machine; Patricia talks to birds. They become allies to survive school, but their differences eventually cause a huge rift. After reconnecting as adults and reforming a tentative friendship, they find they are on

opposing sides of a hostile conflict between magic and science which may cause the end of the world.

#### The Man Without a Shadow by Joyce Carol Oates.

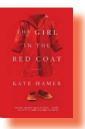


Fiction. Due to an infection and high fever, Elihu Hoopes sustained brain damage and lost the ability to retain memory for longer than 70 seconds. Even though he doesn't remember her from one meeting to the next,

neuroscientist Margot Sharpe, who is

studying Elihu's case, begins an illicit love

The Girl in the Red Coat by Kate Hamer. Fiction.



They say your life can change in an instant. For Beth and her daughter Carmel, that is exactly what happens when they visit a storytelling festival in the country. Thanks to heavy fog, Beth already has an uneasy feeling about the day. Despite repeated attempts to hold onto Carmel's hand, there comes a time when the unimaginable

happens: Carmel is missing.

#### Truthwitch: A Witchlands Novel by Susan Dennard.



Young Adult Fiction.

Safi is a rare Truthwitch, able to discern truth from lie, which makes her very valuable to three empires. All she and her best friend, Iseult, want is to be free, but with war coming, the friends have to fight emperors and mercenaries who will stop at nothing to control the Truthwitch.

#### Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben. Mystery.



In just six months, former army helicopter pilot Maya has lost her sister and her husband. Left with her two-year-old daughter and lots of questions, Maya struggles with what is real and what she wants to be real, including an image caught on a nanny cam meant to keep watch on the

woman caring for her child.

Contributed by Martin Luther King Library staff Deborah Olguin and Mary Sherwood and East Branch staff member Elizabeth Gabriel.

# HILDREN'S ROOM



## Super Reads to Avoid a Summer Slide!

The best way to make developing an easy habit of reading is to have some great books on hand. Check out some of these excellent books from your Milwaukee Public Library!

#### Crocopotamus: Mix and Match the Wild Animals! by



Mary Murphy. BRD MURPHY. Ages 2-4.

Young children can mix and match wild animal heads and tails to create silly hybrid characters in this charmingly illustrated board book.

Surf's Up by Kwame Alexander; illustrated by Daniel



Miyares. PIC ALEXAND. Ages 4-7. Dude is ready to hit the waves and doesn't understand Bro's insistence on finishing his book, until cries of "Wowie Kazowie!" and "Whoa, Daddy-O!" spark Dude's curiosity.

#### Get a Hit, Mo! by David A. Adler; illustrated by

0 \*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\* GET A HIT, MO!

Sam Ricks. EASY LEVEL 2 ADLER. Ages 6-8. When Mo's baseball team, the Lions,

faces off against the Bears, it all comes down to the final inning. Will Mo, the smallest member of his team, be able to help them win the game?

#### Glow: Animals With Their Own Night-Lights by



W.H. Beck. 591.472 B393. Ages 6-9. Explore the fascinating world of bioluminescence. Vividly detailed photographs, engaging text, and informative back matter make this a captivating read.

#### Spirit Week Showdown by Crystal Allen; illustrations by



Eda Kaban. INT ALLEN. Ages 8-10. Mya and Naomi's friendship is put to the test during School Spirit Week, but spunky Mya will do everything she can to win back her best friend's favor in this page-turning chapter book.

**Pax** by Sara Pennypacker; illustrated by Jon Klassen.



FIC PENNYPA. Ages 9-14. Separated by war, Peter and his pet fox Pax try, against all odds, to get back to one another in this moving adventure tale of hope, determination, and friendship.

Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead. FIC STEAD. Ages

9-14.



Seventh grade is definitely testing the friendship of three young ladies who are trying to find their places in middle school. Though they hit bumps in the road, they have vowed to not let arguments end their friendship.

The Raven King by Maggie Stiefvater. FIC STIEFVA. Ages 12-18.



Blue has always doubted the prophecy that she would cause the death of her one true love, but as she is already deep into the strange and menacing world of the Raven Boys, she hopes to find answers.

Cuckoo Song by Frances Hardinge. FIC HARDING.



Ages 12-18.

Triss feels something is really wrong when she suffers gaps in her memory after almost drowning in a millpond. A meeting with a twisted architect may hold the solution for her.

#### The Haters by Jesse Andrews. FIC ANDREWS.

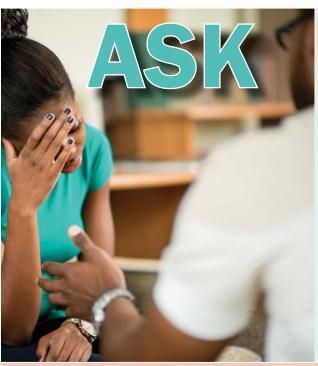


Ages 14-18.

Three young jazz fanatics leave their summer camp and dodge the law in order to get recognized at a big concert.



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## Mental Health Help

ASK: Access, Support and Knowledge is a series on mental health offered by Milwaukee Public Library and a coalition of Milwaukee area organizations - the Mental Illness Stigma Reduction/ Recovery Coalition, organized by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - in an effort to combat the stigma of mental illness, particularly in Milwaukee's African American community.

What do you know about mental health? Are you or a loved one feeling hopeless or overwhelmed? Attend a free ASK program at your library for help, hope, and answers.

**Capitol** Saturday, June 11 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Villard Square Saturday, Aug. 20 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Center Street Saturdays, Nov. 19, Dec. 17 1-2:30 p.m.

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2-3:30 p.m.

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