Books for Gift-Giving

Perfect for gift-giving, these books written by local authors or set in one of Wisconsin’s fine towns are sure to bring some cozy comfort to your holiday season.

**Wisconsin Supper Club Cookbook: Iconic Fare and Nostalgia From Landmark Eateries** by Mary Bergin. 641.5977 B498.
The supper club is a tradition and now somewhat of a phenomenon in the Upper Midwest. With more than 60 recipes from 40 supper clubs, Bergin uncovers the secrets to the food and the drinks that keep people coming back to the party.

**Tuff Juice: My Journey from the Streets to the NBA** by Caron Butler & Steve Springer. 796.323092 B985.
Follow Butler’s journey from Racine, WI, to his career as an accomplished pro basketball player. The book explores the impact of his single mother’s unconditional love and his college coach’s support.

**The Christmas Bells** by Jennifer Chiaverini. Fiction.
Inspired by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s classic poem. In an alternate storyline, Longfellow fights despair as he confronts personal tragedy and the Civil War. The tale follows the experience of a dedicated Boston teacher who finds inspiration and renewal at the church where she volunteers.

**Beneath the Bonfire: Stories** by Nickolas Butler. Fiction.
The setting of rural Wisconsin grounds these stories and the struggles of their characters including a man who fights to keep his family intact despite the emotional instability of his girlfriend; childhood friends who live very different lives; and a policewoman who fights demons both real and unreal.

**Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter** by Kate Clifford Larson. 92 K35775L.
Rosemary Kennedy, oldest sister of John F. Kennedy, spent much of her life at the St. Coletta Center for people with developmental disabilities in Jefferson, Wis. She attended exclusive schools and traveled extensively, while her family fiercely guarded her secret. Her life is chronicled through diaries and correspondence, school letters and family interviews.

**Death on the Prairie** by Kathleen Ernst. Mystery.
Chloe Ellefson, an Old World Wisconsin curator, receives a quilt that might have belonged to Laura Ingalls Wilder. The curator and her sister Kari set off on a road trip to all of the Wilder sites, only to find murderer en route. They have to find out the truth about the quilt before the killer strikes again.

*Contributed by Central Library Fiction Selector Jacki Potratz.*
It’s a real treat at this time of year to look forward to the opening of the renovated Tippecanoe Branch on Saturday, December 12. Since the branch is located in the Tippecanoe neighborhood’s Garden District, we’re having fun planning an event that will celebrate the new look and features of the branch with a garden theme. As we approach another Milwaukee winter, it’s nice to “think spring” at Tippecanoe.

As you’ll read on the Friends page in this issue, the new branch will feature many green features as well as a Secret Garden for story times. We’ve hired Engberg Anderson as the architect for the project. The firm has a successful history of developing new and renovated libraries and most recently completed the new Villard Square Branch which received numerous awards, including a Mayor’s Design Award for public/private partnership.

We’re also enjoying a great partnership with The Garden District. They share our excitement in the renovation of the branch and especially in the landscaping that will complement the neighborhood’s green-theme with a community garden.

We are fortunate also to enjoy the strong support of Mayor Tom Barrett and Ald. Terry Witkowski and the Milwaukee Common Council who prioritized redevelopment of the library branch system in a multi-year building and renovation program with an investment of over $21 million over five to seven years.

At right, a photo of the interior along with architectural renderings of the inside space and a photo of a recent walk-thru with Ald. Witkowski, Library Deputy Director of Public Services Joan Johnson and Mayor Barrett will give you an idea of what to expect.

I look forward to seeing you in December for the grand reopening of the Tippecanoe Branch.
Help Support the NEW Tippecanoe Branch

The Tippecanoe Branch name and location may be familiar, but it will be brand NEW when it reopens on December 12 with innovative 21st Century Library model features planned for the full-scale indoor and outdoor renovated spaces.

Tippecanoe has been a longstanding cornerstone of its neighborhood, and those in the Garden District will soon be able to enjoy an onsite community garden, outdoor reading room, and pocket park. Other impressive outdoor green features will conserve water and further ensure that the library is a long-lasting sustainable community resource.

The interior of the library will invite patrons with new expanses of windows, comfortable study spaces, community meeting rooms, and access to more technology. New books, materials and programs will invigorate the library with a variety of exciting offerings for the public. Teens will enjoy their own gaming area, and children will marvel in the fairytale style Secret Garden for story times.

Memories are sure to be made by Tippecanoe Branch users of all ages, and a gift from you now will be felt by all who visit our library for many years to come. Patrons will read about your legacy gift on the donor recognition mural for gifts of $100 or more. Why not celebrate the holidays with a meaningful tribute gift naming those who are most special to you? Please show your support today for our newly reactivated Tippecanoe Branch!

For more information, go to www.mpl.org. Click on Support and Tippecanoe Branch.

Take a Tour of Beautiful Central Library

Last year, hundreds of MPL visitors were treated to FREE guided tours of Central Library every Saturday which provided background on the architecture and history of the building. Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours begin at 11 a.m. on Saturdays in the rotunda. To arrange for a special tour, please call (414) 286-TOUR. To learn more about becoming a docent, please call (414) 286-8720.

Holiday and Children’s New/Used Book Sale

Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

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.
The shocking murders of women in Whitechapel have Scotland Yard seeking the prodigious skills of private enquiry agent Cyrus Barker and his associate Thomas Llewellen as they look for clues in the alleys of London. Author Will Thomas puts his own spin on the Jack the Ripper story making a credible case for his chosen suspect.

The 101 adventures provide new insight into Milwaukee and what truly makes it a special city. Learn about the city and its culture while kayaking the Milwaukee River or hiking in a park, enjoying afternoon tea or seeing the stars at a planetarium.

This encyclopedia of the Star Wars galaxy includes information and colorful photos presented in chronological order, highlighting all the movies, characters and creatures, locations, technology and vehicles.

Off the coast of the Dominican Republic, a team of treasure hunters seeks to locate the wrecked galleon of Joseph Bannister, one of the most notorious pirates from the Golden Age of Piracy.

With little memory of who she is, a girl awakens to discover she’s been sealed in a coffin. Clawing her way out, she finds herself in a room lined with caskets, most of them filled with dead kids. Other survivors join her to seek answers in a world ravaged by the horrors of a long-fought war.

The Job: True Tales From a New York City Cop by Steve Osborne. 92 O8168A. 2015.
One of the most popular storytellers from NPR’s The Moth Radio Hour, Osborne shares recollections of his 20 years with the NYPD during the 1980s and ‘90s. In these engrossing stories of life on the beat, gritty late 20th century New York vividly comes to life. Osborne writes in a down-to-earth, colorful, streetwise style that is hugely entertaining.

Gonzo Girl by Cheryl Della Pietra. Fiction. 2015.
At age 22, Cheryl Della Pietra became live-in editorial assistant to the brilliant, volatile, drug-addled writer Hunter S. Thompson. Tasked with keeping him writing every day, she was also expected to entertain his celebrity friends and keep up with everyone’s boozing and drug use. After five debauched months she had enough and left. Her fictionalized account of that summer is a hilarious must-read for fans of the gonzo journalist.

Sick in the Head by Judd Apatow. 792.76 A639. 2015.
Apatow has gathered 39 interviews with the most influential comedy stars of the present time into one amazing book. Enjoy conversations with Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, Roseanne Barr and Jay Leno. Also included are talks with newer generation comics like Michael Che, Amy Schumer and Louis C. K. Absorbing and laugh-out-loud funny.

The Forgotten Room by Lincoln Child. Mystery. 2015
Paranormal investigator Professor Jeremy Logan is called upon to investigate a bizarre death at Dark Gables, the headquarters of Lux, a very well-known think tank organization. During the investigation, Logan comes across a ‘forgotten room.’ This revelation brings with it a price on his head, one that could cost him not only his sanity, but also his very life.

Contributed by Zablocki staff Jan Butchart, Mary DiMilo, David Sikora and Gail Wilbert.
**A book is a gift that can be opened again and again. Each time it is read, new discoveries can be made, making it a gift that truly lasts. Whether enjoyed together or read independently, a great book entertains, inspires and offers long-lasting benefits. Take a look at some of these titles and give a child a book this holiday season.**

**ABC Universe** by American Museum of Natural History. BRD AMERICA. Ages 0-3. Take a journey through our universe with this board book featuring photos and explanations of space matter.

**Waiting** by Kevin Henkes. PIC HENKES. Ages 3-6. Fans of Henkes will agree this one was worth waiting for, and worthy of reading again and again, as they discover rich details in this clever, imaginative and visually tranquil work.

**The Day the Crayons Came Home** by Drew Daywalt; illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. PIC DAYWALT. Ages 5-8. When Duncan’s crayons are mistreated, they express their dissatisfaction through a series of disgruntled but humorous postcards sure to elicit lots of laughs from young readers.

**I Really Like Slop!** by Mo Willems. EASY LEVEL 1 WILLEMS. Ages 4-8. Piggie, a good friend, decides to cook for Gerald. But when she presents him with the seemingly unappetizing slop, how will Gerald react?

**Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible** by Ursula Vernon. INT VERNON. Ages 6-8. This imaginative and comical chapter book follows the adventures of Harriet Hamsterbone, who discovers she’s cursed—with invincibility!

**Gooseberry Park and the Master Plan** by Cynthia Rylant; illustrated by Arthur Howard. INT RYLANT. Ages 7-10. In this companion to Gooseberry Park, the animals must devise a plan to cope with the seemingly unending drought that threatens their well-being.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone** by J.K. Rowling; illustrated by Jim Kay. SF ROWLING. Ages 9 & up. The first book in the Harry Potter series is brought to life with beautiful, full-color illustrations in this new edition of a beloved modern classic. This edition will be cherished by Harry Potter fans of all ages.

**The Sword of Summer** by Rick Riordan. SF RIORDAN. Ages 10 & up. Norse mythology provides the inspiration for this new epic adventure. Magnus learns that he is the son of a Norse god and must find a magical sword in order to prevent a war.

**The Boy in the Black Suit** by Jason Reynolds. FIC REYNOLDS. Ages 12-14. Working in the local funeral home to support his family after his mother’s death and his father’s descent into alcoholism, Matt falls in love with a tough girl who never cries and who understands his loneliness.

**The Rose Society** by Marie Lu. FIC LU. Ages 12-14. Known and feared as the “White Wolf” after adopting a vengeful persona in the aftermath of cruel betrayals by both family and friends, Adelina flees with her sister to build an army of fellow Young Elites in an effort to strike down the Inquisition Axis soldiers who nearly killed her.
There’s No Place Like Home
Highlighting Milwaukee and Wisconsin Treasures

A Krug Rare Books Room Open House will feature amazing Milwaukee and Wisconsin materials at the Central Library on Saturday, November 21, 2 p.m. in the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room.

Included in the program will be:
• Gugler Lithographic Company’s sample books
• Early maps of Milwaukee created by Increase Lapham
• The 1898 Autograph Book of famous signatures
• Wallpaper and fabric samples from the 1957 Taliesin collection designed by Frank Lloyd Wright…and much more!

Rare books librarians will be available to tell the stories and answer your questions.

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