MPL Receives Special Art Loan

Milwaukee Public Library has received a special loan from a generous and anonymous library patron – an artist’s book called Blue by Timothy Duffy – which has been arranged to fill all four display cases outside of the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room at Central Library.

North Carolina-based photographer Tim Duffy created this limited-edition artist book comprising tintype images honoring Southern blues and roots musicians including Sharon Jones, Ironing Board Sam, and the Dom Flemons Trio. Nine bound platinum prints plus a folio of nine loose platinum prints come with an original tintype set into indigo dupioni silk, all of which are enclosed in a cloth-covered clamshell box.

The musicians Duffy photographed are people he met through his work over the past 25 years with the Music Maker Relief Foundation. Duffy founded this nonprofit, which champions elderly roots musicians, “to preserve the musical traditions of the South.” As such, he has developed intimate relationships with people and places that define the American South. The historic platinum palladium photographic process allows for a beautiful broad tonal range. The creation is an exquisite collection of prints that clearly capture the sound and beauty of the artists they portray. The volume on display is number 7 of a limited edition of 16.

This book is only on loan to MPL. Patrons cannot request to see any of the parts of this artist’s book outside of the window cases. Upon completion of this special exhibit, Blue will return to its owner. - Submitted by Maria Burke (Art & Music).

Biennial Retiree Dinner

Reminder: The deadline for submitting reservations for the Biennial Retiree Dinner to be held on Friday, April 27 at the Wisconsin Club is fast approaching. Please return your reservation with meal selection and payment to Danielle Wroblewski in Human Resources by Friday, April 13. Call Danielle at 414.286.3077 with any questions regarding the event. Please note: Honored Retirees are guests of the library and do not need to pay for their meals.
EOS Staff Reward Patrons
It was an extra happy week on the Education and Outreach Services (EOS) van stops last week. As part of a promotion at EOS van stops, patrons who checked out materials three times could earn a red library bag. “Last week was the first time some of our patrons could reach the three check out level,” said Kevin Atkinson (EOS). “Thirty of our patrons reached the three check out threshold.” Patrons were very excited to get their bags and very happy to share their enthusiasm.

Pictured below, l-r: Ten of the eleven patrons who earned a bag at Three Oaks Circle posed for a group photo with their bags and EOS staff members Kevin Atkinson and Kou Vang. Tracye and Clifton showed off their new bags at Locust Court. Loyal patrons Angel and Jacquelina got ready to use their new bags at Merrill Park. - Submitted by Kevin Atkinson (EOS)

LEGOFest at East
East Branch had a successful LEGOFest event March 9-10 with 269 children and adults attending during the two-day event. This year, LEGOFest was a shared event with Shorewood Library, resulting in a grand total of 591 people in attendance. - Submitted by Liz Braithwaite (East)