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Tippecanoe Library Renovation Begins

Tippecanoe will undergo a complete renovation of the interior of the building this year. The last day of service at the 3912 S. Howell location will be Friday, January 30. Tippecanoe will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day and will host a “renovation celebration” throughout the day. Beginning February 2, a temporary library located at 3933 S. Howell Avenue will house a small circulating collection of popular items including DVDs, laptop computers, and will be available for holds pick-up. Tippecanoe will continue its regular hours, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12-8 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

On January 30, patrons are invited to sign the memory wall in the “old” library, browse the Tippecanoe library scrapbooks, and view the renovation renderings from the architectural firm of Engberg Anderson, selected to design the renovated space.

Families are encouraged to come to the Play and Learn Story Time from 10:30-11:30 a.m. featuring pretend play at the “Construction Site.” Children can pack up their tools and get ready to plan and build with blocks. Building fun continues from 3:30-5:30 p.m. with a LEGOpalooza.

Library Director Paula Kiely, Mayor Tom Barrett, Alderman Terry Witkowski and members of the Board of Trustees held community meetings in July and September. A survey on the library’s website and at the meeting asked neighborhood residents what their favorite features of the current library were, what could be improved, and what services they’d like to see available at the temporary site during construction. Access to popular circulating items, holds pick-up and computers was the primary concern of residents during the renovation.

Feedback from the public on their thoughts for the renovated library will influence some of the design features and provide input on the services and materials that will be offered. Several people expressed an interest in green space since the area surrounding Tippecanoe is known as the “garden district.” A priority has been placed on improving the landscaping and green space around the renovated Tippecanoe library.



FROM THE



LIBRARY DIRECTOR

PAULA A. KIELY



When Milwaukee Public Library staff began discussing plans for MPL 2020, our new customer-driven strategic plan that began implementation last year, it led us to look at the history of many library services and programs in a new light. We did intensive research on how our customers use their library

today, and what they'll be looking for from us in the years ahead.

Our Mission statement: *Inspiration starts here – we help people read, learn and connect*, inspired our staff to look for new ways to serve our customers.

Read – Of course the library still offers access to free books, magazines and newspapers, but now we also offer free drop-in classes on how to use electronic devices to download books, music and movies for free from the library. BYOD: Bring Your Own Device drop-in help is available at the new East Branch, 2320 N. Cramer St. on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. and at Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. on the second Saturday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn – Did you know your library card gives you access to free online databases through the library's website? These are databases the library provides to our customers for free - like Brainfuse, a unique blend of tutoring, one-to-one homework help, state-aligned skills building, test preparation, and writing assistance for students of all ages. There are even free online Gale Courses - 6 week classes on a wide variety of topics ranging from starting a small business to improving homeschooling skills to assisting aging parents. See the full list of databases available at mpl.org/databases/all/.

Connect – The library's meeting spaces have always been a vital part of our connection to the community. Milwaukee Public Library community rooms and conference rooms are available for use by the public when not being used by the library. Request a room using our new online reservation system at mpl.org/library/community_and_conference_rooms/.

Join us in creating a city of readers and lifelong learners by visiting and making good use of your Milwaukee Public Library.



Black History Month

Jali Kunda, African Drumming

Learn about the drums of Africa and hear drumming performed by Keba Diabate and his band Jali Kunda. Washington Park - Tuesday, February 10, 6-7 p.m.

Black History Bingo

Bingo, refreshments and prizes. Washington Park - Tuesday, February 3, 4-4:45, and repeated 5-5:45 p.m. Center Street - Thursday, February 12, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Black History Month Teen Trivia

Trivia, refreshments and prizes. Washington Park - Tuesday, February 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Center Street - Thursday, February 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Black History Month Read-In

Ald. Milele A. Coggs invites families to listen to heartfelt stories. Craft included. Light refreshments will be served. M.L. King - Wednesday, February 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

A History of Jazz in America

America's own music presented by Carol V. Johnson. Villard Square - Wednesday, February 18, 5:30-7 p.m.

Art Like Faith Ringgold

Create art inspired by award-winning author/illustrator Faith Ringgold, best known for her story quilts in *Tar Beach*. Forest Home - Wednesday, February 18, 6-7 p.m. Zablocki - Monday, February 23, 6-7 p.m.

Black Cinema Film Series

The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 documentary. Washington Park - Tuesday, February 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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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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FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Welcome Friends Board Members

The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Directors would like to welcome new members June Davis and Matthew Fortman.

Special thanks to retiring members—Past Friends Secretary Barb Haig, and Friends Vice President Chris Merker—for many years of outstanding and dedicated service to The Milwaukee Public Library.

The library is grateful for the hard-working board of the Friends for their leadership and volunteer commitment working behind the scenes, planning fascinating programs, leading library tours and organizing book sales.

Thank You, Friends!

Join the Docent Tour of Conrad Schmitt Studios

Through many phases of restoration, Conrad Schmitt Studios has been part of the effort to preserve historic Central Library as a cultural and architectural treasure for future generations.

On **February 11**, MPL Docents will tour Conrad Schmitt Studios to learn about how this group of artists and craftsmen became the “Caretakers of Milwaukee’s Historic Buildings.” A limited number of Friends members may also attend this free tour; reservations are required. Please call (414) 286-8720, or email Friends@mpl.org.

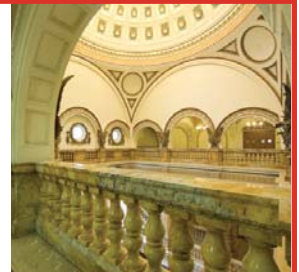
Save the Date

Spring Literary Luncheon

Please save the date of **Thursday, May 14** for the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Spring Literary Luncheon, featuring author Elizabeth Berg and her novel, *The Dream Lover* to be held at the Wisconsin Club. More information will follow in the March issue of The Reader.

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 1:30 p.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.



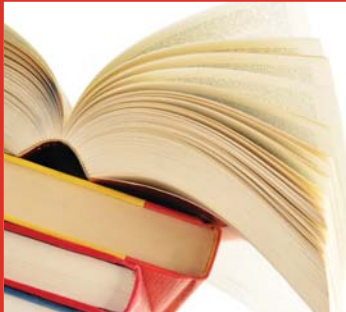
Spring Sale: Coincides with Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Celebration

Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Bookseller Corridor

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 BOOKSHELF

Landline by Rainbow Rowell. Fiction. 2014.



Georgie struggles to balance family and career. Husband Neal has had enough when she cancels their Christmas plans. With her marriage in shambles, Georgie uses a vintage phone to speak to the college sweetheart who became her husband and discover the reasons for her troubled marriage.

Little Fixes: 54 Clever Ways to Extend the Life of Kids' Clothes - Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose, Restyle by Disney Powless. 646.406 P888. 2014.



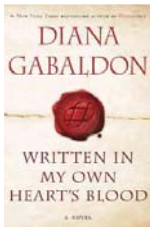
Powless offers 54 tips for repurposing children's clothing. Simple ideas become cost-saving alternatives to discarding clothes. Each tip is accompanied by step-by-step instructions and colorful illustrations.

The Big Tiny: A Built-it-Myself Memoir by Dee Williams. 640.9 W722. 2014.



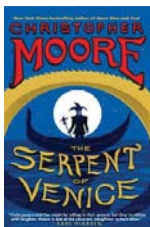
The Big Tiny is more of an inspirational story than an instructional story. Williams' life changed in an instant at the age of 41 when she was diagnosed with a heart condition. She embarks on a simpler way of life by building an 84-square-foot home containing just the essentials.

Written in My Own Heart's Blood by Diana Gabaldon. Fiction. 2014.



The eighth book in the *Outlander* series continues the story of Claire and Jamie, now in 1778 Philadelphia in the midst of a revolution. At heart a complex family drama, the series is a blend of romance, magic, action and history including run-ins with historical figures of the time.

The Serpent of Venice by Christopher Moore. Fiction. 2014.



King Lear's fool, Pocket, travels to Venice—only to be drugged, walled-up, and left to die like Poe's Fortunato in *The Cask of Amontillado*. He escapes with the help of several of Shakespeare's characters in this hilarious mash-up of *Othello* and *The Merchant of Venice*.

Hotel Florida: Truth, Love, and Death in the Spanish Civil War by Amanda Vaill. 946.081 V132. 2014.



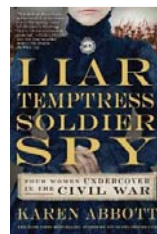
The Hotel Florida in Madrid was the wartime headquarters of the Spanish Loyalist government's international press bureau, and Vaill uses it as a focal point for a new perspective on the Spanish Civil War. The experiences of Arturo Barea and his correspondents reveal both the idealism and brutality of the war that became a dress rehearsal for World War II.

Bryant & May and the Bleeding Heart: A Peculiar Crimes Unit Mystery by Christopher Fowler. Mystery. 2014.



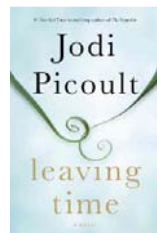
The newest in the series of London's most dysfunctional and unorthodox police unit. Curmudgeonly detective Arthur Bryant looks into the disappearance of the ravens from the Tower of London, while his urbane partner John May investigates a modern recurrence of grave-robbing.

Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War by Karen Abbott. 973.785 A132. 2014.



A detailed look at the Civil War experiences of four women: socialite and Confederate sympathizer Rose O'Neal Greenhow; teenaged Belle Boyd, Confederate spy; Richmond abolitionist Elizabeth Van Lew; and Emma Edmonds, who disguised herself as a man and served in the Union army.

Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult. Fiction. 2014.



Alice is a scientist studying elephant grief, living at an elephant sanctuary with her husband and daughter. One night, tragic circumstances leave a woman dead, and Alice missing. Years later her daughter Jenna sets out to determine what happened, with the help of a private investigator and a once-famous psychic.

Contributed by Tippecanoe Library staff Chris Gawronski, Sue Gustafson, and Jennifer Hron.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Wondrous Ways to Explore Wordplay!

Milwaukee Public Library's Dr. Seuss celebrations are quickly approaching, so get geared up with wondrous wordplay!



Betty Brinn Children's Museum is taking wordplay literally with their newest exhibit, Word Headquarters.

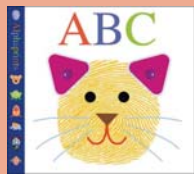
This enriching exhibit supports child development and shows the fun and playful side of words, reading, and technology based learning. Families can revel in interactive play including word games, role-play, digital activities and other fun designed to build literacy.

The Milwaukee Public Library will participate in the Betty Brinn Children's Museum special "Valentine Ice Cream Social" on **Saturday, February 14** and the official opening day of Word Headquarters. For more information on Betty Brinn Children's Museum's exhibit and events visit www.bbcmkids.org.

Present your Milwaukee Public Library Card at the Betty Brinn Children's Museum February 14-March 14 and

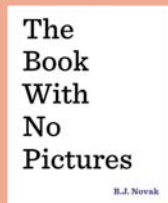
receive \$1 off regular price admission. (Not valid with any other offer.) Don't forget to extend the fun after

you leave Word Headquarters by checking out one of these wondrous wordplay books from your Milwaukee Public Library.



ABC: Alphaprints text by Sarah Powell; created by Jo Ryan. (Ages 0-3) BRD POWELL.

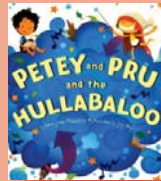
This ABC book combines letters, rhyming and raised fingerprints to create charming illustrations and an exceptionally fun way to explore the alphabet and build vocabulary.



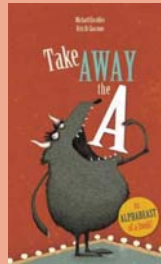
The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak. (Ages 4-8) PIC NOVAK. This completely picture-less picture book requires a reader (preferably an adult) willing to embrace the hilarious text and create a comical and laugh-out-loud story for children.



Once Upon an Alphabet by Oliver Jeffers. (Ages 5-8) PIC JEFFERS. Jeffers not only gives a word for each letter, but a short story as well. Packed with humor, wit, and a little mischief this is an alphabet book not to be missed.

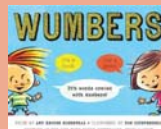


Petey and Pru and the Hullabaloo by Ammi-Joan Paquette; illustrated by Joy Ang. (Ages 4-7) PIC PAQUETT. Hullabaloo to ballyhoo, this book of mischief includes oodles of enriched vocabulary words that seem nonsensical but are in fact real.



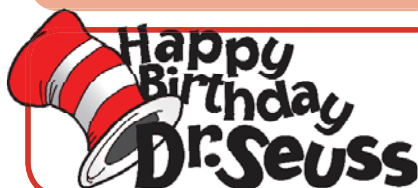
Take Away the A: An Alphabeast of a Book! by Michaël Escoffier; illustrated by Kris Di Giacomo. (Ages 6-9) PIC ESCOFFI.

In this clever spin on alphabet books, each letter of the alphabet is taken out of a word to create a new word. This humorous ABC book will surely inspire readers to create their own wordplays.



Wumbers: It's Words Cr8ed with Numbers! wri10 by Amy Krouse Rosenthal; illustr8ed by Tom Lichtenheld. (Ages 6 & up) PIC ROSENTH.

Letters and numbers are combined to create words and present the fun challenge of deciphering the cleverly crafted text.



Save the date! Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss events kickoff at Milwaukee Public Library's Central Library on **Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** View the Calendar of Events at www.mpl.org for times and locations of branch events.



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Milwaukee, WI 53233

Treasures of MPL's Krug Rare Books Room



The Central Library's Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room is the home of books and materials that merit special protection and care. Learn about the unique treasures available to the public on **Friday, February 13, 2:30-3:30 p.m.** at the East Branch. A slide presentation of rarities will include:

- Original Walt Disney animation cells
- Historic trade cards from Milwaukee businesses
- Illuminated manuscript by artist Susan Frackelton
- Artist's papers made from grass, vegetables and leather
- And one of the world's weirdest books!

These are only some of the jewels that will be discussed. We invite you to see photographs of the treasures and hear the stories!

Why and How to Eat Locally presented by Eat Local Milwaukee

Fresh, locally grown foods don't just taste delicious – they are better for you, your community, and the environment. Jamie Ferschinger of the Urban Ecology Center will present a program on the benefits of “eating local” on **Wednesday, February 18, 6-7:30 p.m.** at the East Branch.

Hear about the wide range of benefits that motivate many in the Milwaukee community to choose to eat more food that is grown nearby or made by local businesses. And we'll share how you can find this local food -- directly from local family farms as well as in restaurants and grocery stores.

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Tippecanoe Temporary: 3933 S. Howell Ave. • **Villard Square** 5190 N. 35th St. • **Washington Park** 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
Zablocki 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave. • **Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library** 813 W. Wells St.
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