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Join the Super Reader Squad @ Your Milwaukee Public Library

Ten years ago, Milwaukee Public Library launched the Super Reader Summer Reading Program, aimed at encouraging school-aged children to build their knowledge and defeat summer learning loss by reading books and earning prizes. This year we reboot the program by introducing our Super Reader Squad.

Joining friends, family and the Super Reader Squad - Alpha, Dewey, Blink, Fan, and Turner - they'll read, learn and connect at the library.

The Super Reader Squad loves to read anything they can get their hands on and finds what they need at the library. Children around the city can join this squad of book lovers by signing up online at mpl.beanstack.org or in-person at one of MPL's 13 locations across the city.

The Super Reader Squad, for children ages 12 and under, motivates children to read through supporting their book choices as well as offering exciting incentives for the time they spend reading. Prizes include passes to places throughout the city that inspire children to learn in a variety of fun and interesting environments.

Adults can join the Super Reader Squad, too! All you need to do is support the children in your life by encouraging

them to sign up and read. On page 7 we've compiled some great summer reads for you to share with the young readers in your life. The more positive interactions Super Readers have, the more motivated they will be to finish the program strong!

Teens can sign-up for our Teen Summer Challenge, an engaging program that includes reading as well as activities such as volunteering, attending library programs and participating in this year's featured challenge: music production! Workshops will be held all over the city to teach teens the necessary skills for producing their own sound recording. Teens can sign up for the Teen Summer Challenge at mpl.beanstack.org or at their favorite MPL branch.

This year, we embrace the Super Reader Squad and invite you to join our team because we believe that a strong city is a city that reads. The Super Reader Squad and Teen Summer Challenge run from May 14 until August 25. For more information, please visit the library's website at www.mpl.org/summerreading.



FROM THE



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PAULA A. KIELY

Summer reading at Milwaukee Public Library! It's one of my favorite times of the year. And our new design for 2018 featuring the Super Reader Squad makes it all the more exciting for the children who will participate this summer.

It's also the perfect time to remind adults about the importance of reading, too. Whether you read on a tablet or phone, listen to audio books, or enjoy holding a book in your hands, be sure to include a stop at the library in your plans this summer.

Looking for ideas and inspiration? Why not try joining one of the many MPL book clubs? I've been a member of a book club for almost 30 years now and have enjoyed countless books, conversations and wonderful friendships as a result.

Discuss vegetarian recipes, include art with the book you read, or join a neighborhood branch book club. There are clubs for lovers of fiction as well as non-fiction. Learn more about the book clubs and the books they're discussing on the library's web page, or ask staff at your local library.

Not quite ready to make the commitment to join a book club? Test the waters this summer by joining the summer reading program for adults. Book By Book invites adults to read or listen to five books between May 14 and August 25 and be entered to win a prize. You can start your reading list off by using the flyer included on page 4 of this issue of the Reader, and checking out book ideas from the staff of the Zablocki Branch on page 6.

Get ideas for your summer reading from this issue of the Bookshelf, check out booklists on the library's website under Recommendations or ask your local librarian for ideas. Just be sure to join the squad this summer by reading!



Volunteer at Your Milwaukee Public Library

The library has a wide variety of programs and events for all ages, including: Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss, teen job fairs, continuing education programs for adults, and new Memory Cafés for people with dementia and their caregivers. The one thing they all have in common is a need for volunteers.

Information on how to register as a library volunteer is available at mpl.org/volunteer.

There is also a list of current volunteer opportunities throughout the Milwaukee Public Library System. Simply fill out the online volunteer application and indicate your areas of interest. After you submit your application, the library's Volunteer Coordinator will contact you.

You can choose to volunteer for one specific event, an ongoing position like adult tutor or computer coach, or maybe even consider joining the Friends of MPL docents.

Have questions about the opportunities listed? Feel free to email the library's volunteer coordinator at MPLVolunteer@milwaukee.gov or call and ask for the coordinator at 414.286.3000.

To learn about the docent program call the Foundation at 414.286.8720 or email Friends@mpl.org.



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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Welcome to Our New Super Reader Squad Together we will inspire an entire city of readers this summer!

After 10 successful years inspiring Milwaukee children of all ages to become readers, MPL relaunches its popular summer reading program in 2018 with the introduction of the Super Reader Squad – Alpha, Dewey, Blink, Fan, and Turner.

Thanks to the support of many corporations, families and individuals, more than 25,000 children sign up each year to build knowledge, expand creativity, and stave off summer learning loss by participating in the summer reading program, which is fully funded by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.

We are especially grateful to these proud sponsors:

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You too can join our Super Reader Squad and spark a lifelong love of reading for a student in Milwaukee by giving a tax-deductible donation to support summer reading. Visit mpl.org/donate TODAY!





FROM THE FRIENDS

OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library Help to Fill the Shelves

Thanks to all who attended the Alexander McCall Smith author reading at Boswell Books and to the donors who helped Fill the Shelves at Milwaukee Public Library with books in high demand.

Books donated included *A Wrinkle In Time*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and *The Handmaid's Tale*. A portion of proceeds from event ticket sales were also donated to the library.

Author J. F. Riordan (pictured right) introduced Alexander McCall Smith at the Fill the Shelves event held at Boswell Books.



Summer Used Book Sale

Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Sale will be held in the Bookseller Used Book Store



Featuring a large selection of children's books. 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.

During the month of May, the Bookseller will feature a half-price special on books about sports. **Next Sale: Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 25-cent Book Sale at Central Library.**

Architectural Tour of Central Library and a FREE Book at the Bookseller and Café

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.



Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library are proud to support Book By Book

The Book by Book Adult Summer Reading Program supports the library's goal of creating a city of readers and lifelong learners by encouraging adults to read based on their interests, visit the library during the summer, and model positive reading habits. Past program participants have shared that the program helped reignite their passion for reading with the added benefit of fun prizes!



BOOK BY BOOK

ADULT SUMMER READING

Why let kids have all the fun? Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) is here to help grown-ups celebrate this summer with the best books around.

Read or listen to five books between May 14- August 25, 2018 and be entered to win a fantastic prize.

- To sign up, visit any MPL location for a reading log. Receive a coupon for one free used book from the Friends of Milwaukee Public Library (while supplies last).
- Keep track of your books on this reading log.
- Return completed log to any MPL by Saturday, August 25 and enter for a chance to win a prize.
- One entry per participant. Ages 18 +

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Yes, I'd like to receive the MPL E-newsletter!

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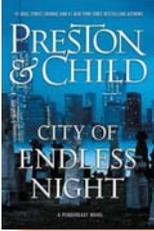
A special thank you to our 2018 prize sponsors!





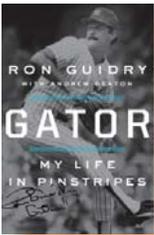
THE BOOKSHELF

City of Endless Night by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child.



A killer is stalking New York's wealthiest inhabitants, and special agent Pendergast and Lieutenant D'Agosta are on the case. Still emotionally wounded from the departure of his beloved ward, Pendergast is intellectually tested more than ever before in a case that culminates in a cat-and-mouse game inside the ruins of an asylum.

Gator: My Life in Pinstripes by Ron Guidry.



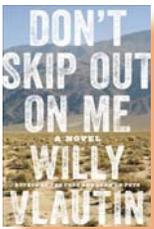
A must-read for any baseball fan! Guidry, nicknamed Gator after his teammates discovered he was Louisiana born and bred, gives a compelling account of his minor and major baseball career with the New York Yankees during the '70s, '80s and '90s.

Superfans: Into the Heart of Obsessive Sports Fandom



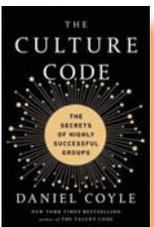
by George Dohrmann. *Superfans* is a study of how meaningful sports, and favorite sports teams, can become in the lives of fans. Some people identify so closely with their favorite team that their lives seem to revolve around the ups and downs of every season.

Don't Skip Out on Me by Willy Vlautin.



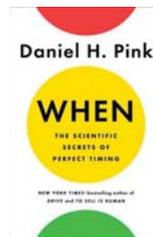
This is a tale of chasing a dream and the undeniable bond of love, redemption, and finding family in unexpected places. The story follows the trials of Horace/Hector as he chases his dream of becoming a great 'Mexican' boxer, and his friend and former boss, Mr. Reese, who must adapt to life on his ranch after Horace leaves.

The Culture Code: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups by Daniel Coyle.



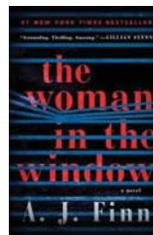
A fascinating look at some of the world's most successful groups like the Navy SEALs Team Six and the San Antonio Spurs, and what makes them function together so well. Coyle offers ways for other groups to foster cohesion, cooperation, and trust.

When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing



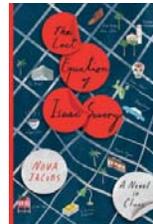
by Daniel H. Pink. Timing is everything. Everyone deals with "when" questions about certain activities or events, be it at home or work. Through research studies, theories, and strategies, Pink explains how to get time on your side and be more successful in life.

The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn.



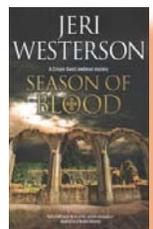
Dr. Anna Fox lives alone in her Harlem townhouse, secluded with wine and classic movie thrillers. An uneventful life - until a glance into a neighboring apartment makes Anna a witness to an apparent murder. The plot is literary noir in the Hitchcock tradition, with red herrings that will keep you in suspense until the shocking conclusion.

The Last Equation of Isaac Severy by Nova Jacobs.



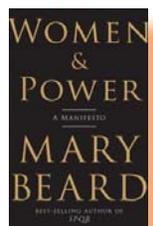
A genius mathematician, found dead in an apparent suicide, leaves a mysterious letter to his adopted granddaughter Hazel. Hazel and the eccentric Severy clan race to solve a literary puzzle leading to her grandfather's final mathematical equation, before it falls into the wrong hands.

Season of Blood: A Crispin Guest Medieval Noir



by Jeri Westerson. Stripped of his knightly title and reduced to earning his keep as a medieval private eye, Crispin finds himself involved in a search for a missing holy relic. With the help of his apprentice Jack and his sometime sidekick John Rykener, the hunt is on.

Women & Power: A Manifesto by Mary Beard.



According to Beard, Homer's *Odyssey* immortalizes the first instance of a woman being told to shut up. Beard uses her classicist training to follow the development of women's public voices; voices she says are still not being heard over the boom of male vocalization.

Contributed by staff from the Zablocki Branch.

CHILDREN'S ROOM



Books to Start Reading with the Super Reader Squad

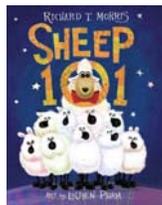
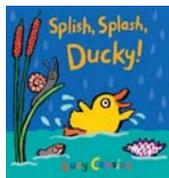


Walk and See ABC illustrations by Rosalind Beardshaw. Ages 0-3. Two children explore nature and the alphabet in this charmingly illustrated board book.

Splash, Splash, Ducky!

by Lucy Cousins. Ages 2-4.

Ducky spends the day making a splash in the pond with his friends. Children will enjoy quacking along with Ducky's adventure.

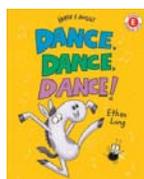


Sheep 101 by Richard T. Morris; illustrated by LeUyen Pham. Ages 4-6. When Sheep 101 goes down while a young boy attempts to count sheep in order to fall asleep, giggle-worthy chaos ensues!

Food Truck Fest

by Alexandra Penfold; pictures by Mike Dutton. Ages 4-8.

Alternating storylines and illustrations depict a family and vendors preparing for an exciting day of food trucks and family fun.

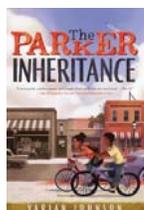


Dance, Dance, Dance! by Ethan Long. Ages 5-8. In this hilarious beginning reader, Horse is dancing to his own beat when his friend Buggy wonders what he is doing. Can Buggy hear the music and find his own moves?

Stella Diaz has Something to Say

by Angela Dominguez. Ages 7-10.

Stella faces the challenges of 3rd grade including friendships and public speaking, while also trying to understand her identity as a bilingual immigrant child navigating two cultures.



The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson. Ages 9-13. When Candice discovers a letter written to her grandmother decades ago, she and her friend Brandon are in for an exciting summer solving a mystery about the town and her family.



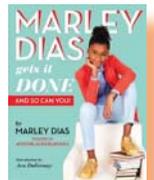
Clem Hetherington and the Ironwood Race 1. by Jen Breach & Douglas Holgate. Ages 9-14.

Clem and her robot brother Digory escape an orphanage and enter themselves into a rally race to recover stolen artifacts. They'll face nefarious opponents in their quest to return these treasures to museums.

Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!

by Marley Dias, with Siobhan McGowan; introduction by Ava DuVernay. Ages 9-14.

Social activist Marley Dias explores her experiences and encourages other young people to pursue their interests in bettering their communities.



The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo. Ages 14-18.

Xiomara Batista reveals her feelings about her family, becoming a woman, and everyday life in her Harlem neighborhood through the poems she writes in her notebook.

Between the Lines

by Nikki Grimes. Ages 14-18.

In preparation for a boys vs. girls poetry slam, a diverse group of high school students learns about their classmates' lives as they delve into the art of poetry.



The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily by Laura Creedle. Ages 12-14.

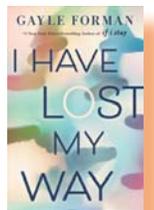
Two teens meet in detention. Lily has attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and Abelard has Asperger's. As their friendship develops through text messages, they discover their common interests. What will become of their growing fondness for each other?



I Have Lost My Way

by Gayle Forman. Ages 14-18.

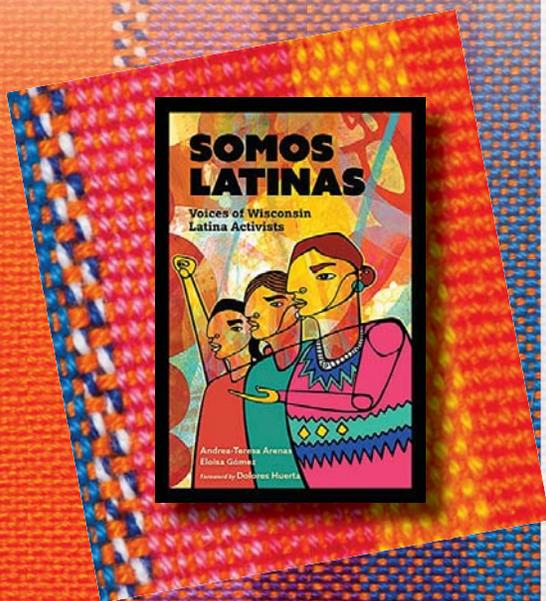
Freya, Harun, and Nathaniel are drawn together after a fateful accident. Through dealing with their own problems, they may find helping others will solve their own issues.





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***Somos Latinas* Book Launch at Mitchell Street**

Twenty-five Latina agents of change share their inspirational stories in *Somos Latinas: Voices of Wisconsin Latina Artists*, co-edited by Andrea-Teresa Arenas, PhD and Eloisa Gómez in a book launch event at the Mitchell Street Branch, **Tuesday, June 5, 6-7:30 p.m.** Arenas and Gómez will speak at the event.

Celebrated Latina civil rights activist Dolores Huerta once said, “Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world.” These are the stories of some of the Latina activists from Wisconsin who have lived Huerta’s words. *Somos Latinas* shares the powerful narratives of 25 activists – from outspoken demonstrators to collaborative community-builders to determined individuals working for change behind the scenes – providing proof of the long-standing legacy of Latina activism throughout Wisconsin. *Somos Latinas* draws on activist interviews conducted as part of the *Somos Latinas* Digital History Project, housed at the Wisconsin Historical Society, and looks deep into the life and passion of each woman.

Cosponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press and Boswell Books. Books will be available for purchase at the event.



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