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2014 Benjamin Franklin Award Celebration

The Milwaukee Public Library Foundation annually recognizes individual community leaders and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and the cause of lifelong learning, and will present the 2014 Benjamin Franklin Awards to Dr. Mary Kellner and the Faye McBeath Foundation.



Faye McBeath had a lifelong commitment to education and literacy. Early in her career she was a teacher in WI Rapids and Milwaukee, including a stint at North Division. After her decision to join her uncle, Lucius Nieman at the Milwaukee Journal, she continued pursuing her interests. She was known as Milwaukee's "First Lady of the Press" and was the WTMJ Radio Children's Hour "Story Lady". Her personal contributions, often given anonymously, helped many young women pursue an advanced education well before such educational goals for women were widely accepted. Her support for the Milwaukee Public Library included a substantial contribution for children's programming, and that gift lives on in the form of the Faye McBeath Reading Room. The Faye McBeath Foundation has been a champion for summer reading and associated programs at Milwaukee Public Library, awarding grants for summer reading from 2003 through 2014.

Like McBeath who had a particular interest in children, Dr. Mary Kellner has been a dedicated volunteer for many community organizations and is a trustee for the Faye McBeath Foundation. She has made personal contributions to bettering education, especially for urban youth, and has put hundreds of thousands of books in the hands of inner city Milwaukee children.



I am honored to be selected along with the Faye McBeath Foundation, to receive this year's Ben Franklin Award from the Milwaukee Public Library. As a lifelong learner, and a former teacher, I am passionate about all children having the opportunity to receive a quality education and acquire the necessary literacy skills to be successful in whatever endeavors they choose to pursue. The Milwaukee Public Library has a similar mission to promote literacy and improve the lives of children and adults by expanding their world of information through educational programs and services. Milwaukee is truly fortunate to have this wonderful resource in our city.
~ Dr. Mary Kellner

This year, we recognize these honorees and their lasting impact on literacy in the community. Please join us as we celebrate the philanthropic efforts of our esteemed honorees on **Thursday, October 23, 2014** with an elegant dinner reception at Central Library set among millions of books and historic collections. Proceeds from this event strengthen the resources of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, enabling it to support and enhance the library collections, technology, programming and facilities. For reservations, please call (414) 286-3784, or email foundation@mpl.org.

FROM THE

LIBRARY
 DIRECTOR _____
 PAULA A. KIELY



The flurry of activity that abounds in homes and communities in preparation for back-to-school always makes September feel like a busy month in the aftermath of lazy summer days.

The library is anything but lazy during busy summer reading days, and our staff certainly isn't letting up in planning events, programs and renovations for the fall.

We have three guest speakers this month – **Leanne Parshalle** on Sept. 9 (see right), **John McGivern** on Sept. 13 (see p. 3) and **J. F. Riordan** (see below), the Library Foundation's **Jeff Cirillo Charity Golf Classic** on Sept. 22, the Friends of the Library **10-cent Used Book Sale** on Sept. 20, **Harvest Fest** on Sept. 27, and we are once again participating in the **Doors Open Milwaukee** event on Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In addition we're preparing for the grand opening of the East Branch, installing new carpet at Zablocki Library, meeting with the community regarding the renovation of the Tippecanoe Library, and installing the first Express Library in Milwaukee.

I'm personally looking forward to an appearance by new local author J. F. Riordan. *North of the Tension Line* is Riordan's first novel in a fictional series following Fiona, a fierce female protagonist, and an accompanying cast of eccentric characters living in Ephraim, Wisconsin.

Riordan will read from her new novel on Monday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall, 733 N. Eighth St. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Milwaukee Public Library and Boswell Book Company.

I hope you'll join us for some of the exciting events we have planned for this month and throughout the fall. Your library is always a great destination for family fun, interesting programs, and community events for everyone.

Blues to the Rescue

Self-taught photographer Leanne Parshalle heard her first blues concert at Century Hall in Milwaukee. After moving to Los Angeles, she continued to be inspired by the music and how the genre brings people from different demographics together in a common passion for the blues.

Parshalle will discuss her historic photographs taken at a variety of blues festivals and concerts on **Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room at Central Library. The southeastern Wisconsin blues scene will also be reflected upon. *Part of the Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room Evening Spotlight Series.*

An exhibit of Parshalle's work will be on display at Central Library Sept. 9 through Nov. 11 in the second floor exhibit area outside of the Art, Music and Recreation Room.



Cash McCall and Willie Dixon, Topanga Canyon Blues Festival, 1993 (photo by Leanne Parshalle)



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

John McGivern at Milwaukee Public Library



“Around the Corner” host John McGivern will share his experiences growing up on Milwaukee’s east side, his memories of the Milwaukee Public Library, and reveal the origins of his popular “Around the Corner” program on PBS and its evolution on **Saturday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon** in Centennial Hall, 733 N. Eighth St..

This program is open to the public and is also part of the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Docent Enrichment Program. For more information, please call (414) 286-8720, or email Friends@mpl.org.



Around the Corner with John McGivern

In season four of his series on PBS, Emmy Award-winning actor John McGivern explores what it’s like to live, work and play in different Wisconsin communities.

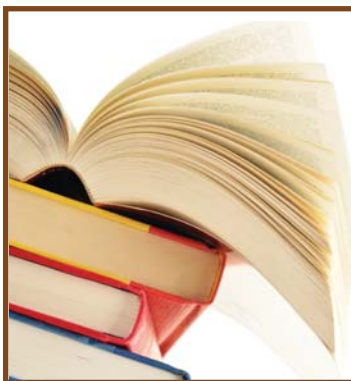
Literary Luncheon Featured Shauna Singh Baldwin



The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library hosted their annual Literary Luncheon on Thursday, May 8th at the Wisconsin Club. Shauna Singh Baldwin, MPL Friends Member and guest author, read selections from her latest novel *The Selector of Souls*. Special thanks to Corporate Sponsors Robert W. Baird & Co., Milwaukee Press Club/ MPC Endowment, Uihlein Wilson Architects, and Event Partner Boswell Book Company. Friends memberships and support of the Spring Literary Luncheon enhance library collections

and make it possible to offer quality literary events for patrons of the Milwaukee Public Library.

Pictured above: author Shauna Singh Baldwin; pictured right: Library Director Paula Kiely, Singh Baldwin, Judy Bridges, founder of Redbird Studio, and Mayor Tom Barrett. Photos by Andrew Holman



10¢ Used Book Sale: Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Meeting Room 1

Featuring a large selection of used books, books on tape, magazines, comics, sheet music, children’s books and more. 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.

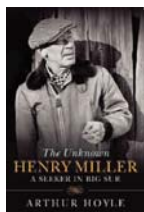
There will be a 1/2 price sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the 10-cent Sale.
Next sale: November 22, Holiday Sale ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.





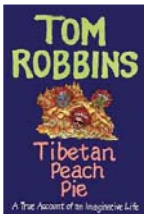
THE BOOKSHELF

The Unknown Henry Miller: a Seeker in Big Sur by Arthur



Hoyle. 92 M64816H. 2014.
Hoyle recounts Miller's career, focusing on his time in Big Sur from 1944 to 1961. It was during this period that Miller wrote many of his most significant works. He also married and divorced twice, raised two children, painted watercolors, and tried to live an aesthetic and personal doctrine of self-realization.

Tibetan Peach Pie: A True Account of an Imaginative Life by



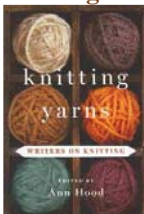
Tom Robbins. 92 R6365TP. 2014.
Counter-cultural icon Robbins covers the significant benchmarks of his life: childhood trouble-making, passionate travels around the world, and jumping down rabbit holes on LSD. Now in his eighties, he continues to embody Zen coolness and bohemian charm telling his life story with his trademark helical prose.

Stand Up Straight and Sing! by Jessye Norman. 927.873 N842. 2014.



This is a lovely memoir by the very private soprano and National Medal of Arts recipient who was raised in a supportive but segregated world. Norman takes readers from her close-knit childhood community in Georgia to the world's grandest stages, and tells about her friendship with icon Marian Anderson and singing for Rosa Parks.

Knitting Yarns: Writers on Knitting by Ann Hood.



746.432 K7195. 2014.
What exactly is it about knitting? Why do so many people knit? In this collection of essays, twenty-seven writers explain how knitting has healed, challenged, or helped them to grow. Touching, funny, and sometimes heart-rending, the stories are sure to enchant knitting enthusiasts and maybe even tempt a non-knitter to try.

The Quick by Lauren Owen. Science Fiction. 2014.



In 1892 Victorian London James Norbury has disappeared and it is up to his sister, Charlotte, to find him. When she arrives in London, she discovers James has joined the world of the supernatural hidden within the city. As she is searching, Charlotte learns that the answer to her brother's disappearance lies behind the doors of the mysterious Aegolius Club, whose predatory members include some of the most ruthless and bloodthirsty men in England.

Since You've Been Gone by Morgan Matson. YA Fiction. 2014.



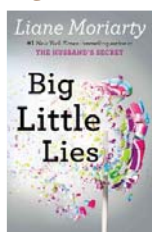
Emily wakes up one summer day to find that her bubbly and fearless best friend Sloane, the one who helped coax her out of her shell, has left without saying goodbye. When Sloane sends a letter containing a random list of 13 tasks for Emily, she begins a transformative summer, crossing each task off her list, hoping it will lead her to her best friend.

The String Diaries by Stephen Lloyd Jones. Mystery. 2014.



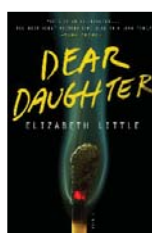
When you have the feeling that someone is watching you, it's usually just your imagination. But something has truly been following Hannah and her family for nearly two hundred years, as documented in diaries passed to Hannah from her mother. This being can shift to look and sound like anyone – even someone Hannah loves.

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty. Fiction. 2014.



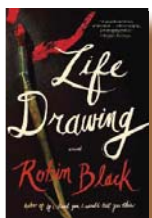
Three women, all mothers, are each at a crossroads and are potentially involved in a riot at a school trivia night that leaves one parent dead. Strong cocktails and a lack of food contribute to the chaos, but when someone falls over a railing many suspect it wasn't an accident. If it was murder, who's responsible and why?

Dear Daughter by Elizabeth Little. Mystery. 2014.



Janie Jenkins, a former celebrity accused of killing her mother (a crime she doesn't remember committing), has just been released from prison. She has one lead on who the real killer is and goes undercover to track them down. The deeper she digs the more sinister secrets she uncovers. Fans of Tana French and Gillian Flynn will enjoy the smart narrator and the twists and turns.

Life Drawing by Robin Black. Fiction. 2014.



Gus is a painter and is married to Owen, a writer. They move to the country to enjoy a quiet life of artistic companionship. But their idyll is interrupted when a younger woman appears on the scene. The result is an emotionally complex novel depicting a marriage, mature love and the regret, desire and forgiveness of which they are a part.

Contributed by Center Street librarians Jane Hauptert, Kim Johnson and Gloria Makris and Central Library fiction selector Jacki Potratz.

CHILDREN'S ROOM



Back to School

September means kids are headed back to the classroom for another year of learning.

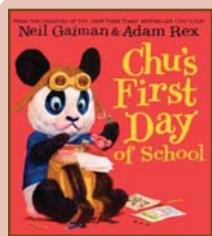
resources that will help you start your child off to a school year geared for success!

Teacher in the Library resumes on Monday, Sept. 15 at nine library locations. Teachers are available during after-school hours to assist students in grades 1-8 with homework help, academic support and encouragement. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Visit www.mpl.org for a complete list of Teacher in the Library locations and program times.

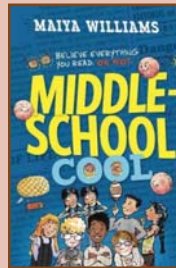
From parent resource books to graded booklists, the Milwaukee Public Library has resources that will ease the transition from summer to school.

Join us for our September Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 12-1 p.m. at Central Library. This month's topic – "Back to School Resources" – will cover tips, suggestions and

Your library card is an essential back-to-school supply for both you and your child! Parents who read and use the library have kids who read and use the library. Getting a library card is fast and easy. Simply stop in any Milwaukee Public Library to get yours today!

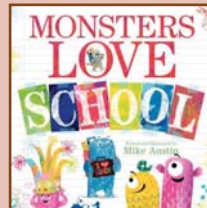


Chu's First Day of School by Neil Gaiman; illustrated by Adam Rex. PIC GAIMAN. (Ages 4-6)
Chu is heading to his first day of school. Like many young children, Chu is nervous for all the familiar reasons, but he's also afraid of his rather loud sneeze and what the other children will think of him.

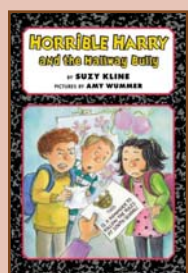


Middle-School Cool by Maiya Williams; illustrated by Karl Edwards. SF WILLIAM. (Ages 9-13)
The students of Journalism 1A chronicle the odd events at Kaboom Academy for the student newspaper *The Daily Dynamite*. "Problem students" are selected to attend Kaboom Academy which has some alternative, slightly magical, strategies for reinvigorating students' interest in learning.

Monsters Love School by Mike Austin. PIC AUSTIN. (Ages 4-8)
The delightfully charming monsters from **Monsters Love Colors** are off to Monster School. Blue is convinced that he already knows enough and doesn't need school. Will his first day there convince him otherwise?



A Smart Girl's Guide, Middle School: Everything You Need to Know About Juggling More Homework, More Teachers, and More Friends! by Julie Williams Montalbano; illustrated by Cathi Mingus. 373.236 W732. (Ages 10-14)
This guide to navigating middle school for girls is complete with tips, quizzes, and practical advice.

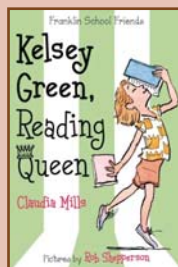


Horrible Harry and the Hallway Bully by Suzy Kline; illustrated by Amy Wummer. INT KLINE. (Ages 6-9)
Every student has their eye on being selected for the prestigious hallway safety patrol squad. What will Harry and his friends do when they suspect someone is abusing their safety patrol powers and possibly even trying to rig the Spring Book Fair Raffle?

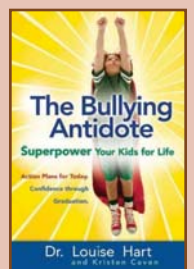


Tinkerlab: A Hands-On Guide for Little Inventors by Rachele Doorley. 600 D692. (Adult)
Based on a well-loved blog (tinkerlab.com), this book captures highly engaging and accessible projects for the littlest learners on up. Inspiration abounds for the classroom or home: make a potion, paint with bubbles, or design a marble run.

Kelsey Green, Reading Queen by Claudia Mills; pictures by Rob Shepperson. INT MILLS. (Ages 7-10)
In the first *Franklin School Friends* book, Kelsey's third grade class is vying to win the schoolwide reading contest. Kelsey could read all day, but can they win if Simon is cheating and if Cody is afraid to read?



Bullying Antidote: Superpower Your Kids for Life by Louise Hart. 649.6 H325. (Adult)
How we raise our children has the power to perpetuate or eliminate bullying behaviors, according to Hart & Caven. Instilling self-respect and building self-esteem in children, while maintaining positive parenting practices can greatly impact the pattern of bullying. There is much to consider here and solid advice on preparing children for what they may face in school or on the playground.



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World War I Military Portraits



Milwaukee Public Library, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of World War I, introduced its newest, exclusive digital image collection last month.

The World War I Military Portraits Digital Image Collection is comprised of more than 32,000 items including individual portraits, typewritten volumes and index cards, largely compiled by the American War Mothers Milwaukee County Chapter.

The collection was donated to the library by the American War Mothers in 1921. Digitization of this extensive project began in 2011 and represents the library's largest digital collection to date.



The bulk of the collection is comprised of index cards including information such as:

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| • home address | • education | • battle dates |
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| • regiment or ship | • parents' names | • remarks |
| • religion | • date and place of entering service | |
| • first and last field address | | |



Visit these and the many other Milwaukee Public Library Digital Collections on the library's website at www.mpl.org/databases/images/.