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## 2016 Benjamin Franklin Award Celebration

On **Thursday, October 13** the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation will present the annual Benjamin Franklin Award to a community hero dedicated to forwarding the cause of literacy, the Milwaukee Bucks. Peter Feigin, Bucks President as well as friend and champion of the library, will accept the prestigious award on behalf of the local organization.

Longtime advocates for kids and reading, the Milwaukee Bucks have positively influenced thousands of young readers, and they prominently personify the ideals the Milwaukee Public Library holds fundamental to the health and well-being of our community.

For decades, Bucks players have come to the library to mentor and read with children during their annual reading challenge. It's been a memorable experience for many boys and girls in Milwaukee who look up to their favorite players and the sport - encouraging

many who might not otherwise be interested in reading. The annual challenge is part of the Milwaukee Bucks Read to Achieve Program designed to help kids reach success and develop a lifelong love of reading. It's a win for the whole community!

Please join us for a tip-off celebration of the philanthropic efforts of our esteemed honorees and their lasting impact on strengthening literacy in the community on Thursday, October 13 with an elegant dinner reception at the mysterious Central Library set among millions of books and historic collections.

Proceeds from the Benjamin Franklin Award Celebration make a difference for empowering programs at Milwaukee Public Library which would not be possible without the community's generous support. For reservations, please call (414) 286-8720, or email [foundation@mpl.org](mailto:foundation@mpl.org).



*Full of treasures, the public library is our community's home for collective memories and a playground for the mind. There's no greater gift we can give the next generation than the joy of a book that sparks their imagination and expands their thirst for knowledge. We couldn't be more honored to receive this award.*

*- Peter Feigin, President of the Milwaukee Bucks*



FROM THE  

**CITY LIBRARIAN**  
 PAULA A. KIELY



Maybe you heard? The library got LOUD on July 28 with a block party on Wisconsin Avenue and a live concert by New Age Narcissism in the Central Library accompanied by a host of interactive music stations.

More than 1,000 people raised their voices in the library to enjoy a chance to get together in the community and celebrate the love of music and music-making.

We collected a wide variety of comments from our guests that tell us we're on the right track with our Library Loud Days:

*The band was Awesome!  
 My three-year-old loved the bucket drums.  
 We vote Library Loud Days every month!  
 The library is LIVE! You did a good job.  
 Librarians like to party!  
 The music and activities were awesome.  
 The library has always been an amazing place to learn, grow, and explore the world. I will tell everyone I know to always come to the library!  
 I would LOVE to come back!*

And we'd love to have you! There are more Library Loud Days ahead and we hope to see everyone take advantage of all the library has to offer. Join us!

*Paula*



City Librarian Paula Kiely and Common Council President and former Board Chairman Ald. Ashanti Hamilton take to the stage to welcome everyone to Library Loud Days. *Photo by Scott Paulus*

## Doors Open to New Milwaukee Art Museum Exhibit

When Central Library opens its doors on Saturday, September 17 for the Doors Open Milwaukee event, it will feature a self-guided tour of the new Milwaukee Art Museum exhibit on the second floor gallery.

The Milwaukee Art Museum is pleased to partner with the Milwaukee Public Library and present Wisconsin Women Artists, a selection of paintings from its permanent collection. Women played a pivotal role in the development of arts in the city of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin, from cultural leaders to art educators and instructors. This selection of paintings showcases over one hundred years of works by Wisconsin women artists, highlighting the breadth of their artistic contributions and output from early, realist landscapes and portraits to abstract and modernist canvases.

In addition to the exhibit, visitors will again be invited to tour the dome, tiers, 4th floor attic, and other areas not normally open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**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

## Help MPL Bridge the Digital Divide with Support for the Read a Book Ball

Did you know that across Milwaukee, anyone can walk into an MPL branch library to gain computer skills and search for employment with support from hands-on technology trainers? Many thanks to our co-chairs, Ian Abston and Cecelia Gore, for inspiring community-wide participation in making a difference for those without access to 21st century digital tools to fill basic needs – like searching and applying for jobs, completing homework assignments, and finding healthcare information.

Join us virtually or in-person for #readabookball. Donate and learn more at [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) to celebrate on Central Library's rooftop on Thursday, September 22nd.



Fill the Shelves for Banned Books Week  
*Ensure the Freedom to Read*  
September 25 – October 1, 2016

What's your favorite book? Chances are good that someone has tried to ban it. While books are still being challenged today in our country, most remain available thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students, and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read. If you value open access to information, you can fill the shelves at MPL and raise awareness of censorship and free expression. From *The Catcher in the Rye* to *To Kill a Mockingbird*, go to [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) for a list of the most popular banned books and donate to add to the collection at Milwaukee Public Library.

## Architectural Tour of Central Library and a FREE Book

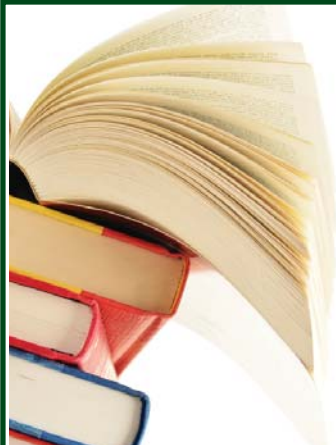
Experience fascinating Milwaukee Public Library history every Saturday at 11 a.m. at Central Library, located at 814 West Wisconsin Avenue. Tours begin in the rotunda and tour goers will receive a coupon for a free book at the end of the tour in the Bookseller Book Store and Cafe. Central Library is 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.



**25-cent Used Book Sale** - Coincides with Doors Open Milwaukee  
Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.  
Community Room 1, 1st floor

Featuring a large selection of used children's and adult books, magazines, comics, sheet music, audio books and more. The Bookseller Used Book Store will have a 2 for 1 sale, and coffee and refreshments will be available for purchase in R Café. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. During the month of September, the Bookseller will feature a selection of half-priced books on Politics.

Next Sale: November 19, 2016 ~ Holiday/Children's Sale, Central Library





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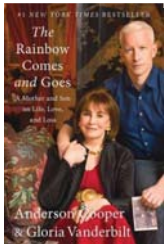
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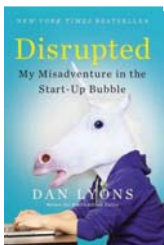
## The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son



**on Life, Love, and Loss** by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt. 92 C77527A.

CNN's Cooper has documented a conversation with his mother Gloria Vanderbilt which extended over a full year. They talk about her troubled childhood, her husbands and lovers, and the painful deaths of Cooper's father Wyatt and brother Carter.

## Disrupted: My Misadventure in the Start-Up Bubble



by Dan Lyons. 338.04 L992.

This cringe-inducing and hilarious account of a tech reporter's failed attempt to reinvent himself as a marketing-type at a tech start-up has its self-indulgent moments. But his observations of a workplace where "gray hair and experience are really overrated," and a teddy bear

at company meetings is an "innovation" more than compensate.

## The Summer Before the War



by Helen Simonson.

Fiction. "I may be progressive, but I would never hire a pretty teacher," Agatha tells her nephew Hugh. It's 1914 and everybody in Rye knows his or her place. Latin teacher Beatrice's arrival in the English coastal village coincides with the onset of World War I, upending long-established norms

and shredding the town's tightly woven social fabric. Simonson's engaging novel is set firmly in the past, but her subject matter feels utterly contemporary, and readers will fall in love with her richly realized characters.

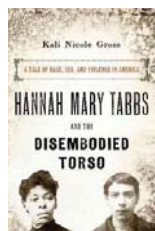
## Container Theme Gardens



by Nancy J. Ondra. 635.986 O582.

This attractively designed guide inspires confidence in the novice container gardener with templates for 5-plant-palettes themed by color, location, or function. Each template includes a guide to season-by-season container maintenance.

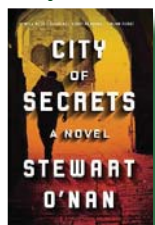
## Hannah Mary Tabbs and the Disembodied Torso



by Kali Nicole Gross. 364.1523 G878.

Historian Gross mixes history with true crime and race relations in her exploration of a sensational murder in Victorian Philadelphia. Hannah Mary Tabbs lived a seemingly ordinary life until she enlisted the help of a former neighbor in murdering and dismembering her lover, leaving the disembodied torso dumped outside the city.

## City of Secrets



by Stewart O'Nan. Fiction.

O'Nan has set his latest novel in a modern-day dystopia – British Mandate-era Jerusalem. It's 1945, and Yossi Brand is among the influx of refugees smuggled in by the Jewish underground to help conduct operations. Yossi's struggle to find some semblance of self as he tries to make sense of his new situation will leave readers with a greater understanding of the modern Middle East.

## Boys Among Men: How the Prep-to-Pro Generation



**Redefined the NBA and Sparked a Basketball Revolution** by Jonathan Abrams. 796.32364 A162.

During the 1990s, players making the jump from high school to the NBA were not guaranteed million dollar contracts. Abrams conducted hundreds of first-hand interviews with the new crop of basketball prodigies who revolutionized the game.

## After the Woods



by Kim Savage. Young Adult Fiction. A year after her abduction and unlikely escape, 16-year-old Julia struggles to navigate the tense relationships with friends, family, and prying outsiders interested in her traumatic experience. Not content with the details she's been fed about the "Shiverton Abduction," Julia bravely takes risks as she searches for the truth and faces

harsh adult realities about deception, trust, and survival.

*Contributed by Mill Road Library staff Amelia Osterud, Charles Reaves, Ashley Schoolman and Amy Waldman.*

# CHILDREN'S ROOM

## Back to School Time “Hacks”

Summer is waning and the smell of freshly sharpened pencils is in the air. Students everywhere are gearing up to head back to school. Help the children in your life settle into a successful school time rhythm with these “hacks” from the Milwaukee Public Library:

### Take Advantage of Teacher in the Library

Did you know that there's a certified teacher in most branches of the Milwaukee Public Library providing homework help after school Monday through Thursday? No registration necessary - just bring your homework to a branch and look for the “Teacher in the Library” sign.

### Find Your Study Space

Remember, the Library is always available for study after school during open hours.

### Access Digital Resources with your Library Card

Enjoy free music with Freegal, get resumé or homework help with Brainfuse, learn a language with Mango... the list goes on! Just go to [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) to access a wide array of digital resources for free with your Library Card.

### Set Allotted Time for Social Media

While you're online, don't forget to check out MPL on Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram and the [Now@MPL](http://Now@MPL) blog.

### Make Time for Fun

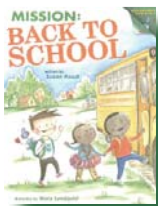
The Library has fun programs for students of every age – check out the teens and kids pages at [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) to learn more.



**School's First Day of School** by Adam Rex; pictures by Christian Robinson. PIC REX. Ages 4-8. A brand new school building is feeling very nervous about the first day of school. Young readers will identify with the school's range of feelings experienced throughout the day.



**Mission: Back to School: Top-Secret Information** by Susan Hood; illustrated by Mary Lundquist. PIC HOOD. Ages 4-8. Attention, Secret Agents. Learn and implement 19 steps to have a successful first day of school. Mission complete!



**School Rules!: Tips, Tricks, Shortcuts, and Secrets to Make You a Super Student** by Emma MacLaren Henke; illustrated by Stacy Peterson. 371 H512. Ages 9-14. Completing quizzes will identify skill sets, while tips and tricks will help maximize potential. Topics range from studying to social dynamics making this a fun and well-rounded read.



**Make the Grade: Everything You Need to Study Better, Stress Less, and Succeed in School** by Lesley Schwartz Martin. 371.30281 M379. Ages 12 & up. This guide offers tips and strategies to follow for success in school. Ideas for time-management, study habits, and much more make this a useful resource for middle and high school students.



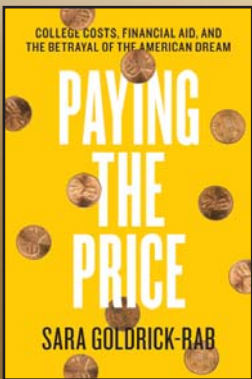
**Back to Dog-Gone School** by Amy Schmidt; photographs by Ron Schmidt. EASY LEVEL 2 SCHMIDT. Ages 6-9. These dogs know a thing or two about having an awesome time at school. This collection of school-themed poetry featuring adorable canines is a great school primer for beginning readers.





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## Meet the Author: Sara Goldrick-Rab



College is far too expensive today, and the confusing mix of federal, state, institutional, and private financial aid leaves countless students without the resources they need to pay for it.

Drawing on an unprecedented study of 3,000 young adults who entered public colleges and universities in Wisconsin in 2008, Sara Goldrick-Rab, author of *Paying the Price*, reveals the devastating effect of these shortfalls. Gripping, infuriating, and motivating, her book is a must-read for anyone who cares about the state of higher education in America today and the students who must pay the price.

Meet Sara Goldrick-Rab on **Thursday, September 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in Centennial Hall, 733 N. Eighth St.

Sponsored by Boswell Book Company. A book signing follows the event.

*Author photo by Andrew Howe*



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**Zablocki** 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave. • **Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library** 813 W. Wells St.  
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