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Be a Super Reader This Summer!

Summer @ MPL has finally arrived featuring three distinct programs with the common goal of creating a strong city of readers and lifelong learners and helping children and teens avoid summer learning loss. Get everyone in the family involved by registering for the Super Reader Squad (ages birth to 12), Teen Summer Challenge (ages 13-18), and Book by Book (ages 18 and up).

When children don't read in summer they can lose as much as 2-3 months of reading skills. These summer losses add up with some children entering high school years behind their peers. Creating a habit of reading and taking advantage of other learning opportunities during the summer reduces summer learning loss and helps to ensure that students are ready for school when they return in the fall. What can we do? Work together as a community to encourage a habit of reading all summer long.

Starting May 20, children can sign up for the **Super Reader Squad** at their favorite branch of the Milwaukee Public Library or online at superreadersquad.org. Make sure to set aside time for reading with the children in your life and give them time to read independently. Help them find books that are just right for their reading level and their interests! Don't forget to check in. Ask children about

the books that they are reading and their progress toward their Super Reader Squad goals. A caring adult checking in makes a big difference in student success.



Teens can sign up for the **Teen Summer Challenge**, an engaging program that encourages reading, learning new skills, and becoming active in the community.

This year's featured challenge is a city-wide, summer long video game production challenge. Game Jams will be held at every MPL location featuring the tools and resources needed to get started on creating video games with professional game developers on hand to help. Teens can sign up for the Teen Summer Challenge at mplteensummerchallenge.org or at their favorite branch.



Be a reading role model by letting the children in your life see you reading. Sign up for MPL's adult summer reading program, **Book by Book**, and track your progress, too.

Thanks for being part of a city of readers!



FROM THE



CITY LIBRARIAN

PAULA A. KIELY

Welcome to a long-awaited Milwaukee summer! After months of wintry weather, we're happy to have the signs of summer upon us.

You'll notice a few important items in this issue of the Reader.

The first is that this issue is combined with June. We have other combined issues throughout the year and have decided that bimonthly issues will be the publication plan for the remainder of 2019. This is one experiment we are rolling out as we rethink the role of the *Reader* in marketing the services and programs of the Milwaukee Public Library. I'll be sharing results of the *Reader* survey we included in the April issue after we've had a chance to receive and compile them. In the meantime, let us know what you think!

We've also included a new feature entitled "Did you know?" Often when I talk with people about our services - either in a professional capacity or a personal one - I inevitably come upon some service or collection of the library of which my audience was unaware. That's a great opportunity for us to spotlight some of our collections and services in the *Reader*. I hope you'll let me or any of our team members know if there's something you're interested in reading more about, or if you want us to spread the news about a library asset you enjoy that you feel is underutilized.

In the future I'm looking forward to introducing you to special collections housed in our Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room, our Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room, and our Business and Periodicals Room and give you a peek behind-the-scenes of some of these rare collections and how we take care of them.

In this issue, please be sure to read about our Summer Reading Programs - bring the young people in your life to the library to sign up, and use the Adult Summer Reading log on the next page to get started on your own summer reading!

Did You Know?

Milwaukee Public Library has News You Can Use!

MPL has a number of newspaper databases that approach news from different perspectives. These databases - and many more - are available remotely for free with your MPL library card from the library's website at www.mpl.org/databases/all/.

New to the database lineup is *The New York Times*. The *NYT* provides in-depth coverage of both national and international affairs, plus sports, lifestyle and financial features.

The library subscribes to *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* news coverage from 1990 to the present, nearly 30 years of searchable city and state events. This product does not show full pages; rather, specific articles are returned based on the search.

PressReader aggregates newspapers and magazines from around the world, including the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, which is readable in the same way as the print edition. *The Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* are just some of the other newspapers available the very day of publication.

Genealogists will enjoy *19th Century U.S. Newspapers*. Early *Milwaukee Journal* and *Milwaukee Sentinel* issues are well-represented, covering significant events such as the Civil War. This database allows users to see the newspapers of the time exactly as they appeared in print.



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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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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 is here to help grown-ups celebrate with the best books around. "Book your summer" at MPL this year!

Read or listen to five books between May 20-August 30, 2019 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). *Redeemable at any MPL location.
- Keep track of your books on this reading log.
- Return completed log to any MPL location by Friday, August 30 and enter for a chance to win a prize.
- One entry per participant. Ages 18 +

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Name: _____

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- Yes, I'd like to receive the MPL E-newsletter!
- I'm interested in becoming a Friends member.



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A special thank you to our 2019 prize sponsors!



FROM THE FRIENDS

OF THE LIBRARY

Grants From Friends of MPL Fund New Materials for Library

The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library have recently funded grants which will enable the library to purchase titles to enhance the children's and teen collections. Funds received will add both new and replacement graphic novels, inclusive literature, and non-fiction skill building items to the collections.

Graphic Novels

Graphic novels are a burgeoning format in youth and young adult literature which are being used in innovative ways to tackle increasingly complex content. Graphic novels are used in classrooms as educational resources for students and can be particularly useful in engaging reluctant readers and English language learners. Decoding illustrations alongside text supports struggling readers and allows all readers to develop essential comprehension and analytical skills.

The ability to process mixed-media is an essential



21st century skill as society is increasingly required to understand messages through a blending of formats, including images, text and audio.

New materials will include titles like *Bloom* by Kevin Panetta; artwork by Savanna Ganucheau and *New Kid* by Jerry Craft.

Inclusive Literature

One of Milwaukee Public Library's fundamental goals as outlined in the MPL 2020 Strategic Plan is to develop services and collections to further engage three target audiences: Young Families, Global Roots, and Traditional Families. Developing inclusive collections that are representative of Milwaukee's diversity is critical to meeting the needs of children, teens and families. Young people need books that serve as mirrors in which they can see themselves, as well as windows that offer them a perspective on the experiences of others.

The availability and popularity of diverse literature for children and teens have flourished in recent years. These resources are actively purchased and additional funding ensures the availability and access to these inclusive titles throughout the library system. Funding will be used to purchase literature that presents a variety of diverse communities in Milwaukee, including books representing people with disabilities, people from diverse cultures and religious groups, and people in the LGBTQIA community.

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Summer Used Book Sale ~ Everything Half Off

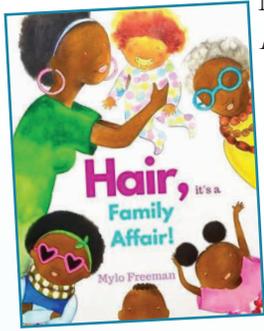
Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.; Community Room 1

The Friends of Milwaukee Public Library present their annual Summer Sale. All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members get VIP entry 30 minutes before the general public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card.

Anodyne Coffee and other refreshments are available for purchase in the R Café located in the Bookseller Used Bookstore. **Next Sale: Saturday, September 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

25-cent Sale - Thousands of Books!



New titles will include *Hair, It's a Family Affair* by Mylo Freeman and *The Beauty of the Moment* by Tanaz Bhathena.

Non-Fiction Skill Building

The Milwaukee Public Library is committed to creating a city of readers and lifelong learners.

These two naturally go hand-in-hand when children and teens use library resources to learn and develop new skills. The library plays a vital role in allowing youth to explore and cultivate their interests, whether they're checking out an art book to hone a technique or using a coding book to develop a 21st century skill. This active use of resources supports youth in developing problem-solving skills and engages their initiative and sense of ownership over their learning, both vital competencies for future success.

Examples of titles purchased include *Cook with Amber: Fun, Fresh Recipes to Get You in the Kitchen* by Amber Kelley and *The Everything Kids' Scratch*



Coding Book: Learn to Code and Create Your Own Cool Games! by Jason Rukman.

Additionally, innovative skill-building through library programming allows students to access additional resources in a supportive and nurturing environment. Being able to connect youth with skill-building books independently and in relation to a library program aligns with the library's mission: "Inspiration starts here - we help people read, learn and connect."

Proceeds from Friends book sales, the Bookseller Used Book Store, and Friends book carts make grants like this possible. You can join the Friends ongoing literacy efforts by renewing your annual membership at supportmpl.org/friends

Pictured below: Teens attended an MKE Hour of Code program sponsored by Newaukee at the Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M: Makerspace at Mitchell Street Branch last year.

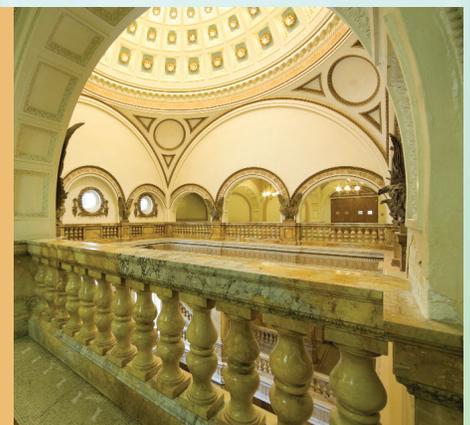


Architectural Tour of Central Library and a FREE Book!

Learn about the fascinating history of the Milwaukee Public Library during a free Architectural Tour of Central Library, located at 814 West Wisconsin Avenue. Docent-led tours are offered every Saturday at 11 a.m. beginning in the Rotunda and last approximately one hour.

End your tour in the Bookseller Used Bookstore & Café and receive a coupon for a FREE book.

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.





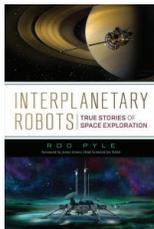
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The Line Between by Tosca Moon Lee.



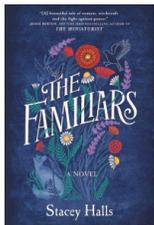
Wynter Roth has just been cast out of a religious cult/commune. To her, the outside world is completely new and bewildering; her mind is on overload. At the same time, an extinct disease re-emerges from the permafrost in Alaska and whole cities are being quarantined. Wynter is given the key to saving humanity, but she must make a choice: save her niece from the cult, or save the world.

Interplanetary Robots: True Stories of Space Exploration by Rod Pyle.



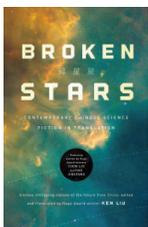
Pyle presents stories of the amazing successes and failures of unmanned space exploration since the 1960s. Written in a non-technical style that makes the information easily accessible, the book is loaded with cool and sometimes humorous facts of robotic endeavors.

The Familiars by Stacey Halls.



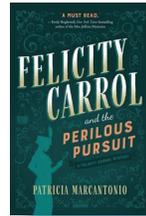
This enchanted tale of magic, the bonds between women, and the exercise of soft power takes place within the rigid framework of 17th century patriarchy. Halls' narrative creates a chink in the wall of history that illuminates the Pendle Witch Trials and beguiles readers with the friendship between young, pregnant Fleetwood and Alice, a midwife and suspected familiar and practitioner of the dark arts.

Broken Stars: Contemporary Chinese Science Fiction in Translation edited and translated by Ken Liu.



Broken Stars offers English-reading audiences a glimpse of the dynamic and diverse work of current Chinese science fiction authors. This anthology is a mere slice of contemporary Chinese science fiction that explores how humanity shapes its worlds, its histories, and its cultures. Avid science fiction fans are left to wonder how else Chinese science fiction may subvert Western ideas of the genre.

Felicity Carrol and the Perilous Pursuit: A Mystery by Patricia Marcantonio.



Against the backdrop of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in England, Felicity Carrol lives a life on the family estate in Surrey, dominated by her father's plans for her future. Wealthy, brilliant, and possessing a photography memory, Felicity calls upon all her resources to help Scotland Yard Inspector Jackson Davies solve a mystery surrounding the death of a college mentor - whether the Inspector wants her help or not.

Do-It-Yourself Garden Projects and Crafts: 60 Planters, Bird Houses, Lotion Bars, Garlands, and More! by Debbie Wolfe.



Wolfe is a DIY contributor to the HGTV and DIY Networks. She shows off her gardening and crafting skills in this collection of unique projects described with easy-to-understand steps and great photos that help readers envision the completed project.

Unmarriageable: A Novel by Soniah Kamal.



Taking Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* as initial inspiration, Kamal catapults the reader beyond a discussion of class politics and arranged marriage in modern day Pakistan to reflect on men and women's potential role in, and influence of, gender equality, religious diversity, and cultural pride in post-colonial Pakistan and its growing diaspora.

The Secret Lives of Glaciers by M Jackson.



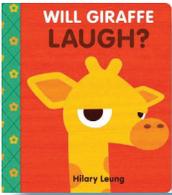
This lyrical exploration of the relationship between the Icelandic people and the glacial landscape that surrounds them tells a larger, and ultimately hopeful, story of the impact of climate change. Author, Fulbright scholar, and glaciologist Dr. M Jackson describes the urgency of the climate challenge by blending the language of poetry and Icelandic folklore with the data of climate science.

Submitted by staff from the Zablocki Library.

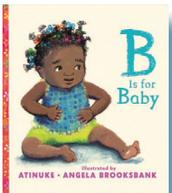
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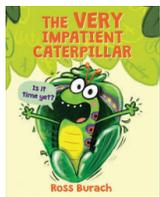
Books to Start Reading with the Super Reader Squad



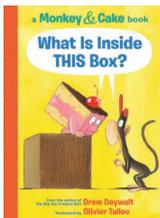
Will Giraffe Laugh? by Hilary Leung. Ages 0-4. Giraffe is grumpy. Nothing his friends do – not even juggling or puppet shows – can make him smile. But when his friends need a laugh, will Giraffe find his funny bone?



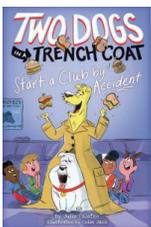
B is for Baby by Atinuke; illustrated by Angela Brooksbank. Ages 2-6. Baby and her big brother travel by bicycle all around the village. Along the way, they encounter a bounty of words beginning with the letter B.



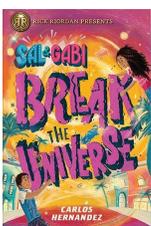
The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach. Ages 4-7. In this hilarious and informative picture book, a harried caterpillar learns metamorphosis is no easy task and good things take time.



What is Inside THIS Box? by Drew Daywalt; illustrated by Olivier Tallec. Ages 4-8. Friends Monkey and Cake are perplexed. How can they figure out what's in a box that, once opened, seems empty? This beginning reader delights with silly shenanigans and philosophical puzzles.



Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Start a Club by Accident by Julie Falatko; illustrated by Colin Jack. Ages 7-12. Waldo and Sassy are typical dogs—they love meat and cheese. When they accidentally start a sandwich club at school, their passions lead to hilarious hijinks!



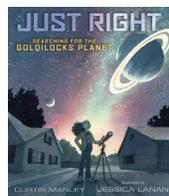
Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Alberto Pablo Hernandez. Ages 8-12. Sal, a budding magician, has a real superpower: conjuring objects through space and time. Gabi is onto his secret, and Sal might need her help when his powers go topsy-turvy.



Max & the Midnights by Lincoln Peirce. Ages 7-12. Max longs for knighthood. When his uncle is kidnapped by the dastardly King Gastley, he gets his chance, setting off on a rescue mission with some brave friends.



The Breakaways by Cathy G. Johnson. Ages 8-14. Faith wants to fit in. When a shot at popularity arises, with an invitation to join a soccer team, she takes it—learning some valuable life lessons along the way.



Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet by Curtis Manley; illustrated by Jessica Lanan. Ages 5-11. Are we alone in the universe? The search for exoplanets, or planets beyond our solar system, comes to life through poetic text, bold illustrations, and fascinating facts.



On the Come Up by Angie Thomas. Ages 14-18. Bri wants to make it as a rapper, but when problems arise after she wins a neighborhood rap battle, her dreams become even more important to her.



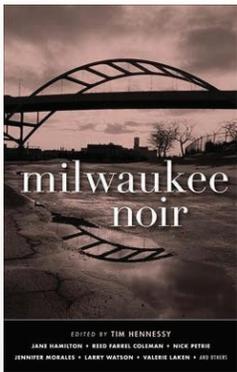
Superman: Dawnbreaker by Matt de la Peña. Ages 12-14. The DC Icons series continues as Clark Kent teams up with Lana Lang to look for missing undocumented workers in Smallville.



Bloom by Kevin Panetta; illustrated by Savanna Ganucheau. Ages 14-18. Pursuing his musician dreams, Ari decides to leave his family's bakery and move to the city. But when he falls for his replacement, he becomes conflicted about his future.



See Milwaukee Through the Lens of 14 Local Authors!



Years ago an indie press, Akashic Books, started a series of noir short story collections. It began with *Brooklyn Noir*, but now includes collections featuring more than 90 cities. Milwaukee is getting its turn in the spotlight with a new collection, edited by Tim Hennessy, featuring 14 brand new stories contributed by authors who've experienced life in the city of Milwaukee.

Publisher's Weekly notes that "Milwaukee bookseller and writer Hennessy does justice to the harsher aspects of his hometown in this fine anthology, which demolishes what he calls 'the romanticized nostalgia that Happy Days and Laverne & Shirley created of Milwaukee.'"

Merriam-Webster defines the noir genre as crime fiction featuring hard-boiled cynical characters and bleak sleazy settings. Goodreads.com adds the distinction that the protagonist is not a detective, but rather a victim, a suspect, or a perpetrator. Noir can also be seen as a genuine form of social commentary. The contributors here don't just tell a great story, they write about the struggles and resiliency of the people who live in the city and throughout its neighborhoods.

You won't want to miss *Milwaukee Noir*; it's an opportunity to read new work from familiar authors including Jane Hamilton, Shauna Singh Baldwin, Larry Watson, Jennifer Morales and James E. Causey, set in the unique neighborhoods of Milwaukee including Yankee Hill and Silver City.

- Contributed by Jacki Potratz, *Popular Materials Selector*

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