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## Local Literacy Leaders Jay & Madonna Williams Honored at 30th anniversary fundraiser



### *2018 Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration, benefiting Milwaukee Public Library*

The Milwaukee Public Library Foundation is pleased to honor Jay & Madonna Williams with the 2018 Benjamin Franklin Award at a celebratory event at historic Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Avenue, on **Thursday, October 11, 2018** beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Foundation's prestigious annual Benjamin Franklin Award recognizes local leaders who

have made significant contributions to literacy and life-long learning. Proceeds from the event support Milwaukee Public Library.

The mission of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation is to provide essential support through private contributions for books, materials, programs, and library facilities to ensure the Milwaukee Public Library's continued standing as a great library responsive to community needs. More than 90% of Milwaukee Public Library's 6,000 programs are funded by private donor support through the foundation.

Dan Renouard, Managing Director of Robert W. Baird & Co. is President of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation's Board of Directors. "The Williamses are long-time library supporters and advocates," says Renouard. "An early leader at

the Foundation, Jay supported major renovations to the Central Library, and helped establish the first endowment for the library's collection of children's books. It's fitting that during our Foundation's thirtieth anniversary, we recognize these recipients who understand the vital connection between a vibrant public library and a strong Milwaukee."

"Libraries represent the key that unlocks the world by providing every resident an equal opportunity to participate in lifelong learning. They are a fundamental cornerstone of a free and open society," say Jay & Madonna Williams. "We are excited to receive this award, and to be part of this event showcasing the library's newest innovations." Guests at the celebration will have an opportunity to experience how children and adults are using technology in today's library.

Established in 1988, the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation remains true to its original vision of generating private sector support to supplement tax-based funding. For reservations, sponsorships and more information on the 2018 Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration, please visit [mpl.org/franklin](http://mpl.org/franklin), email [foundation@mpl.org](mailto:foundation@mpl.org), or call 414.286.3784.

**2018** BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AWARDS CELEBRATION  
OPENING THE DOOR TO INNOVATION

*Read about celebrity chef demonstration on page 3*

FROM THE



# CITY LIBRARIAN

PAULA A. KIELY

September is the month for one of my favorite events at the library - Doors Open Milwaukee. There is nothing more satisfying to me than having the opportunity to show off the Central Library to people who may not have had the chance lately to visit this stunning Milwaukee and national historic landmark.

I hope you'll include Central Library on your list of places to visit on **Saturday, September 22 from 10 am to 5 pm**. As in the past eight years, we will offer mini guided tours of the rotunda dome, green roof, 4th floor attic, and the 3rd tier basement. There are also several self-guided tours of public and non-public areas throughout the building. Although Central is still closed on Sundays until October, we will open the rotunda for viewing on Sunday, September 23 from noon to 5 p.m. for tours of the dome only.

This year we're also pleased to add the Mitchell Street Branch to the list of places open for special behind-the-scenes and introductory tours. Our newest branch is at 906 W. Historic Mitchell St. On Saturday you'll be able to see the results of this historical restoration and redevelopment. Take a look at the sorting machine, and visit the Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M maker space and the Cargill Community Kitchen.

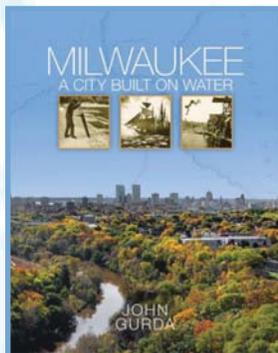
According to Historic Milwaukee, Inc., Doors Open Milwaukee is now the 4th most highly attended open house-type event worldwide, and we're proud to have been part of this initiative from the start.

I encourage you to use Doors Open Milwaukee as an opportunity to reacquaint yourself with your Milwaukee Public Library and all it has to offer including free classes, workshops, author visits, and story times, programs on conservation, job skills, health, computers, nutrition, legal and financial assistance, and just-for-fun programs like book clubs, crafts, journaling, and countless programs for children and teens.

Our doors are open year-round for everyone to read, learn and connect with the library and the community. Join us!

## John Gurda presents *Milwaukee: A City Built on Water*

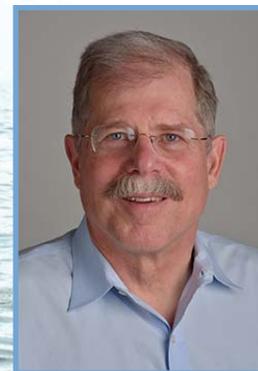
The success and survival of Milwaukee lies in the rivers that meander through its streets and the great lake at its shore.



In *Milwaukee: A City Built on Water*, celebrated historian John Gurda expands on his popular Milwaukee Public Television documentary. Telling tales of brewers, brickmakers, ecologists, and engineers, Gurda explores the city's complicated connection with its most precious resource and greatest challenge during a program in Centennial Hall, 733 N. Eighth St., on

**Monday, October 1, 6-7:30 p.m.**

John Gurda is a Milwaukee-born writer and historian, author of 21 books including histories of Milwaukee-area neighborhoods, churches, and industries. He is also a photographer, lecturer, and local history columnist for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.



*Boswell Books will have books available for purchase. The event is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press.*



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**Mission:** Inspiration starts here – we help people read, learn, and connect.

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## James Beard Finalist Justin Carlisle Featured at the Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration

Make your reservations for an evening of elegance, unique experiences and fine dining. Guest chef Justin Carlisle is proud to show his support for the library with a special cooking demonstration at the event. He is excited by the library's new Teen Cooking and Wellness series of programs, and will partner with a library teen intern to cook together, and interact with guests.



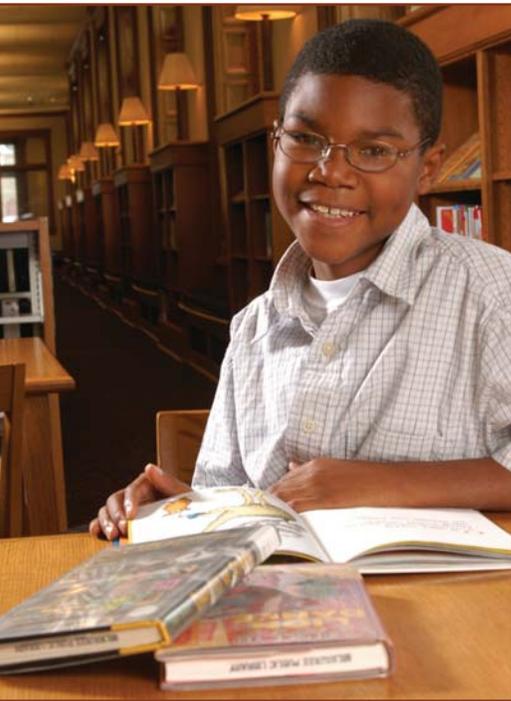
- ❖ Chef demonstration with James Beard Finalist Justin Carlisle.
- ❖ Interactive stations with Milwaukee Public Library's Teen Interns. Learn how our community is using technology in today's library.
- ❖ Live auction will benefit Milwaukee Public Library.

This one-of-a-kind celebration provides a chance to experience a fun and very non-traditional library event complete with signature cocktails, behind the scenes tours, interactive experiences and sumptuous culinary delights prepared just for this event. You can enjoy all of this in the renowned Central Library, Milwaukee's historic architectural landmark.



## Help Support Students for Success

Support students this school year and equip them with the tools necessary for educational success when they head back to school with a library card.



When you make a gift to the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, you support powerful educational programs for children, teens, and adults. The Milwaukee Public Library collaborates with Milwaukee's public and private schools because what happens outside of the classroom is as important as what happens in it.

For elementary to 12th grade students, LibraryNow offers

access to tutoring help, book and music downloads, magazines, games, research databases and more online at [mpl.org/librarynow](http://mpl.org/librarynow). The Teacher in the Library program provides students with in-person help from a teacher after school.

Older and adult students appreciate resources like the online classes available through Gale Courses ([mpl.org/databases/all/95](http://mpl.org/databases/all/95)), and a vast array of research databases containing articles on thousands of academic subjects - many of which can't be found on the internet without a library card.

Drop-in adult tutoring is also available, as well as many convenient neighborhood branch meeting rooms, computers and quiet places to study.

You can help by investing in Milwaukee's anchor institution that continually works to strengthen our community in the critical areas of literacy, opportunity and inspiration. **Please visit [mpl.org/donate](http://mpl.org/donate) today.**

With the support of donors like you, the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation funds the programs that help students in Milwaukee reach their full potential. Thank you!

## Flowers For Dreams September 2018 Charity of the Month

A promotional graphic for Flowers For Dreams. It features a bouquet of flowers in the top right corner. The text reads: "EST. 2017 FLOWERS FOR DREAMS Hey Milwaukee! Send Flowers IN SEPTEMBER 134 W. PITTSBURGH AVE. MILWAUKEE, WI 53204 Your flower orders will support MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION". At the bottom right, there is a small illustration of a bicycle with a basket of flowers.

Milwaukee Public Library Foundation is grateful to partner with Flowers for Dreams in the month of September. Flowers for Dreams, an online flower delivery service, was founded in 2012 to make flowers more inspiring and more accessible.

With locations in both Chicago and Milwaukee, the company specializes in locally crafted bouquets offered at fair and honest prices, with free delivery. Stems are hand curated at local markets to create fresh, unique bouquets for every customer.

**Every purchase at Flowers for Dreams benefits an amazing local charity. Each month, they feature one worthy cause and contribute 1/4 of all profits to it.**

It is their mission and one of their core business functions to support organizations who are bettering our community. They're eager to support the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation during the month of September.

**Learn more and make your September flowers order at [www.flowersfordreams.com](http://www.flowersfordreams.com) or call (414) 944-0826.**



# FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## Friends invite you to the Bookseller — Ask about the New Premium Books Section

If you're a book lover and you haven't shopped in the Bookseller, please stop in for a coffee and enjoy browsing a huge selection of books! New premium books await you. Find recent bestsellers, newly published and unique non-fiction and fiction alike for a fraction of the price of any other book store in town. The Bookseller Used Book Store

and Café is located in Milwaukee's Downtown Central Library. Operated by the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library and staffed entirely by volunteers, it generates revenue to support the library. Shop and support literacy in Milwaukee!



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

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 Used Book Store and 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.



## 25-cent Used Book Sale

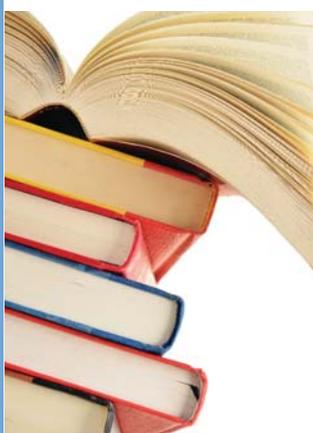
**Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

### *Community Room 1, first floor*

Features a large selection of gently used books including adult fiction and nonfiction titles for only 25 cents each. Children's books 2 for 25 cents. **Join or renew your Friends membership on the day of the sale to be entered to win a library gift basket!** All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with a current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card.

Interested in volunteering in the Bookseller or at Friends Book Sales? Email [friendsbookseller@gmail.com](mailto:friendsbookseller@gmail.com) for more information.

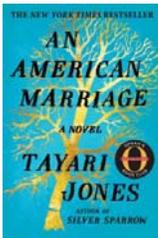
**Next Sale: Saturday, November 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Holiday and Children's Sale**





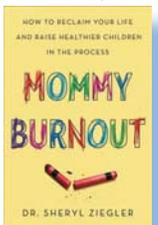
# THE BOOKSHELF

## **An American Marriage: A Novel** by Tayari Jones.



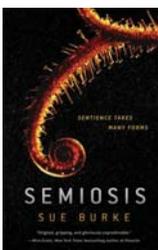
Issues of race, class, circumstances, and injustice converge in this complicated and suspenseful modern marriage tale alternating among three different narrating characters, illustrating how the same sequence of events can manifest into completely different stories for each person involved.

## **Mommy Burnout: How to Reclaim Your Life and Raise Healthier Children in the Process** by Dr. Sheryl Ziegler.



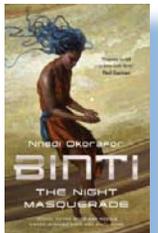
Whether you are a stay-at-home mom or a mom with a job, you love your kids. Factor in the time and stress of work, school, childcare, finances, lessons, and Facebook, and even the best mom can burn out. Ziegler explores ways to prevent it.

## **Semiosis** by Sue Burke.



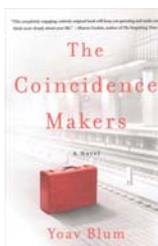
With Earth falling into chaos, a mission is launched to migrate humans to a distant planet. 158 years later, the colonists awaken from a cryogenic slumber to find that their new world is nothing like the one they left behind. Survival is onerous, but, with aid from an unexpected source, it might just be possible.

## **Binti: The Night Masquerade** by Nnedi Okorafor.



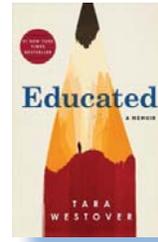
In the final book of this science fiction trilogy, it is once again up to Binti to bring peace between two races that have killed each other on sight for centuries. If a truce cannot be made, her small tribe will be the ones to pay the price.

## **The Coincidence Makers: A Novel** by Yoav Blum.



Their job is to create small coincidences that go unnoticed by the large majority of the population. Then three Coincidence Makers face the ultimate question: "Do Coincidence Makers have Coincidence Makers?"

## **Educated: A Memoir** by Tara Westover.



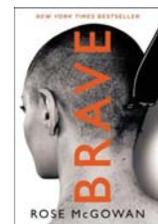
Raised on a remote Idaho mountain by survivalists, Westover shares her physical and emotional journey from an off-the-grid childhood home with no formal education and very little homeschooling to the halls of academia in England and the U.S. Without judgment of the parties involved, she exquisitely describes in matter-of-fact yet suspenseful detail how both worlds can contain safety and danger, love and fear, conviction and a disconnect.

## **Paper Girls**. Brian K. Vaughan, writer; Cliff Chiang, artist; Matt Wilson, colors; Jared K. Fletcher, letters.



In this installment of the time travelling adventure, our heroines are launched from prehistoric times to the year 2000. Y2K is even more of a cataclysm than feared, and the only person who can save the future is a 12-year-old girl from 1988.

## **Brave: Cult Member, Runaway, Captive, Starlet, Victim, Sex Symbol, Justice Seeker**



by Rose McGowan. Despite being born into a cult and enduring a difficult childhood, Rose McGowan managed to become a Hollywood starlet and the star of TV's *Charmed*. This memoir is gritty, raw, and exposes the dark side of the Hollywood casting couch and the politics of being a feminist in today's world.

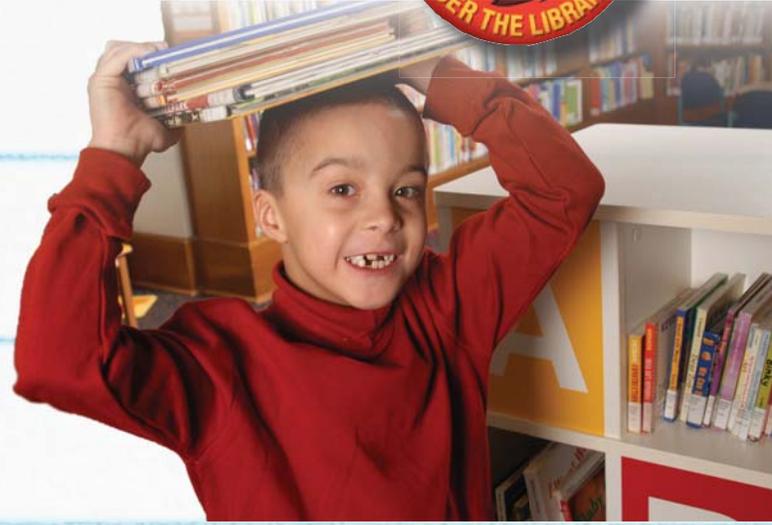
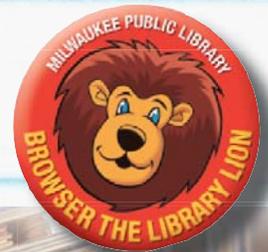
## **The Dante Chamber** by Matthew Pearl.



Visit Dante's Purgatory, as murders inspired by the poet's tale send Christina Rossetti and her companions on a quest through London's high society and its seamy underbelly hoping to rescue her brother, painter and poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti, before it's too late.

- Contributed by staff of the Bay View Branch

# CHILDREN'S ROOM



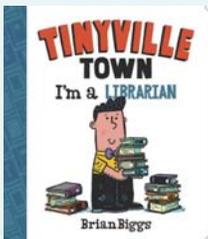
## National Library Card Sign-up Month

Students in Milwaukee are heading back to school with a great tool for school success - a library card! Because September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, people across the country are visiting their local libraries. Getting a library card is quick, easy, and free. Once you have your library card, you can start using it right away! Already have a card? Celebrate by visiting your neighborhood library and attending a program or trying a new database. Library cards can be used to check out books, DVDs, magazines, e-books, and much more. Library cards also give you access to the library's computers and databases. We even have databases just for kids, including Brainfuse which offers virtual tutors and one-on-one homework help.

Milwaukee Public Library wants to keep the excitement of new library cards going all year! During the upcoming school year, librarians will be visiting first grade classrooms all over the city. Becoming a first grader brings new responsibilities and independence, making first grade a great time for students to get their own library cards.

If you have a first grader, keep an eye out for handouts coming home about our school visit.

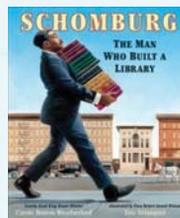
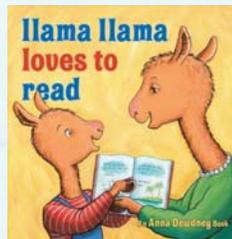
Whether you are signing up for your very first library card or you are a seasoned library user, we hope to see you this month at the Milwaukee Public Library. Keep the enthusiasm going all month long with these great reads for library and book lovers!



**I'm a Librarian** by Brian Biggs.  
Ages 1-4.

In the latest Tinyville Town series, follow Kevin the librarian throughout his day and join the hunt to find the missing books.

**Llama Llama Loves to Read** by Anna Dewdney and Reed Duncan; illustrated by JT Morrow. Ages 3-6. Llama Llama spends his day at school learning to read and write with his friends. After school, he can't wait to show his mama how he can read.

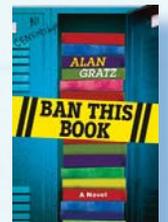


**Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library** by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Ages 8 & up.

The life of Arturo Schomburg and his keen eye and knowledge for curating African American history is richly detailed and illustrated in this picture

book biography.

**Ban This Book** by Alan Gratz. Ages 9-12. When a beloved book, *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, gets banned from the school library, fourth-grader Amy Anne and her friends creatively advocate for their right to choose what they read.



**The Magician's Hat** by Malcolm Mitchell; illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff. Ages 4-7. When a magician performs at the library, the children discover the wonder of books that can help them envision what they want to be when they grow up.



**Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race** by Chris Grabenstein. Ages 9-14.

In the latest competition, Kyle and Abia's research uncovers some troubling "facts" that could tarnish the reputation of their hero. The two must put their skills to the test to uncover the truth.



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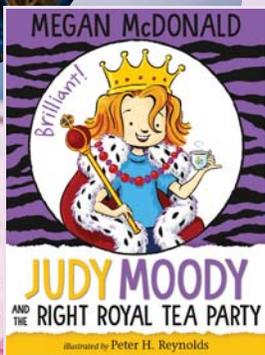
## Judy Moody Tea Party with author Megan McDonald!

Celebrate the latest book in the Judy Moody series, *Judy Moody and the Right Royal Tea Party* with author Megan McDonald. Enjoy a fun and regal tea party, author talk, book signing and more! Registration is required; call 286-3011 or register online at [mpl.org](http://mpl.org).

Co-sponsor Boswell Book Company will be on hand selling Megan McDonald's books.

**Sunday, October 14, 2-3 pm**

**Centennial Hall, Loos Room, 733 N. 8th Street**



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