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MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY · FALL 2023

THE LIBRARY BOOKLET



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OUR UPDATED
TEEN AREA!**

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OUR MISSION: Together we create a welcoming community that empowers everyone to learn, connect, create, and grow.

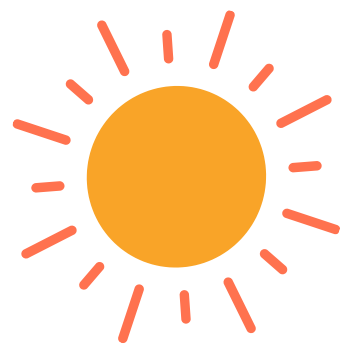


USE THE EDGAR ROOM AS A QUIET STUDY SPACE!

When it is not being used for programs or by other groups, our meeting room can now be used as a quiet space to work. Check the quiet work schedule for the day on the sign posted by the meeting room and on the front door.



SUMMER BY THE NUMBERS



235,000
MINUTES OF READING RECORDED BY THE MAHOMET COMMUNITY



650
HOTDOGS SERVED AT OUR I SPY SUMMER KICKOFF



540
KONA ICE TREATS SERVED ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



42 ANSWER TO THE ULTIMATE QUESTION OF LIFE, THE UNIVERSE, & EVERYTHING

670
KIDS SIGNED UP FOR OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM



86 WONDER BOOKS OWNED BY THE LIBRARY

2 WONDER BOOKS AVAILABLE ON OUR SHELVES ON JUNE 30



13,353
PEOPLE VISITED THE LIBRARY

1,335 
NEW ITEMS ADDED TO OUR COLLECTION THIS SUMMER

4,483 
CHILDREN'S BOOKS CHECKED OUT DURING OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR

NEW

TEEN SPACE



AFTER

BEFORE



The Mahomet Public Library is excited to announce our newly-renovated Teen Space! Our former teen area welcomed teenagers, but the space was small and lacked an official identity. So, in May, we expanded and rearranged the area to better accommodate our teen population. Now, the shiny, new Teen Space sign clearly identifies the area! We also added four new computers at a large work table and some cozy chairs, as well as a bookshelf to house a new, continually-growing middle school collection.



The physical Teen Space at the Library isn't the only space to get an update! Check out our Teen page on our new website for upcoming teen programs, resources, and more!



SUNSHINE, STROLLS, & STORIES: THE NEW STORYWALK AT LAKE OF THE WOODS IS A MULTI-SENSORY EXPERIENCE!

Take a stroll outside while you read along with a storybook!

The Mahomet Public Library has partnered with the Champaign County Forest Preserve District to establish a fun StoryWalk at Lake of the Woods. The StoryWalk is a self-guided walk with multiple storyboards (containing different pages of a story) placed along the Museum Meander Trail at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve. The entire trail is a little less than half a mile long, making it an enjoyable activity for all ages! The StoryWalk is a permanent installation that will feature a new story every 6-8 weeks.

Visit the StoryWalk any time during Preserve open hours (from dawn to dusk). You can park at the Museum of the Grand Prairie and follow the signs across the street to the trailhead. Happy trails!



The trail begins at the circled area, across the road from the Museum, and continues in the direction of the arrow.

SAVE THE DATE
STORYWALK GRAND OPENING
Saturday, September 9
part of CCFPD's Prairie Stories event and Welcoming Week activities

11:00 am: ribbon cutting & dedication

11:00 am-2:00 pm: library booth with activities

These events will take place at the trailhead.



friends of the
Mahomet Public Library

Do you love the Mahomet Public Library? If you have ever wanted to be more involved in supporting the Library, consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Mahomet Public Library!

Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization that provides financial and volunteer support for programs, collections, and the public use of the Mahomet Public Library. They host a couple of the most popular events of the year: bi-annual used book sales and the I Spy Summer kickoff at the Library. In addition to volunteering at events, they donate equipment, library supplies and program materials, and fundraise for the Library.



SAVE THE DATE: FALL BOOK SALE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19*
5:00-8:00 pm

**friends only - join at the door!*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
9:00 am-6:00 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
9:00 am-5:00 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
1:00-4:00 pm

Member benefits include early admission to book sales and the opportunity to participate in activities and meet other people who share your interest in the Library! Ready to join? It only costs \$5 per year for individuals or \$10 per family.

For more information and to join, visit mahometpubliclibrary.org/friends or the FMPL Facebook page at facebook.com/FriendsofMahometLibrary.



BOOK CLUBS

COOKBOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 5 & November 7 | 6:00-7:30 pm



This book club is perfect for adults who enjoy cooking and sharing food together! Choose a recipe from the selected cookbook to make and share with the group.
September 5: *Modern Comfort Food* by Ina Garten
November 7: *Smitten Kitten Keepers* by Deb Perelman
Adults. Registration required.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesdays (09.12, 10.10, 11.14, 12.12) | 6:30-8:00 pm



Join us each month at the Library as we discuss that month's great read!
September 12: *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
October 10: *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy
November 14: *The Good Left Undone* by Adrianna Tigliani
December 12: *Wishin' and Hopin'* by Wally Lamb
Adults. No registration required.

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS BOOK CLUB

Thursday October 12, November 2 & 16 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Unlike book clubs that discuss a different title at each meeting, the Critical Conversations Book Club studies one book in depth over multiple sessions. This fall, they will discuss the book *Eloquent Rage* by Brittney Cooper. During each meeting, the group will have a facilitated discussion on a different section of the book.
Adults. Via Zoom. Registration required.

HOW TO LOVE YOUR FAMILY WHEN YOU HATE THEIR POLITICS



WITH THE ROCK COUNSELING GROUP

THURS, NOV. 2 | 6:30 PM

The holidays are coming and that means time with family. How do you navigate these get-togethers when the conversation turns to politics or other hot-button issues?

The staff of Rock Counseling Group will offer us some tips on managing controversial topics, setting appropriate boundaries, maintaining loving relationships, and protecting your mental and emotional health.

Adults. No registration required.

ROLE WITH IT! PLAY-READING GROUP



THIRD SUNDAYS
 SEPT 17 • OCT 15 • NOV 19
 2:00-4:30 PM

September: *Peter and the Starcatcher* by Rick Elice
 October: *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring
 November: *It's a Wonderful Life* by James W. Rodgers

Adults and Teens. Registration required.



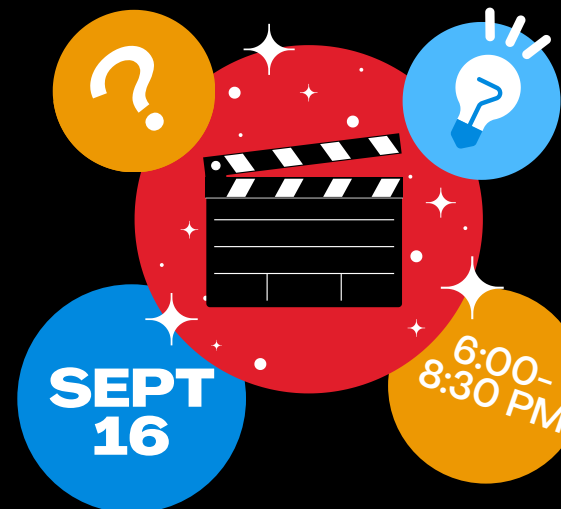
COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP

THURS, DEC. 14
 6:30-7:30 PM

Good things crumb to those who wait! Come decorate sugar cookies at the Library. We'll use piping and flooding techniques with royal icing. You don't want to miss this dough-lightful workshop!
Cookies and supplies will be provided.

Adults and Teens. Registration required.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT



Love movies? Love trivia? Enjoy our movie-themed trivia night! The top-scoring participants will win a prize!

Adults. Register individually or as a team of up to 4 people.

ADULT CRAFT CONNECTION



ADULT CRAFTERNOON

First Tuesdays (09.05, 10.03, 11.07) | 1:00-2:00 pm

Craft with friends! Make a craft with supplies provided by the Library OR bring your own craft to work on!
September: Fall banner with book page leaves
October: Gnomes
November: Scandinavian felt trees
Adults. No registration required.



ADULT TAKE & MAKE KITS

Weeks of September 25, October 30, November 27

Pick up a kit with supplies and instructions for a craft!
September: Clay leaf dish
October: Embroidery hoop spider web
November: Pressed flower lantern
Adults. First come, first served. While supplies last.

STITCHING CIRCLE

Third Tuesdays (09.19, 10.17, 11.21) | 1:00-3:00 pm

Enjoy a crafty hobby while making friends! Bring your fiber arts project to the Library to work on while socializing with others.
Some supplies will also be available for use.
Adults. No registration required.

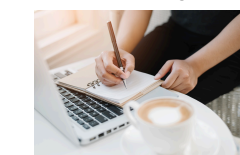



WRITERS' WORKSHOP

PEN TO PAPER: CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Saturday 09.02, 10.14, 11.04 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Get creative! This monthly writing workshop is for adults (aged 18+). Writers will have a chance to share their work and receive feedback from fellow writers.
Adults. Registration required.



WRITE ON! TEEN WRITING GROUP

Thursday 09.07, 10.12, 11.09 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Keep your writing skills sharp! This monthly writing group for teens will discuss different aspects of the writing process and take turns sharing our work with the group. Creative writers of all levels are welcome!
Grades 6-12. Registration required.



BOOK OR TREAT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Stop by the Library in your Halloween costume, get some goodies, and do some crafts!

All ages. No registration required.



HALLOWEEN MOVIE — ON THE LAWN —

SAT, OCT. 28 | 6:30 PM
FEATURING: THE ADDAMS FAMILY (2019)

All ages. No registration required. Free popcorn. Weather-permitting. Please bring lawn chairs.

ELEMENTARY EXPLORERS

WEDNESDAYS | 3:30-4:30 PM* | GRADES K-5
*1:30-2:30 PM on early out days (indicated with an asterisk)

ART CLUB



SEPTEMBER
9.6 | 9.13 | 9.20* | 9.27

NOVEMBER
11.1* | 11.8 | 11.15 | 11.29

LEGO CLUB



OCTOBER
10.4 | 10.11 | 10.18*

DECEMBER
12.6* | 12.13

OPEN-ENDED PLAY TIME EVERY FRIDAY! PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE



SEPT. 1 - DEC. 8 | 10:00 to 11:00 AM
(no playdate 10.20 or 11.24)

For children ages 2-5 (younger siblings welcome). No registration required.

POTTERING AROUND THE UK REAL-LIFE LOCATIONS FROM THE WORLD OF HARRY POTTER

with Anglophile & former UK resident Claire Evans

Thursday, October 26 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Travel vicariously on a historic, scenic, architectural, and (occasionally) culinary tour of Harry Potter's magical world! From London to Scotland and points in between, admire the amazing real-life locations film scouts picked throughout the best of the British Isles, and get tips if you'd like to visit the sights yourself one day.

All ages. Via Zoom. Registration required.



STORYTIME

SEPTEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 6*

BABY STORYTIME (AGES 0-18 MONTHS):
Tuesdays, 9:30-9:50 am

TODDLER STORYTIME (AGES 18-36 MONTHS):
Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30 am

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (AGES 3-5 YEARS):
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 am

*No Storytime: October 24 & 25, November 22



MAKE & TAKE ORNAMENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
9:30am-1:00pm

Make your own ornaments for your tree!
All ages. No registration required.

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Music @ the Library

MSHS Madrigals

Kick off the holiday season with a festive performance by the always-amazing Mahomet-Seymour High School Madrigals!



SUN, DEC. 3 | 2:00 PM

All ages. No registration required.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER



***GOODNIGHT STORYTIME:**
Fri, Nov. 10 | 5:30 pm

GOOD MORNING STORYTIME:
Sat, Nov. 11 | 11:00 am

***Can't make Goodnight Storytime?**
Drop off the stuffed animal during library hours on Friday, November 9

Check out our social media pages throughout the evening to see how your stuffed animal friend is doing!

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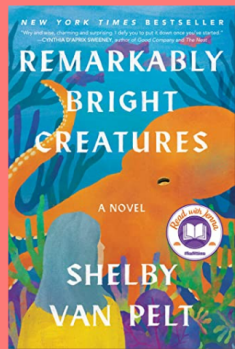
GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

For kids ages 8-13! Please register.

At the September session, we'll discuss *All's Faire in Middle School* by Victoria Jamieson. At the October session, we'll discuss *Amulet: The Stone Keeper* by Kazu Kibuishi.

SEPT 15 & OCT 13
3:30-4:30 PM

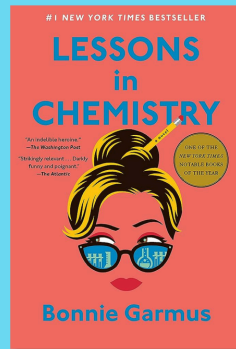
ALYSSA'S PICK: REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES



Tova Sullivan works at an aquarium, where she befriends Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened to Tova's son, who disappeared years ago. Now he must use every trick he can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late. It's a beautifully told story about grief, hope, friendship, and new beginnings.

Find it on our fiction shelves and in the Libby, Hoopla, or CloudLibrary apps.

CAROL'S PICK: LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY



Lessons in Chemistry combines feminism and humor. It's a historical fiction story about a brilliant single mother scientist, Elizabeth Zott, in a 1960s men's world.

Find it on our fiction shelves, and in the CloudLibrary or Libby apps.

BECCA'S PICK: THE FLAMINGO



The Flamingo tells the story of a girl going on a solo trip to visit her grandmother for the first time. The artwork is absolutely gorgeous and the relationship between the grandmother and grandchild is so sweet.

Find it on our juvenile graphic novel shelves.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide early literacy initiative that encourages children (ages 0-5) and their caregivers to foster a love of reading.

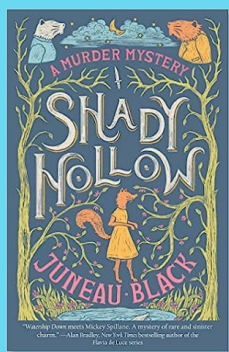
How To Participate:

- Keep track of the books you and your child read together using the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Log (repeat readings count!)
- Each time you and your child read 100 books together, stop by the Library for a sticker, a bead for their brag tag, a new reading log, and a milestone photo!
- After reading 1000 books, your child will receive a free book, a gold star bead for their brag tag, and a commemorative bookplate to put in their favorite book in our collection!



STAFF PICKS

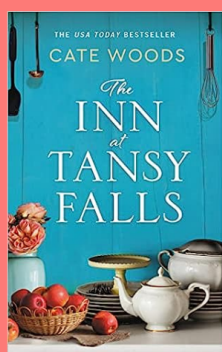
KATHY'S PICK: SHADY HOLLOW



This cozy mystery is set in a woodland village with the twist that all the characters are animals. This makes it different and all the more fun!

Find it on our fiction shelves and in the Libby app.

STAFF PICK: THE INN AT TANSY FALLS



A young woman, following instructions from a dying friend, travels from London to a small town in Vermont to find healing and growth.

Find it on our fiction shelves.

AERA'S PICK: BLOOD LIKE MAGIC



A magical world centered in a near-future version of our own with high stakes and an amazing message about love and family, *Blood Like Magic* by Liselle Sambury is a great read for anyone who enjoys cross-genre stories with high stakes, witches, romance, and some sci-fi!

Find it on our young adult shelves, and in the Libby or CloudLibrary apps.



MEET OUR LIBRARY DIRECTOR!

JOHN HOWARD

Q: Tell us a little about yourself.

A: I was born in Davenport, Iowa, but have spent my adult life in Illinois. I have five adult kids and two grandkids. I worked as a fundraiser and nonprofit consultant for about 15 years before I started working in libraries. This is very much a second career for me. My hobbies include acting, music, and reading (obviously). And, I recently took up pickleball!

Q: Why did you become a library director?

A: One of the best days of my childhood was the day Davenport Public Library opened a branch just three blocks from my home. I read voraciously as a kid. The public library was my happy place—and it still is. My first library job was in 2007 when I worked for Alliance Library System training about 150 libraries on their new library software. During the Great Recession, I worked part-time at Morton Public Library, then eventually became full-time. In 2014, I had to make a decision—get my master's degree and become a library director, or become a network consultant. I followed my heart instead of my wallet. My first director's job started one month before I completed my degree, and I've been a library director ever since.

Q: What book do you think everyone should read?

A: Two business books that taught me skills I use every day are *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie, and *On Writing Well* by William Zinnser. Both are older books, and both are must-reads in my opinion for any who writes or works with people. When I gift a copy of the Dale Carnegie book, I mark the book with "must read" sections.

Q: What is one thing you wish more people knew about the Mahomet Public Library?

A: We have lots of books, but we're not just about books anymore.

Q: What book(s) are you currently reading?

A: I'm almost always in 2-3 different books. I'm reading *One Summer: America, 1927* by Bill Bryson at breakfast. My lunch book is *The Road to Roswell* by Connie Willis, a funny sci-fi book. I mostly read nonfiction and science fiction or fantasy.