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

PICK-UP LOCKERS

Pick up your held items without leaving your car by using the lockers located on the east side of our building.

Simply call us with a 4-digit code!



FREE NOTARY PUBLIC & I-9 SERVICES

The Library offers Notary Public service at no charge. Please call ahead to make sure a notary will be available when you come.

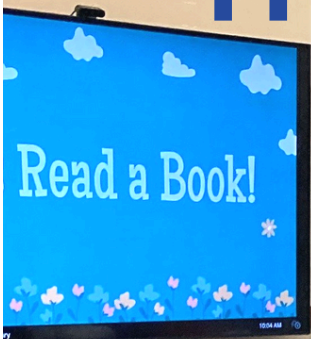
Our notary publics can also complete I-9 forms for remote employees.



Visit our website for more info.



THE LIBRARY BOOKLET



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Photo: Miss Becca reads a book during Baby Storytime!

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LIVE CHAT WITH US!

Our live chat service is now available during our regular business hours!

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Instantly download and stream free videos, music, audiobooks, comics, and eBooks on your mobile device or computer using Hoopla Digital. Use your Mahomet library card to borrow up to 5 titles each month! Hoopla is available on any of the following devices:

- iOS and Android devices
- Kindle Fire HDX tablets (not Kindle Paperwhite or other eReaders like it)
- personal computers, laptops, and Chromebooks
- Apple CarPlay and Android Auto
- Chromecast (including Chromecast Ultra and Smart TVs with Chromecast)
- Roku

LIBRARY CARDS FOR ALL

M-S Schools students & Teachers

According to a new inter-governmental agreement (IGA) between the Library and the Mahomet-Seymour School District:

- If a school-aged child lives in the Mahomet-Seymour school district, but does not live in the library district, they may be issued a FREE non-resident card.
- If a Mahomet-Seymour teacher does not live in any library district, they may be issued a FREE non-resident card.





SPRING BOOK SALE

THURSDAY, APRIL 13*

5:00 - 8:00 pm

*friends only - join at the door!

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

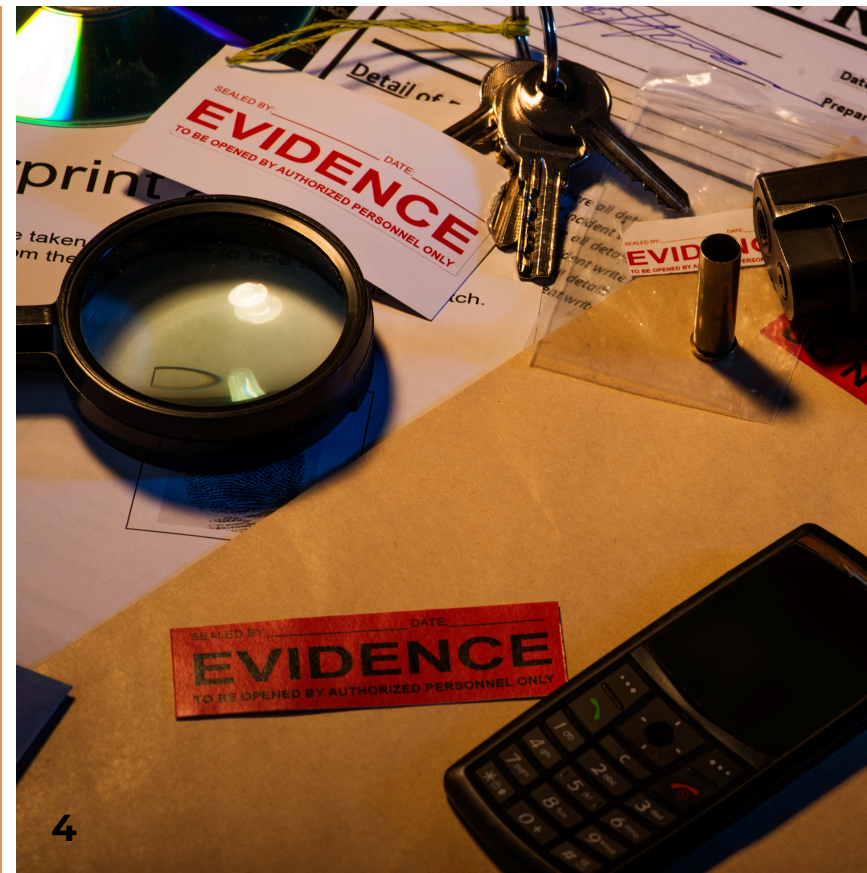
1:00 - 4:00 pm

SAVE THE DATES

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:00 pm



CONNECT WITH US

MORE INFO:



A community-wide initiative that promotes activities and practices designed to give children a strong start to a successful life

Children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers are welcome.

Participating children receive a FREE BOOK on their birthday!



REBECCA STROM

YOUTH SERVICES & PROGRAMMING LIBRARIAN

Q&A WITH MISS BECCA

Q: Tell us a little about yourself.

A: I graduated from Mahomet-Seymour High School in 2016, and went to St. Mary's College for undergrad. Then I got my Masters of Library Science at UIUC. I love all children's literature, but my favorite is middle grades. I am particularly passionate about working with teens!

Q: Why did you become a children's librarian?

A: Youth services librarianship is the perfect intersection of my professional and personal values. I wanted to pursue a career that would allow me to utilize my creativity and passion for children's literature, while also having the opportunity to serve my local community. I love that every day on the job is different, and I'm always learning new skills and making new connections!

Q: How did you choose Mahomet Library?

A: I felt a strong connection to the Mahomet Library, not just because I grew up here, but also because Mahomet is a vibrant and growing community that really values their public library. I saw this job as an amazing opportunity to really grow alongside the community and the library.

Q: If you could be any book character, who would you be and why?

A: Moxie Mallahan in the All the Wrong Questions series by Lemony Snicket. I think being a kid detective is my true calling, and Moxie Mallahan is incredibly brave, loyal, and clever (and we share a fondness for typewriters)!

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

A: My 2022 New Year resolution was to read 3 books for fun every month! I just finished *The Islands* by Dionne Irving, and I'm currently working on *Wretched Waterpark* by Kiersten White and *Four for the Road* by K.J. Reilly.



BOOK CLUBS

JANUARY CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

Thursday, January 19 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Unlike their usual discussion of a book over multiple sessions, the Critical Conversations will discuss an entire book at one meeting this time. It's a great chance for you to try out the book club and see if you like it! The book they'll discuss is *Hood Feminism* by Mikki Kendall. **Via Zoom. Registration required.**

WINTER CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

Every other Thursday (2.9, 2.23, 3.9, 3.23) | 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 winter, they will discuss the book *Dying of Whiteness* by Dr. Jonathan Metzl. During each meeting, the group will have a facilitated discussion on a different section of the book. **Via Zoom. Registration required.**

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

Second Tuesdays (1.10, 2.21, 3.14, 4.11, 5.9) | 7:00-8:00 pm

Join us each month at the Library as we discuss that month's book.
 January 10: *The Maid* by Nita Prose
 February 21: *The Push* by Ashley Audrain (Note: this is the 3rd Tuesday)
 March 14: *The Messy Lives of Book People* by Phaedra Patrick
 April 11: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi
 May 9: *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune
Registration is required for each session.

NOSTALGIA BOOK CLUB

Thursday, February 2 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Let's celebrate Children's Authors & Illustrators Week by re-reading some of our favorite books from childhood! Re-read at least one book you loved as a child or teen and come ready to share a bit about the book and why you remember it so fondly!
Registration is required.

Warm Up With a Good Book!



WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

January 3 - February 28

Snowy days and cold nights are made for curling up with a good book! As long as you're spending those hours reading, why not log them for a chance at some great prize baskets? For every five hours you spend reading, you'll earn one raffle ticket, which you can drop in the bucket for a chance to win a prize. The more you read, the more chances you'll have! The Warm Up With a Good Book challenge ends February 28 and we'll notify the winners during the first week of March.

PERFORMING & PRESERVING FAMILY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

Virtual presentation by Bethany G. Anderson, Archivist at the U of I



Tuesday, January 24 | 6:00 pm

Are your family stories getting lost as loved ones age or pass on? Are the details getting fuzzy? Would you like to preserve these precious family histories while those who remember them are still here?

Join us for an online presentation that includes:

- An overview of oral history and why it is an important and useful tool for documenting your family's history,
- How to prepare for and conduct an oral history interview, and
- Some suggested resources to help you.

Via Zoom. Registration required.



NO CLUTTER NEW YEAR
Using the KonMari Method to Tidy Your Home

LIVE VIEWING PARTY: FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 6:00 PM

Additional virtual viewing access available for 48 hours from January 5-7.

Is the clutter in your home about to drive you crazy? Join us for a live viewing party of a pre-recorded presentation by Shannon Honeycutt, certified KonMari Consultant, about using the philosophy behind the KonMari method created by Marie Kondo and what it means to live a life that "sparks joy."

You'll also receive a checklist of KonMari categories to help you start applying the method in your own home.
Registration is required.

MONDAY MORNING MATINEE

Enjoy a classic film every month at the Library!

1.30 | 2.27 | 3.20 | 4.24
10:00 AM

JANUARY SHOWING:
Singin' in the Rain

FEBRUARY SHOWING:
Casablanca

No registration required.



ADULT CRAFT CONNECTION SERIES



ADULT CRAFTERNOON

01.10, 02.07, 03.07, 04.11 | 1:00-2:00 pm



Craft with friends! Bring your own craft/art project to work on OR make a craft provided by the Library.
 January: hot cocoa in a jar
 February: conversation heart wreath
 March: small macrame wall hanging
 April: book folding

ADULT TAKE & MAKE KITS

Weeks of 01.16, 02.20, 03.20, 04.17

Pick up a kit with supplies and instructions for a craft!
 January: paper bag snowflakes March: Morse code bracelets
 February: pom pom coasters April: yarn birds
Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. While supplies last.

ARTS & CRAFTS SUPPLY SWAP

Saturday, March 4 | 11:00 am -1:00 pm



Have art and craft supplies laying around that you know you'll never use? Want to start a new hobby but don't have all the supplies you need? Participate in our arts & crafts supply swap on Saturday, March 4! Supply drop off begins February 20. Then, at the supply swap, choose some supplies to take home, free of charge!



A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS ACADEMY AWARDS HISTORY

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 | 6:00 PM

PRESENTED BY:
DR. ANNETTE BOCHENEK, FILM HISTORIAN

Get red carpet ready with a multimedia presentation highlighting the Best Picture picks of the year, along with the history and memorable moments of the Academy Awards.
Via Zoom. Registration is required.

Teen Finals Studying AND EXTENDED HOURS

DATES & TIMES COMING IN MARCH!



TEEN ART NIGHT

THURSDAY
1.26 | 2.23 | 3.23 | 4.27
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Come make a different craft project each month at the Library!

For students in grades 6-12. Registration required.

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FRIDAYS, JANUARY - APRIL PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE



JAN. 20 - APR. 28
(no playdate Mar. 17 or 31)
10:00 to 11:00 AM

Children ages 3-5 years and their caregivers are invited to join us for an hour of fun and activities! Younger siblings are always welcome! No registration required.

ELEMENTARY EXPLORERS

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

JANUARY
1.18 | 1.25*



COLORING CLUB

FEBRUARY
2.1 | 2.8 | 2.15* | 2.22



BUILDER'S CLUB

MARCH
3.1 | 3.8* | 3.22



ANIMAL ENTHUSIASTS CLUB

APRIL
4.5 | 4.12 | 4.19 | 4.26



ART CLUB

FANTASTIC FROGS

WITH THE UIUC FISCHER LABORATORY



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



An exciting presentation with the opportunity to see several species of neotropical frogs up-close!



For students in grades K-5
No registration required.



STORYTIME

JAN. 17- APR. 27

*NO STORYTIME:
MARCH 14 & 16,
MARCH 28 & 30,
AND APRIL 4

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):
Thursdays, 10:00-10:30 am

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES

WITH JESSICA TREFZGER,
owner of The Hive by
Maple Street Garden

SATURDAY MARCH 25
1:00 PM

Learn all about bees and their importance in our ecosystem!

The program is designed for kids ages 6-11, but anyone interested is welcome to attend. No registration required.



FOURTH ANNUAL Jigsaw Puzzle Contest

AT THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MAY 6
1:00 PM

How fast can you put together a jigsaw puzzle?!

Register as a team of up to four people. All ages welcome.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS

6:00 PM

Fun for all ages!
No registration required.



STORY AND A CRAFT

JANUARY 20

Bust through the January blahs by joining us for a winter-themed story and craft!



MOVIE NIGHT

MARCH 24

Join us for a family movie night. We'll provide the movie and snacks; you bring the family!



KINDNESS POSTCARDS

FEBRUARY 17

Decorate and hand out postcards with artwork and kind messages for Random Acts of Kindness Week!



CREATIVE REUSE ART!

APRIL 21

Celebrate Earth Day by using secondhand materials to make art! We'll provide materials and you bring your creativity!



LIBRARY INSTRUCTION FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

An introduction to research skills in the Library - Use the Library's catalog, find books on specific subjects, and learn about reference materials!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
10-11:30 AM

FOR STUDENTS AGES 8-12.
PLEASE REGISTER.

ACTING OUT JR.



THEATRE SKILLS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5

SATURDAY, JAN. 28 & FEB. 25
1:00-2:30 PM

JANUARY SESSION: IMPROV
FEBRUARY SESSION: AUDITION SKILLS

Please register for each session.

MAGNIFICENT MONARCHS

presented by Anita Broeren

This Earth Day, learn all about Monarchs and why we should protect them!



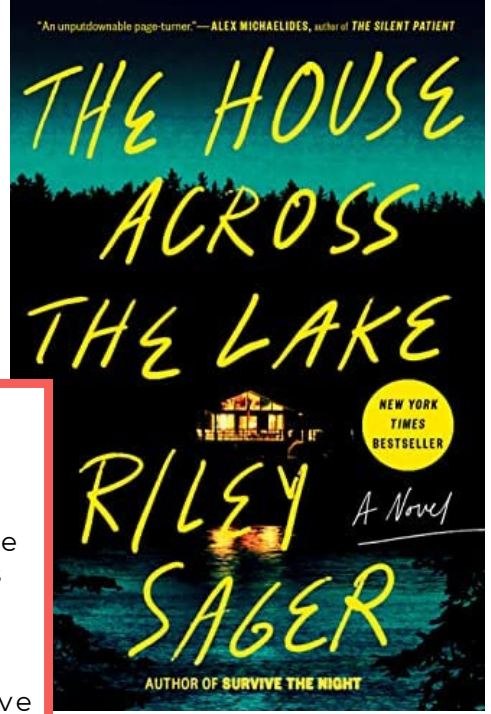
Sat, April 22 | 2 pm
All ages. No registration required.



LEAH'S PICK: FEEDING LITTLES & BEYOND

A cookbook full of recipes, ideas, and tips for feeding babies to adults!

Find it on our nonfiction shelves.



LINDA'S PICK: THE HOUSE ACROSS THE LAKE

A novel full of twists and turns! When an attractive couple moves into the house across the lake, Casey takes to watching them full time. When the woman goes missing, she begins to put the pieces together and solve the mystery.

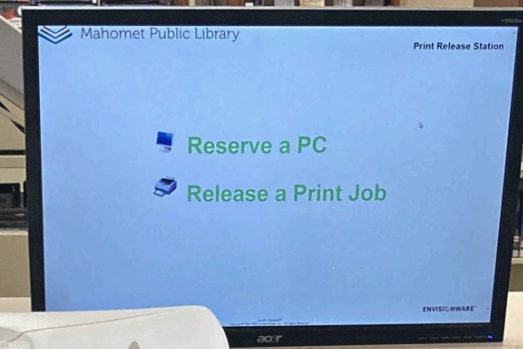
Find it on our fiction shelves.

A LOOK AT OUR SELF-SERVE PRINTING STATION

FREE FAX SERVICE

Sending faxes is now self-serve and FREE! Send or receive faxes during our normal hours.

Cost for receiving a fax:
\$0.15/ page for black/white
\$0.50/page for color



FREE SCANNING

Digitize a document by scanning to a flashdrive or email.

MOBILE PRINTING

Use our Mobile Printing portal to print to our patron printer from anywhere, inside or outside the Library! Print jobs stay in the queue for 2 hours.

\$0.15/ page for black/white
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VISIT THE MOBILE PRINTING PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE!

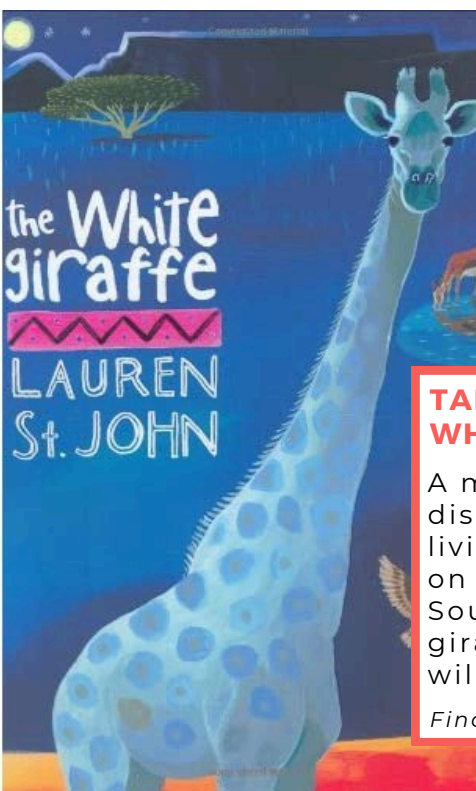


PRINT/COPY

Print from our patron computers and make copies!

Cost for printing/copies:
\$0.15/ page for black/white
\$0.50/page for color

STAFF PICKS BOOKS TO READ



TAMMY'S PICK: THE WHITE GIRAFFE

A magical story of a girl who discovers a white giraffe while living with her grandmother on a wild game preserve in South Africa. Is the white giraffe real or imaginary? You will have to decide.

Find it on our juvenile fiction shelves.

JOHN'S PICK: WE ARE IN A BOOK!

Elephant and Piggie discover that they are in a book and are being read right now in this hilarious kid's book!

Find it on our easy reader shelves.

