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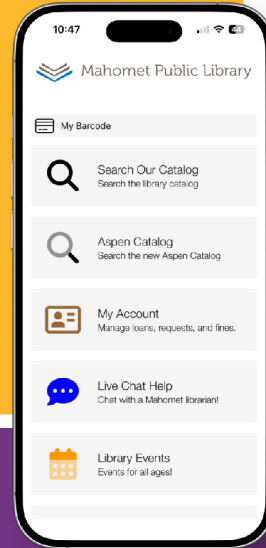
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Sunday: 1-5 pm



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Mahomet Public Library



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10 REASONS YOU SHOULD STILL VISIT THE LIBRARY

1. Attend a library program or event.

Library programs are not limited to library card-holding patrons! While some do require registration, all our programs and events are free. Each semester, we offer a variety of programs for all different age groups covering a wide array of topics. If you haven't ever attended a library program or event, now is your chance!



2. Print, copy, scan, and fax at our printing station.

The Library provides a copier/printer for patron use. Our per page charge is 15 cents for black/white and 50 cents for color. You can print to this device from our patron computers. Use WIFI printing to print from your own computer, tablet or phone. The copier/printer also serves as a fax machine and scanner. Scanned images may be faxed, sent to an email address, or saved to a flash drive. There is no charge for this service.

3. Get a document notarized.

The Library offers Notary Public service at no charge. A Notary Public is on the premises during many of our open hours; however, we recommend calling to verify that a Notary will be available before you come in. Please bring the document(s) to be notarized and a valid photo ID. Do not sign your document(s) until you are in the presence of the Notary Public.

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4. Play and socialize with other families in the Children's Area.

Bring your kids (and their friends) to the Library to play in the Children's Area! Build a train set up, find all the pictures in our scavenger hunt, and don't forget to clean up when you're done playing!

5. Borrow a puzzle.

Need something to do on a rainy or too-hot-to-be-outside day? Our puzzle table is perfect for you! The puzzle table works like a Little Free Library: Take a puzzle and bring it back when you're finished with it. No checkout necessary!

6. Use a study table.

Study or work at the Library! There are a variety of tables (with capacity for up to 4 people) around the perimeter of the Library for anyone to use.

7. Drop off your old batteries for recycling.

The Library now offers recycling for old single use household batteries! We accept AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt, and button batteries. No rechargeables please.



8. Reserve our private study room.

The Study Room may be used by individuals or small groups of up to 6 people for work or study for up to 2 hours at a time. You may reserve the room up to twice a week by calling/chatting with the Library or asking at the desk.

9. Use our public computers to access Consumer Reports and many other databases.

Whether you're researching a topic for a school project, teaching yourself a new skill, looking for a new book to read, buying a new car, or starting a job search, a wealth of information exists! Access over 50 databases covering a broad range of topics from one of our public computers. Cardholders can access these databases from anywhere.






10. Get a keepsake laminated.

Have special artwork or documents you want to preserve? Library staff will laminate your paper for \$1.00 per page. Ask for more information at the Help Desk or Circulation Desk.

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A "ONE-STOP-SHOP" FOR YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS!

-  whole community calendar
-  weekly news articles covering topics of interest
-  business directory of the Mahomet area
-  community guide with churches, daycares, schools, places to eat, places to rent, etc
-  garage sale listings



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

MAY 23 - JULY 31



I SPY SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY



Saturday, May 23 | 9:00 am-2:00 pm
 Get ready for the ultimate summer kickoff bash! We'll have an "I Spy" themed walk from Barber Park to the Library, inflatables, carnival games, face painting, temporary tattoos, summer reading sign-up, and more! Free food (hot dogs and chips) will begin at 11 am. **All ages. No registration required.**

ALL ABOUT THE "I SPY" WALK FROM BARBER PARK TO THE LIBRARY:

- FOUR STOPS with special displays! Kids who collect stickers from the red buckets at all 4 stops will get a free book. Grownups will get a free coupon for our Keurig station.
- This year's walk will feature robots, socks, and monkeys. All hidden items will be located close to the trail. We'll give you a scoresheet to keep track of what you find.
- The shuttle will drop you off at Barber Park, then you'll follow the bike path to the Library. Please park at the Library and take the free shuttle (service from 9 am-1:30 pm) to the start.

KIDS (BIRTH-5TH GRADE)
 Track your reading minutes! Finish your whole reading log and receive a FREE BOOK, Monical's coupon, and star for the wall at the Library.
 Complete all the badge book challenges to get a bonus toy prize of your choice.

TEENS (6TH-12TH GRADE)
 Finish your whole reading log and receive a FREE BOOK and Monical's coupon.
 Fill out a raffle ticket for every hour that you read.

ADULTS
 For every 10 hours you read, fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win a gift card from a local business!

COMMUNITY PRIZES
 HELP US "UNLOCK" PRIZES FOR EVERYONE!

- 1) Download the "Reader Zone" app or log in online.
- 2) Enter your total number of minutes read.
- 3) If the community reads a certain number of minutes in total, we will unlock the following special prizes:
 - **50,000 Minutes:** Forest Magna-Tiles Set
 - **100,000 Minutes:** New Yoto Player & Card Bundles
 - **175,000 Minutes:** Reading Nook!
 - **215,000 Minutes:** Foam Party at the Library

PREMIER SPONSORS:



Supporting your community through the Rotary Club of Mahomet and the Friends of the Mahomet Library



More info: www.mahometpubliclibrary.org/events/summer-reading-2026

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

SCHOOL'S OUT! ICE DADDY'S PARTY

Tuesday, May 26 | 1:00-3:00 pm



School's out, and the fun begins! Let's celebrate with free frozen Ice Daddy's treats for kids, courtesy of Classic Plumbing & Air. Don't forget to get signed up for summer reading! **No registration required. Free treats for kids only.**

FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS

Fridays in June & July | 10:00-11:00 am



Enjoy Friday mornings at the Library! Each Friday morning in June and July, we'll have a fun event for all ages! Events will range from drop-in stations and outdoor activities to special presentations from professional performers. Each session will run from 10-11 am.

June 5: Field Day at the Library! (outdoor activities and games)

June 12: Absolute Science Laser Show

June 19: Bubblepalooza! Bubbles and Games on the Library Lawn

June 26: Magic Show with Miss Make Believe

July 3: BINGO for Kids!

July 10: Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

July 17: Concert for Kids: Marko Polo

July 24: Creepy Crawly Crafts

July 31: Micro Marvels with Champaign County Forest Preserves
All ages. No registration required.

DROP-IN SENSORY TIME: MESS AROUND WITH MUD!

Thursday, June 11 | 1:00-2:30 pm

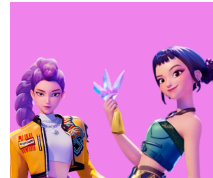


Dress for mess! Get ready for a marvelously muddy time on the library lawn! We'll have a variety of stations set up for kids to explore the sensory magic of playing in the mud. Bake mud pies, make mud potions, or just splash around!

Children of all ages and caregivers welcome. No registration required.

MOVIE AND A CRAFT: K-POP DEMON HUNTERS

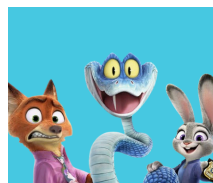
Saturday, June 20 | 1:00-3:00 pm



Join us for a screening of K-Pop Demon Hunters on the big screen in the meeting room, and stay for a fun themed craft! Children of all ages and caregivers are welcome! **All ages. No registration required.**

MOVIE AND A CRAFT: ZOOTOPIA 2

Saturday, July 11 | 1:00-3:30 pm



Join us for a screening of Zootopia 2 on the big screen in the meeting room, and stay for a fun themed craft! Children of all ages and caregivers are welcome! **All ages. No registration required.**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 19 | 2:00-4:00 pm



Get ready for a scoop of community appreciation! Join us for an ice cream social hosted by the Library's Board of Trustees. Enjoy free ice cream (and toppings!) and ragtime and old-time music by the popular duo Cherry and Jerry. A sweet celebration awaits! **All ages. No registration required.**

DROP-IN SENSORY TIME: LET'S GO TO THE BEACH!

Thursday, July 23 | 1:00-2:30 pm



Join us for sensory exploration of all things ocean! We'll have stations set up for kids to explore sand, water, shells, and more! Please note: this program session will be held **INDOORS.**

Children of all ages and caregivers welcome. No registration required.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN GENRE BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 15 & July 13 | 3:00-4:00 pm



Are you a teen who loves reading but hates being told what to read? Try our Teen Genre Book Club! Each month, we will pick a new genre to feature. Participants are invited to choose a book that fits into the selected genre and be prepared to talk about it while we enjoy snacks and refreshments. In June, we'll talk about our favorite dystopian novels. In July, we'll discuss all things fantasy! Having trouble finding a book that fits the theme? Ask a Librarian or visit our website to browse our Teen Categories!

Entering grades 6-12. Registration required.

TEEN CRAFT CAFE

First Thursdays (June 4 & July 2) | 3:00-4:30 pm



Calling all crafty teens entering grades 6-12! Looking for a chill space to hang out with your friends and do some crafting? Join us for crafty activities, snacks, music, and conversation! We'll have a variety of craft supplies available: beads, paint pens, button makers, and so much more!

Entering grades 6-12. No registration required.

TEEN AFTER HOURS GAME NIGHT: JACKBOX GAMES & SODA TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 12 | 5:30-7:00 pm



Join us for a special game night at the library! We will be playing Jackbox games while trying to decide what the BEST weird soda flavor is. Don't have a device to play Jackbox games on? No problem! The library will be providing iPads, pizza, and (non-weird) refreshments. Please note: this is an after-hours event reserved for students in grades 6-12. **Grades 6-12. Registration required.**

TEEN GAME CORNER

Thursday, June 25 & July 30 | 3:00-4:30 pm



Tired of trying to get together with friends to play games but having no space to do so? Look no further than the library! We have snacks, board games, and a Switch, now all we need is you! **Entering grades 6-12. No registration required.**

TEEN D&D CLUB

Sunday, June 28 & July 26 | 1:30-4:30 pm



Join us for monthly one-shot D&D campaigns specially designed for teens! **Entering grades 6-12. Please register for each session separately.**

TEEN AFTER HOURS MOVIE NIGHT: STUDIO GHIBLI & BOBA SLIME

Friday, July 10 | 5:30-7:30 pm



Come join us for a cozy movie night at the library featuring a screening of Kiki's Delivery Service and a fun boba-themed craft! We will provide all supplies, pizza, and refreshments. Please Note: This is an after-hours event reserved for students in grades 6-12. **Entering grades 6-12. Registration required.**

KIDS PROGRAMS

BABY STORYTIME

Tuesdays (June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 28) | 9:30-9:50 am



Bring your baby to the Library for a fun storytime featuring lap bounces, songs, rhymes, and books! This storytime is designed especially for our littlest library lovers and their caregivers!

Ages 0-2 years & caregivers. No registration required.

ALL AGES STORYTIME

Wednesdays (June 3, 10, 17, 24 & July 8, 15, 22) | 10-10:30 am



Join us for storytime on Wednesday mornings in June and July! This storytime is geared toward children age 2-5 with a caregiver, but children of all ages are welcome! There will be books, rhymes, songs, and more!

Ages 2-5 & caregivers. No registration required.

LITTLE GROOVERS! MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Every other Thursday (June 4 & 18 and July 2, 16, 30) | 10:00-10:30 am



Your littles are invited to wiggle, giggle, and groove their way to fun while engaging their imaginations, enhancing motor skills, and building social connections! We'll explore rhythm, sound, and movement with a fun selection of songs and dance geared toward children ages 2-5!

Ages 2-5 & caregivers. No registration required.

OUTDOOR STORYTIME

Saturday, June 13 & July 18 | 4:00-4:30 pm



Join us on the library lawn once a month for a special outdoor storytime! Ms. Becca will share books, rhymes, and songs geared toward children ages 2-5 and caregivers, but children of all ages are welcome to join!

In the event of inclement weather, the storytime will be moved indoors.
Ages 2-5/ children of all ages. No registration required.

FIRST CHAPTER FIGHT CLUB: GRADES K-3

Every other Monday (June 8 & 22 and July 6 & 20) | 1:00-2:00 pm



Don't judge a book by its cover! Judge it by its first chapter! Listen to Ms. Becca and Ms. Ty read the first chapters of four different books, then pit them against each other in a battle of the books to decide the winner! Each session will focus on a different genre:

June 8: Animal Stories

June 22: Realistic Fiction

July 6: Fantasy

July 20: Spooky Stories

Entering grades K-3. No registration required.

FIRST CHAPTER FIGHT CLUB: GRADES 4-6

Every other Monday (June 8 & 22 and July 6 & 20) | 2:30-3:30 pm



Don't judge a book by its cover! Judge it by its first chapter! Listen to Ms. Becca and Ms. Ty read the first chapters of four different books, then pit them against each other in a battle of the books to decide the winner! Each session will focus on a different genre:

June 8: Animal Stories

June 22: Realistic Fiction

July 6: Fantasy

July 20: Spooky Stories

Entering grades 4-6. No registration required.

WONDER CLUB

Wednesdays in June & July | 3:00-4:00 pm



Join us every Wednesday afternoon for fun activities that will make you wonder! Explore topics like marine biology, gardening, art, weather, and so much more! Each session will feature a different topic for inquisitive minds. Registration is required. Please register for each session separately.

June 3: Guardians of the Sea: Tiny Plankton, Apex Predators, and You!

Dive into the underwater world to discover how every creature, from tiny plankton to powerful sharks, help to keep the ocean healthy. You will learn about ocean food chains, apex predators, and keystone species while also learning why ocean conservation is an important element when it comes to protecting each and every animal. The program is led by Friends With Fins YouTube series host and local TV personality, Jaclyn Friedlander, who brings marine conservation to life with kid-friendly science facts and a shark craft you can take home with you.

June 10: Crazy About Clouds

Make a cloud in a jar and learn about all the different types of clouds and how to spot them like a pro!

June 17: Protecting Pollinators

Investigate the importance of pollinators in our ecosystem, and build your own DIY butterfly feeder!

June 24: Making Music

Learn about the different instrument groups and what makes them unique! Then craft your own DIY instruments!

July 1: Fabulous Flowers

Dissect a flower and learn how to recognize and classify its parts!

July 8: STEM in Space

Friendly aliens are landing on Earth! Your challenge: build a landing module that will protect the aliens as they crash through the atmosphere.

July 15: Caring for Creepy Crawlies

Find out what goes into caring for unusual pets like reptiles, spiders, and more! We'll even have a few friendly "Creepy Crawlies" ambassadors for you to meet! This program is led by Elementary teacher and unusual pet hobbyist Phil Dreste.

July 22: Rockin' Robots

Work with a partner to build an obstacle course for a robot, then use the Library's iPads to navigate your robot through the course!

July 29: Paint and Print with Plants

Create amazing works of art using plants as artistic tools!

Entering grades 2-5. Register for each session individually.



ADULT PROGRAMS

YOGA ON THE LAWN

Wednesday, June 3 & 10 and
Monday, July 6 & 13 | 6:00-7:00 pm



Join us outdoors for a welcoming all-levels yoga class led by Colleen Crawford. Each session offers approachable instruction with options demonstrated throughout, so you can decide whether to challenge yourself or simply relax.

Each class is unique and no experience is required. Please bring your own mat. A limited number of mats are available to borrow.

Adults. Registration required.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesdays (June 9, July 14,
August 11) | 6:30-8:00 pm



Join us for thoughtful conversation and good company at our monthly Tuesday Night Book Club! We read a mix of popular fiction and standout titles across genres, with an emphasis on stories that spark meaningful discussion. New members are

always welcome. No registration is required. Copies of each month's selection are available at the Library.

June 9: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

July 14: *The 100 Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin

August 11: *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

Adults. No registration required.

BOOK TASTING

Thursday, June 11 | 6:30-7:45 pm



Looking for your next great read? Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of "sampling" books from a variety of genres. Just like a tasting event, you will rotate through tables featuring different types of books, spending a few minutes exploring each one to see what catches your interest.

Whether you enjoy historical fiction, mysteries, romance or something different, this is a great way to discover new authors and titles you might not have picked up. Leave with a list of books to read and maybe even your next favorite book.

Adults. Registration required.

ADULT CRAFTERNOON

Third Tuesdays (June 16, July 21,
August 18) | 1:00-2:30 pm



Enjoy a relaxing afternoon crafting unique projects while connecting with fellow crafters. All supplies are provided.

June: Create a suncatcher

July: Painted terracotta pot

August: No-sew fabric pumpkin

Adults. Registration required due to limited supplies.

TITANIC: FACT OR FICTION?

Tuesday, June 16 | 6:30-7:30 pm



Travel back to the early 1900s and separate myth from reality as we explore the story of the legendary "Ship of Dreams." Learn what really happened aboard the RMS Titanic, uncover common misconceptions, and take a closer look at the passengers whose lives were forever changed. Presented by

Titanic amateur historian, Amy Albi.

High school students & adults. Registration required.

BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS

Thursday, June 18 | 6:30-7:30 pm



Curious about birdwatching but not sure where to start? Join a naturalist from the Champaign County Forest Preserve District for an introduction to the hobby of birding. Learn how to identify some of the most common birds in our area, understand bird behavior and seasonal patterns, and get practical tips.

Adults. Registration required.

NATIVE PLANTS & POLLINATORS

Tuesday, June 23 | 6:30-7:30 pm



Discover how native plants can transform your yard into a thriving habitat for pollinators. Ryan Pankau, from the U of I Extension, will explain the role of native plants in supporting pollinators. Learn why native species are beneficial, how they support local ecosystems, and simple ways to incorporate them into your landscape. Leave with practical ideas for creating a more pollinator-friendly environment.

Adults. Registration required.

BUILDING BETTER HABITS

Thursday, June 25 | 6:30-7:30 pm



Small changes can make a big difference. Learn how habits can support your goals and improve your daily routine. This program will explore how habits form, why they matter, and practical ways to build positive habits that fit into your life. Presented by Amber Dowers, LCSW from The Rock

Counseling Group.

Adults. Registration required.

CHARCUTERIE BOARD BASICS

Tuesday, June 30 | 6:30-7:45 pm



Learn how to create a beautiful and delicious charcuterie board. This demonstration will cover simple tips for choosing cheeses, meats, fruits, and accompaniments, along with easy techniques for arranging everything in an attractive way. Charcuterie boards are great for

entertaining.

Adults. Registration required.

COOKBOOK CLUB: A TASTE OF AMERICA

Thursday, July 9 | 6:30-7:30 pm



Cookbook Club invites home cooks and food lovers to gather, share, and sample a variety of dishes inspired by a featured cookbook or theme. Participants choose a recipe to prepare at home and bring it to share with the group while enjoying conversation about cooking, ingredients, and food traditions.

In July, inspired by the 100th anniversary of Route 66 and the 250th anniversary of the country, participants will choose and prepare classic recipes that represent different states and/or regions of the United States.

Adults. Registration required.

DISCOVER YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY

Thursday, July 16 | 6:30-7:45 pm



Learn how to make the most of your library's online resources. This hands-on session will introduce the digital services available for eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers and more. We'll cover how to access materials at home, downloading apps, and using features on your phone, tablet or computer. Bring your device or borrow one of ours to explore everything your digital library has to offer.

Adults. Registration required.

STORIES FROM ROUTE 66

Tuesday, July 21 | 6:30-7:30 pm



Explore the history and human stories of America's most famous highway. Drawing on oral histories from the Illinois State Museum, this program shares firsthand accounts of the people who lived, worked, and traveled along Route 66. It is informed by a collection of 100 oral histories recently compiled by the Illinois State

Museum. Presented by Amanda Bryden from the Illinois State Museum

High School Students and Adults. Registration recommended, but not required.

LESSONS FOR LIVING: WHAT'S IN MY FOOD? DECODING CHEMICALS AND SAFETY

Tuesday, August 11 | 2:00 pm



Discover how to decode food labels, bust myths, and take control of your plate. Ever wonder what's really in your food? In this eye-opening session, we'll walk through the world of natural and artificial food chemicals. Learn how to identify them, understand their impact on food safety, and weigh the pros and

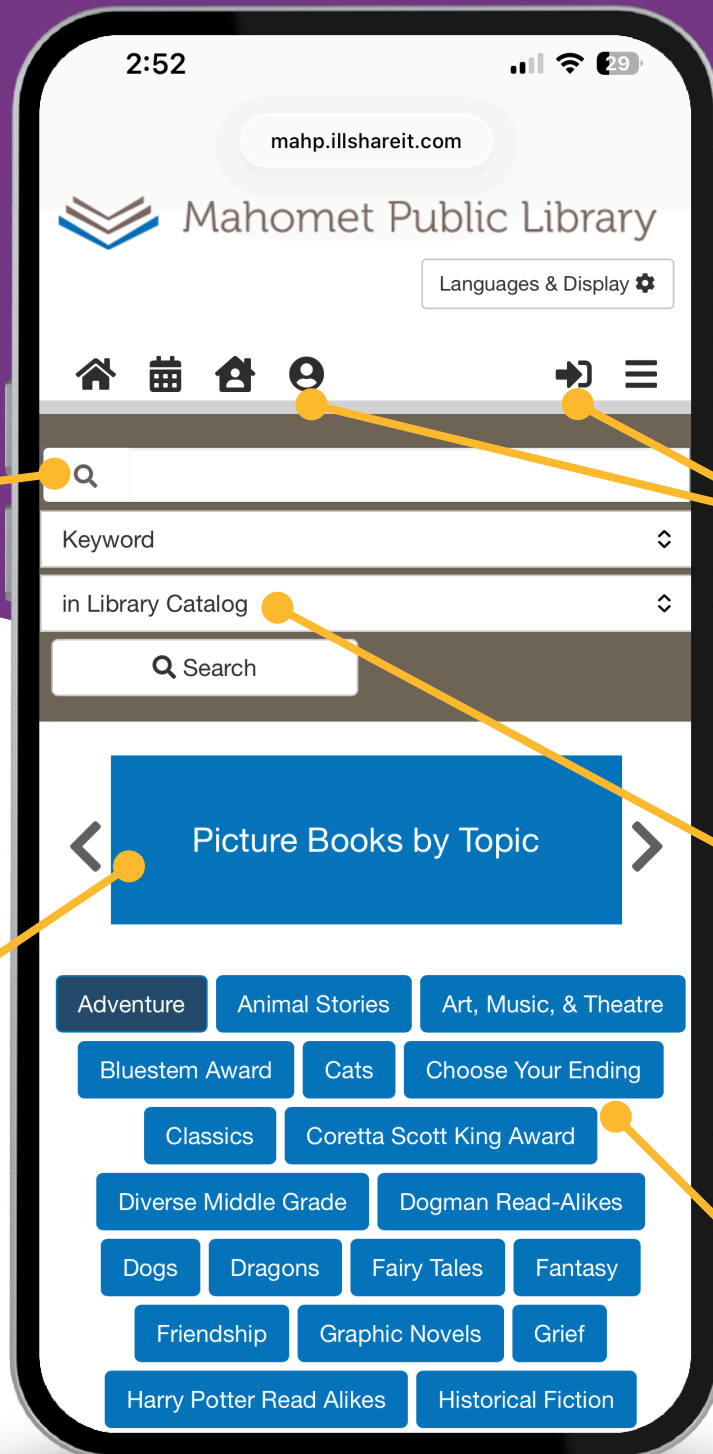
cons of their use. From naturally occurring compounds to additives in processed food, you'll gain the knowledge to make informed choices about what you eat.

Lessons for Living is a free webinar series from the U of I Extension. Attendees will meet at the Library and watch the webinar together. Look for three more programs in this series coming this fall!

Adults. Registration required.

BROWSE YOUR LIBRARY'S

VIEW: catalog homepage



Search for a specific title or author, as well as broader topics and subjects.

Browse titles across many categories including topics by age group, world languages, top requested, and coming soon. The default category is new titles. Change the category by clicking on the arrows!

Log into and access your library account with your barcode number (no spaces) and your pin (the last 4 digits of the phone number on the account).

Search in the library catalog as well as in articles & databases, lists, and eResources.

After choosing a category, choose a subcategory for lists of titles.

The search defaults to materials in the whole library system, but you can filter to different material types, just Mahomet Library items, physical items that are available now, and digital items that are available now by clicking on the corresponding buttons across the top.

When a title appears in a list of materials, it is indicated here! Click on the list name to browse other titles in that list.

Narrow your search result by reading level, availability, subject, language, item type, and more!



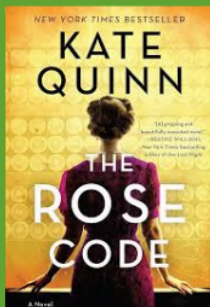
Physical copies (regular print, large print, and audiobooks) are listed first, then digital eBooks and audiobooks found in our three eResource apps - Libby, CloudLibrary, and Hoopla.

"On shelf" and "Available online" mean that the Mahomet Library's copy is available for checkout. "Available elsewhere" means the Library does not own a copy but you could request it from another library in our system. "Checked out" means the Library does have a copy but another patron is using it.

VIEW: search page after searching for "Harry Potter"

ONLINE CATALOG!

**KATHY'S PICK:
THE ROSE CODE**



Follows the lives of three women as they go to work at the mysterious Bletchley Park and help with England's war efforts. I love things about Bletchley Park in general, but besides the great story of the women, it is also sprinkled with real historical figures, which makes it much more engaging.

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

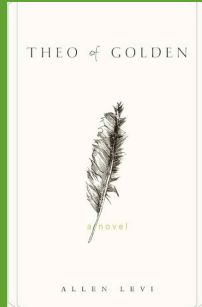
**ALYSSA'S PICK:
THE KNIGHT AND THE MOTH**



This is a fast-paced romantasy and the first book in her new Stonewater Kingdom series. The fantasy world is unique but easy to dive into, with just enough intrigue and magic to keep things interesting. Fans of Gillig's Shepherd King series or books like Fourth Wing will likely enjoy this one. Just as a heads-up, it ends on a cliffhanger!

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

**GRETCHEN'S PICK:
THEO OF GOLDEN**



A stranger arrives in a quaint little town, and changes the lives of everyone he meets. Theo of Golden reminds us to really "look" at each other, to spend some moments trying to understand one another, and to remember our kindness can be a gift to others in the world.

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

CHAT WITH LIBRARY DIRECTOR JOHN HOWARD



LIBRARY EXPANSION? NOT YET.

1432 Yes (49.57%)

1457 No (50.43%)

The March referendum to fund bonds for the library expansion fell short by 25 votes. In the week following, library staff members and I were repeatedly asked "How are you feeling?" On the one hand, it was great that we came so close, given that taxes have been rising, gas prices have spiked, and the community needs school expansion. And the bad timing that the election was during Spring Break. But the reality is: we are disappointed. Really, really disappointed. To fall just 25 votes short is heart-wrenching.

SO, WHAT COMES NEXT?

To start, we keep providing great library service as best we can with the space we have. That means that our bigger programs will probably overflow. That community groups wanting to meet may find that the community room is unavailable. That our staff will have to work hard and be creative to manage. But that is nothing new.

We are not giving up on expansion. The Board of Trustees and staff will meet to review what went well and went not so well and probably try again. Because as long as we keep striving to be a great library that serves its community, as long as the numbers of people walking through our door continue to increase, we will need that space.

We have heard from the public that they appreciated the extensive planning that went into our project, our communication throughout, our transparency, and the fact that we have worked so hard to keep our costs down while providing great service. Thank you for all your kind words. And thank you to so many who helped in some way. We appreciate you all.

YET ANOTHER THANKS

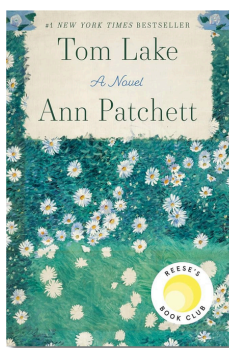
Just as I am writing this, it has been announced that Brenda Farney, the primary volunteer for the free tax service offered by AARP at the Library, is retiring from that post after 28 years. I don't think it is possible to express how much work Brenda has done with the AARP tax program, how many people she has helped, or how much she cares about every person she assists. She is one remarkable person and I hope others see that as well. Thank you Brenda. It is people like you who make our community a great place.



John

STAFF PICKS

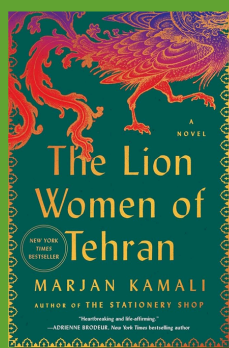
**JENN'S PICK:
TOM LAKE**



Set on a cherry farm in Michigan during the COVID pandemic, a famous movie star, Peter Duke, has recently drowned and is in the news. This prompts a woman's three daughters to ask her about her time as an actress and her romance with Duke as they starred together in the play, *Our Town*. The family spends time picking cherries on their farm and listening to mother tell the story of her life as a young actress.

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

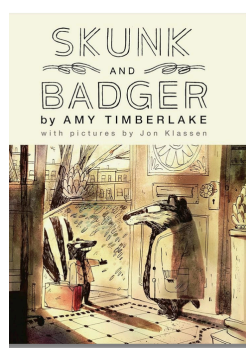
**CAROL'S PICK:
THE LION WOMEN OF TEHRAN**



This story is about the enduring friendship of two young girls to adulthood from totally different backgrounds and class during the unrest and political upheaval in Tehran beginning in the 1950's. It is a story of betrayal, love and redemption and shows us we are more alike than different.

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