

The Friends' Forum

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President's Letter

For whatever reason . . . constant illnesses, rain, or my personal cold weather induced aches and pains. . . winter seemed to last FOREVER this year! Yeah for spring and really looking forward to summer! I am going to enjoy sitting out on my deck with a good book even more than usual. And I have decided to have a new reading goal for myself for this summer. I love murder mysteries. I am an Agatha Christie fan from way back. I have gotten in a rut! My goal for the next several months is to search out completely different books to challenge and stretch myself. Why don't you consider a reading challenge? Join a book club or take a book suggestion from one of our librarians. Make a habit of checking out the library website or follow them on Facebook. Let's all push ourselves a little. Who knows, I might just find out I can enjoy reading something beyond mysteries!

Youth

Summer Storytimes:

Join the fun in June and July at our Family Storytimes for all ages!

Stories with Rory at 6:30pm on June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 2, 9 & 16
Family Storytime at 10am on June 5, 12, 19 and July 3, 10 & 17

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Once again, the Friends of the Bourbonnais Library will be having its **annual book sale** which helps to fund special projects and programs for the library. **Dates for the book sale are July 26-28.** Cost will be \$1.00 for hardcover books, 50 cents for paperback books, and some priced as marked. FOL would like to say a big "Thank You" for previously donated books and remind everyone that **donations for this year's sale will be July 2-24.** Sorry, but we cannot accept the following items: VHS (videotapes), encyclopedias, textbooks, and magazines. **Watch for more details in our summer newsletter.**

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Adult Programs

Library Apps Show & Tell

Staff will be on hand to help you take advantage of all the apps your BPL library card gives you access to: free audiobooks, ebooks and magazines, plus awesome new self-publishing options! Visit them in the lobby on:

Friday, May 11th 10am-12pm

Movies

Movies are held in the White Oak Conference Room. They are free events and registration is not necessary.

Monday, 5/7 at 6pm- Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

Monday, 5/21 at 6pm-Black Panther

Read Between the Lines Book Club

Read Between the Lines is a fiction book club for adults that meets the **second** Tuesday of the month from 10-11am. This book club is open to adults who are interested in great books and engaging conversation. The book selections are:

May 8th-*Beartown* by Fredrik Backman

June 12th-*Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Tuesdays with Books Club

This book club will meet from 10-11am on the third Tuesday of the month. Share your love of reading and join in a great discussion with other seniors.

May 15th-The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff

June 19th-Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz

Computer Classes

The Bourbonnais Public Library will offer three computer classes in May and June. Advanced registration and a \$5 deposit are required. Call 815-933-1727 or stop by the Circulation Desk for further information.

May

5/10 at 10am-Computer Basics

5/17 at 10am-Internet Basics

5/24 at 10am-Intro to Gmail

June

6/14 at 10am-Computer Basics

6/21 at 10am-Internet Basics

6/28 at 10am-Intro to Facebook

Tabletop Game Night

Join us for ALL AGES board games, snacks, and all around good times on Wednesday, June 13th at 6pm! Jay from The Gaming Goat will be providing some of his favorite games for us to try out! This event is FREE to all and will be in the White Oak Room.

Bees in the Garden

Julie Larsen will lead this informative talk on Thursday, June 28th at 6:30pm. Learn how Bees impact our environment and take a walk through our beautiful Community Garden.

Drone Event

Commercially licensed drone pilot, Dean Poignant, will share getting started with flying drones on Saturday, July 14th at 10am.

Summer Reading Adventure: Reading Takes You Everywhere!

You are invited to join **Reading Takes You Everywhere!** this year's summer reading adventure at the Bourbonnais Public Library. Visit the library any time we are open between June 1 and July 31 and stop by the front desk to join in the fun!

For further information about adult programs at the Bourbonnais Public Library contact Cassidy Steinke in Adult Services at 815-933-1727 or visit the library's website at www.bourbonnaislibrary.org.

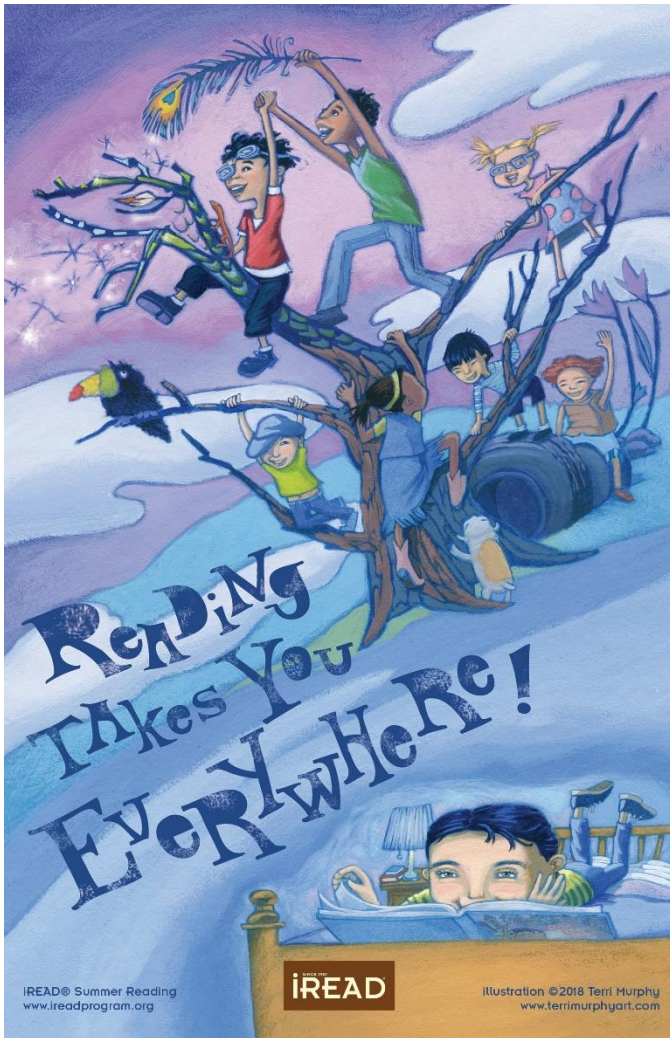
Branches of Friendship

This 6-foot replica of an oak tree which is in the lobby has gold, silver and bronze leaves which may be engraved with your name, the name of a loved one as a memorial or as support for the library from your organization or company. The levels of giving include \$150-\$299 for a bronze leaf, \$300-\$499 for a silver leaf, \$500-\$999 for a gold leaf. \$1,000-\$4,999 for an acorn plaque, \$5,000-\$9,999 for a small boulder plaque, \$10,000-\$14,000 for a medium boulder plaque, \$15,000-\$19,999 for a large boulder plaque and for \$20,000 and above for an individual tree plaque. Forms are available at the front desk.



Chocolate Tour

FOL teamed up with the librarians to be one of the 32 stops on the Annual Bourbonnais Chocolate Tour on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Librarian Cassidy from Adult Services explained upcoming and ongoing events offered by the library. FOL supplied the sweet treat of caramel and chocolate covered marshmallows with sea salt. The treats seemed to be a big hit as several people commented that they had them last year and were looking forward to them again! We handed out approximately 335 treats, but many more people dropped by just to visit! A great day and a very good promotion for the library!



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Book Review

THE GIRL IN THE RED COAT by Roma Ligocha

During the invasion and occupation of Poland by the Germans in WWII, a little girl was fortunate to have a strawberry red coat to keep her warm. The coat was a gift from her grandmother and as the occupation increased and became more violent, she became known as "the little girl in the red coat." She survived the war and had a very successful career in film and theater, as did her cousin, Roman Polanski. As an older adult, she was invited to the premiere of the movie *Schindler's List*.

When the film began, there was only one spot of color in the black and white film and that was a little girl in a red coat. Roma at once knew this was the story of her life in Krakow during the occupation. Much of the story was correct, but the little girl in the film died. Roma decided she needed to relive that part of her life and tell her story of surviving the war including details of the horror and agony of living in communist Poland.

A quick but endearing read!
-Harriet Hopkins