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## Great Books for Gift-Giving

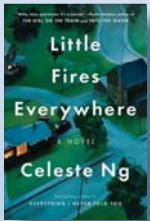
by Central Library librarian Jacki Potratz

**Merry and Bright** by Debbie Macomber. Fiction.



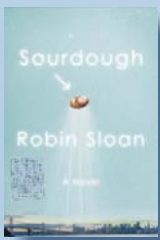
Merry Knight is taking care of her family, baking cookies, decorating for the holidays, and hoping to stay out of the crosshairs of her stressed-out boss. Her social life is the last thing on her mind. Without her knowledge, Merry's well-meaning mom and brother create an online dating profile for her - and the matches start rolling in.

**Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng. Fiction.



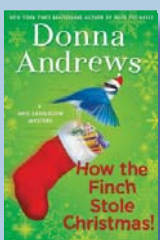
Follow the members of two families living in the idyllic suburb of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Mia and Pearl, a mother and daughter living a less-traditional lifestyle, moving from town to town every few months, and the Richardsons, the perfect nuclear family in the perfect suburb.

**Sourdough** by Robin Sloan. Fiction.



Baking, foodie culture, and a club made up of women named Lois all figure in this charming story about a computer coder slogging away at a trendy tech company. When friends give her some sourdough starter and she begins making her own bread, everything changes.

**How the Finch Stole Christmas!** by Donna Andrews. Fiction.



Guaranteed to put the "ho ho hos" into the holidays of cozy lovers everywhere. The show (*A Christmas Carol*) must go on, starring the famous - though slightly over-the-hill - actor who's come to town to play the role of Scrooge. But why is the town suddenly overrun with a surplus of

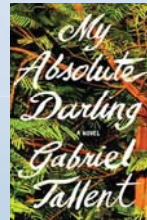
beautiful caged finches?

**Winter Solstice** by Elin Hilderbrand. Fiction.



It's been too long since the entire Quinn family has been able to celebrate the holidays under the same roof, but that's about to change. With Bart back safe and sound from Afghanistan, the Quinns are preparing for a holiday more joyous than any they've experienced in years.

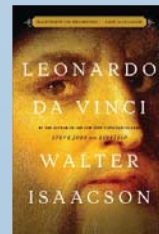
**My Absolute Darling** by Gabriel Tallent. Fiction.



Turtle Alveston is a survivor. At fourteen, she roams the woods along the northern California coast. The creeks, tide pools, and rocky islands are her haunts and her hiding grounds. But while her physical world is expansive, her personal one is small and treacherous...until she meets Jacob.

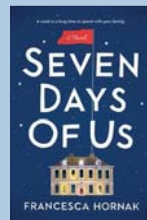
Motivated by her first experience with real friendship and a teenage crush, her journey is one of exceptional bravery.

**Leonardo da Vinci** by Walter Isaacson.



Isaacson draws on da Vinci's notebooks as well as new discoveries about his life and work in a narrative portrait that connects the master's art to his science, demonstrating how da Vinci's genius was based on ordinary qualities, including curiosity and imagination.

**Seven Days of Us** by Francesca Hornak. Fiction.



Looking forward to a Christmas reunion for the first time in years, the Birch family learns that their physician-activist daughter has been exposed to a foreign virus that forces the entire family into quarantine for a week. A full picture of their family dynamics is presented in this cozy holiday tale.



FROM THE



# CITY LIBRARIAN PAULA A. KIELY

We're about to print a progress report on MPL 2020, the plan we developed to provide strategic, relevant and forward-looking library services going beyond the books. The plan has helped the library to address our place in the community now, and what it will look like in the future.

After identifying three broad market segment groups - Young Families, Global Roots, and Traditional Living - we developed eight citywide strategies that would further our mission to help the people of Milwaukee read, learn and connect.

The report provides a broad overview of programs, projects and services the Milwaukee Public Library has provided including the implementation of ASK stations which make librarians more accessible to patrons; LibraryNow which increases students' digital capabilities and provides full access to online tutoring help; a new website and increased social media presence; job fairs for teens and adults; Library Loud Days which change the way people perceive their "quiet" library; and a host of programs for all ages covering everything from knitting and digital photography to creative writing, health and nutrition.

And of course, there is our branch library redevelopment project which most recently has included the opening of the new Mitchell Street Branch.

On Saturday, October 7 we opened the new branch at 906 W. Historic Mitchell Street - a mixed use facility that replaces the former Forest Home Branch. If you weren't able to join us, make plans to visit this extraordinary addition to the MPL family soon, and be sure to take advantage of all the programs, projects and services the library provides throughout the year.



Ald. José Pérez, Ald. Nik Kovac, Mayor Tom Barrett, Paula Kiely, Tony Frausto, Joan Johnson, ????, Michele Bria, ????, John Gurda, Sam McGovern-Rowan, Nancy Hernandez; photo by Nicole Acosta

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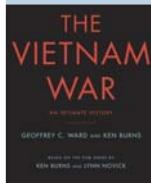
**We're Going to Need More Wine: Stories That Are Funny, Complicated, and True** by Gabrielle Union.



On Order.

A powerful collection of essays on gender, sexuality, race, beauty, Hollywood and the realities of modern women. Union writes with such heart and energy that it really does feel like she's talking to you while you share a bottle of wine - or two.

**The Vietnam War** by Geoffrey C. Ward; based on a documentary film by Ken Burns & Lynn Novick. 959.7043 W258.



After more than 40 years, we still talk about why we were there, whether we could have won, and who was right or wrong in their response to the conflict. This volume draws on interviews in America and Vietnam to give us the perspectives of people involved at all levels of the war.

**The 3D Body Revolution** by Donald Driver. On Order.



Beloved Packers receiver and *Dancing with the Stars* winner Donald Driver presents the secrets of the world's most elite athletes for getting super strong, super lean, super-fast. With recipes and exercises illustrated with step-by-step photos, this book is your path to peak performance!

**Vegetarian Heartland** by Shelly Westerhausen. 641.5636 W526.



Westerhausen, author of the popular blog Vegetarian 'Ventures, serves up 100 dishes with Midwestern flair in a cookbook that's cunningly arranged by outing: There are chapters devoted to picnics, camping, and so on.

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**Vision:** The Milwaukee Public Library is an anchor institution that helps build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods – the foundation of a strong Milwaukee.

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

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# FROM THE FRIENDS

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**Fill the Shelves for Milwaukee Public Library During this Season of Giving**

*November 16 – December 31 at Boswell Book Company, 2559 N. Downer Ave., Milwaukee*



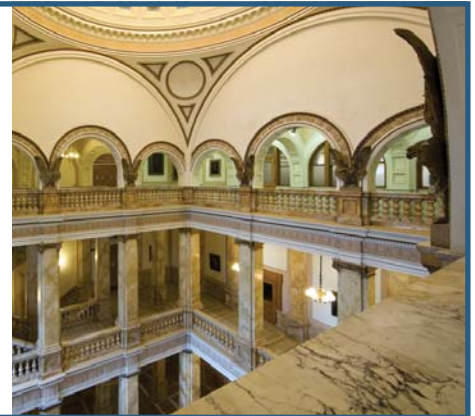
Give the community the gift of reading! Fill the Shelves is a fun way to shop during the holidays and donate a classic or popular book to the library, complete with a bookplate indicating you as the generous donor. Purchase one of the selected titles at Boswell from November 16 through the end of 2017.

Limited seats are available for Alexander McCall Smith at Boswell Book Company on Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are being sold through Boswell online at [BoswellBooks.com](http://BoswellBooks.com) or in store. Boswell will donate \$5 from each \$29 ticket to the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation. Current Friends members will receive a special holiday gift as thanks for their support of the event!

### **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 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 Book Store and Cafe. 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.



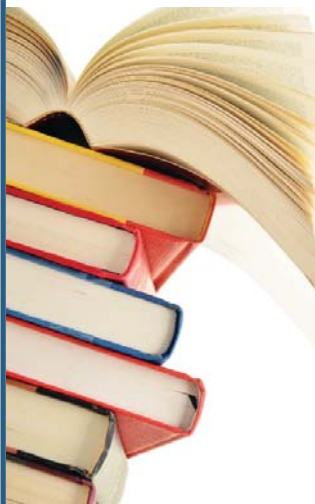
### **Holiday/Children's Used Book Sale**

**Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. Community Room 1, 1st floor**

Featuring a large selection of new and gently used children's books as well as adult fiction and nonfiction titles. All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card. There will be a 2-for-1 sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale. Coffee and refreshments are available for purchase in the R Café.

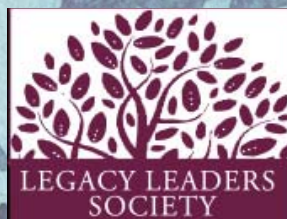
During November the Bookseller will feature a selection of half-priced cookbooks. In December the Bookseller will feature half-priced seasonal and holiday books.

**Next Sale: Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Spring Sale during the Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss event at Central Library.**





# FROM THE FOUNDATION



Founded nearly thirty years ago, the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation has successfully raised more than thirty million dollars to provide the Milwaukee Public Library system with new materials, program support and capital improvements. As we celebrate this milestone we are counting on, and grateful for, our supporters that will help us wrap up this year strong and head into 2018 equipped to accomplish our mission to support lifelong learning at Milwaukee Public Library.

Each year, we sincerely appreciate your gift of a cash donation before December 31st, and 2017 is no different. If you have financial gains from stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares, you may instead want to donate those financial gains before year's end. You not only receive greater tax benefits when you donate appreciated securities, you receive an income tax deduction and can avoid capital gains while helping to support the Library.

Another year-end tax saving strategy is to consider a donation to the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation from your annual IRA distribution. Retirees over the age of 70 ½ who don't wish to take the required minimum distribution (RMD) and be taxed on it, are able to donate up to \$100,000 of their distribution to help the Library continually meet the growing needs of our community.

To donate a stock gift to the Library, we advise that you contact your financial institution/broker and use the institution's stock transfer form. The Milwaukee Public Library Foundation's tax ID # is 39-1610233, the DTC# is 992 N/O BMO Harris Bank N.A., and the MPLF Account # is 61-0464-025 N/O Milwaukee Public Library.

We also invite you to consider another type of gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime yet returns significant benefits to you. Referred to as a planned gift, it is a gift to Milwaukee Public Library Foundation designated through your estate plan and allows you to leave a legacy for the future of the Library while providing benefits to you and your heirs. We will acknowledge donors who have made a planned gift with membership in the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation's Legacy Leaders Society.

Tomorrow's results are created by today's donors. We thank you for your consideration and commitment to supporting Milwaukee Public Library Foundation today - and in the future. For more information, please contact Patricia Swanson at [pjswans@mpl.org](mailto:pjswans@mpl.org) or call (414) 286-3066.





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Thank you to all who attended the exclusive donor preview night at the Mitchell Street Branch. Margarita Sandoval (bottom left); Foundation Board Vice President Jim Kornfeld, Foundation Executive Director Ryan E. Daniels, Library Director Paula A. Kiely, Foundation Board Vice President Dan Renouard (top right); Adams Family (middle right); Richard Pine, Robert Zimmermann, Diana Underwood Pine, Friends Board President Barbara Franczyk, Allyson Nemec (bottom right).

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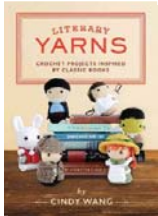






# THE BOOKSHELF

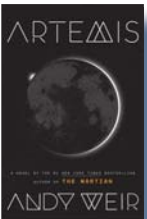
## Literary Yarns: Crochet Patterns Inspired by Classic Books by Cindy Wang.



This book is perfect for bibliophiles and crafters of all skill levels. Literature lovers can decorate bookshelves, proclaim a love of reading, and show off crafting skills with adorable amigurumi, sweet crocheted characters that are simple to make. Take tea with a charming Elizabeth Bennet. Decorate

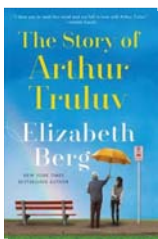
the Christmas tree with a grumpy Ebenezer Scrooge. Solve mysteries with the help of a pocket-sized Sherlock Holmes.

## Artemis by Andy Weir.



The world of Artemis is a tourist city on the moon populated by a handful of working-class and uber rich residents as well as a smart-alecky smuggler named Jazz. She gets involved in a high stakes heist which leads to much mayhem.

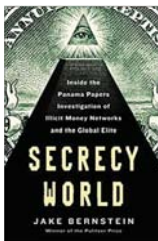
## The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg. Fiction.



For months, Arthur Moses' days have looked the same: He tends to his rose garden and to his cat, and then rides the bus to the cemetery to visit his beloved late wife for lunch. Maddy Harris often comes to the cemetery to escape the other kids at school. She's seen Arthur sitting there alone, and one afternoon she joins him --- a gesture

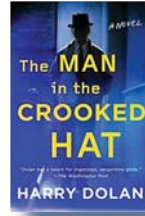
that begins a surprising friendship between two lonely souls.

## Secrecy World: Inside the Panama Papers Investigation of Illicit Money Networks and the Global Elite by Jake Bernstein.



A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist takes readers inside the world revealed by the Panama Papers—a landscape of illicit money, political corruption and global fraud that comprises a hidden trillion-dollar economy that plays a major role in how the world really works.

## The Man in the Crooked Hat by Harry Dolan. Mystery.



Having spent two years searching for the man he believes killed his wife; private investigator Jack Pellum follows a bewildering message to a winding trail of unsolved murders and a philosophical man with a dark and secret past.

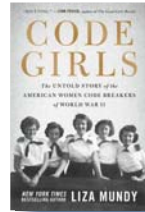
## Poison by Galt Niederhoffer. Mystery.



Starting over after moving to Seattle, a newly blended family forged by two seemingly happy career people becomes subject to small omissions and a series of denials that escalate in menacing ways. With life-or-death at stake, this is a chilling and irresistible reminder that the family bond designed to protect each other can change in

a minute.

## Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II by Liza Mundy.



Recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy, thousands of women served as codebreakers during World War II. Their efforts shortened the war, saved countless lives, and gave them access to careers previously denied to

them.

## All Time Best Holiday Entertaining by America's Test Kitchen.

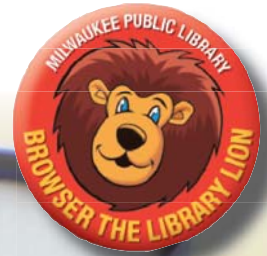


Does herbed roast turkey, mushroom lasagna, creamy corn pudding, or classic pecan pie sound good? With decades of experience, the experts at Cook's Illustrated are no strangers to pulling off a great holiday meal.

Here, they have gathered 75 spectacular, foolproof recipes to help you confidently prepare memorably festive feasts for years to come.

Contributed by Central Library librarian Jacki Potratz.

# CHILDREN'S ROOM



## Great Books for Gift-Giving

**Jane Foster's Things That Go.** BRD FOSTER. Ages 0-2.



Vroom! Brring brring! Swish swoosh! Colorful illustrations and sound words combine in this fun board book depicting a variety of transportation noises.

**Good Day, Good Night** by Margaret Wise Brown; illustrated by Loren Long. PIC BROWN. Ages 2-5.

A bunny welcomes the day by greeting familiar objects and creatures in this companion to *Goodnight Moon*.



**Pete the Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie**



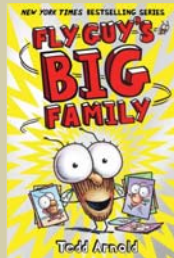
by Kimberly and James Dean. PIC DEAN. Ages 3-6.

While he loves to dance, Pete sadly has two left feet. With practice and a little help from his friends, will Pete find his groove with some cool dance moves?

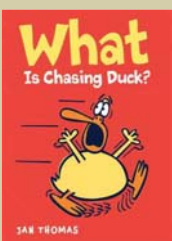
**Fly Guy's Big Family** by Tedd Arnold.

EASY LEVEL 1 ARNOLD. Ages 6-7.

Fly Guy's having a party! Flies have huge families, so when thousands of his relatives show up, he has to find creative ways to entertain the buzzing crowd.



**What Is Chasing Duck?** by Jan Thomas.



EASY LEVEL 1 THOMAS. Ages 5-8.

In this silly tale, Duck and friends' fears get the best of them as they imagine they are being chased by a horrible monster.

**Wallace and Grace Take the Case** by Heather Alexander;



illustrated by Laura Zarrin. INT ALEXAND. Ages 6-9.

In this new early chapter book series, Wallace and Grace run the Night Owl Detective Agency, solving mysteries for their fellow wildlife friends.

**Patina** by Jason Reynolds.

FIC REYNOLD. Ages 10-14.

Patina, first introduced in *Ghost*, reveals why she runs in this honest and moving look at the life of another member of the diverse group of kids who make up the Defenders track team.



**The Getaway** by Jeff Kinney. FIC KINNEY. Ages 10-14.

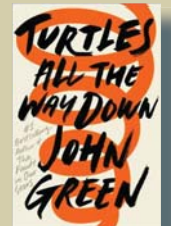


The Heffleys are set to enjoy winter break with a tropical destination, but one calamity after another may threaten their family getaway.

**Turtles All the Way Down** by John Green.

FIC GREEN. Ages 15-18.

Aza agrees to help her friend Daisy investigate the mystery of a fugitive billionaire, with a reward of a hundred-thousand-dollars. Sometimes, though, Aza's obsessive-compulsive thoughts make focusing on such a big endeavor challenging.



**Warcross** by Marie Lu. FIC LU. Ages 12-14.



When Emika Chen glitzches herself into the championships of the popular virtual reality game Warcross, her identity is blown and she is asked by the creator of the game to track down another notorious hacker called Zero.



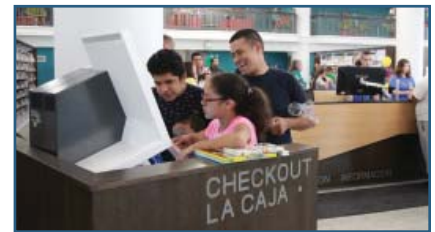
## Mitchell Street Branch Grand Opening

Hundreds of children, teens, and families filed through the doors of the new Mitchell Street Branch at 906 W. Historic Mitchell Street on Saturday, October 7, enthralled by what they saw: high ceilings, beautifully restored capitals and floors, social staircase, fireplace, teen area, maker space, all in a light-filled, incredible space spread over three levels.



Browner the Library Lion welcomed the first family to check out books at the new Mitchell Street Branch: DeMaryl, DeMaryl, Jr. and Akil Howard

*Photos by Nicole Acosta*



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