

## A Grand New Start: Tippecanoe Branch Reopening



Ribbon Cutting: Branch Manager Christopher Gawronski, Deputy Director Joan Johnson, Nancy Hernandez, County Supervisor Jason Haas, Ald. Terry Witkowski, Mayor Tom Barrett, City Librarian Paula Kiely, John Gurda, Library Trustees Sharon Cook and Joan Prince. (photos by Mark Hines)



The grand reopening of the Tippecane Branch was held on Saturday, December 12, 2015. More than 1,600 visitors attended the event which began with remarks by Mayor Tom Barrett, Alderman Terry Witkowski, Board of Trustees President John Gurda, Foundation Board Vice President Nancy Hernandez, and City Librarian Paula Kiely. After the ribbon cutting, the Ronald Reagan High School Jazz Combo entertained guests who enjoyed crafts, story times, and giveaways from the library and the Garden District Neighborhood Association.

The renovated branch features a new community room, dedicated collections for adults, teens and children, an automated sorter for 24/7 material return and check-in, new windows and seating along Howard Avenue, children's area with early learning materials, teen area with technology for videography and games, a Secret Garden for outdoor story times and activities for children, a coffee vending machine, and green landscaping.

The renovation of the Tippecanoe Branch, a 16,900 square foot stand-alone building, was led by architectural team Engberg Anderson and constructed by Creative Constructors at a cost of \$4.5 million. Funding for the project came from the City of Milwaukee's capital projects fund. Special features including the Secret Garden and the reinstallation of "The Spirit of the Manitou" sculpture by Guido Brink were funded by the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation and gifts from private donors.







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## IBRARY DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ PAULA A. KIELY



There's no question that the Internet provides access to helpful information – from news and travel to business and science and everything in-between. The trick is knowing whether the information you're accessing is accurate, timely, and from a reliable source. While getting the right answer is

always important, it can be critical when it involves health information.

The library has always been a provider of authoritative health information, whether patrons call Ready Reference with quick questions or seek more extensive information on their own through our strong circulating book collection.

But who hasn't used the Internet to try to answer a health question? While the Internet can be a challenging place to find factual information among all the opinions and theories, the Library has databases that can help you find accurate and up-to-date information on a variety of health questions.

February is American Heart Month, and a good time to take a look at databases offered through the Milwaukee Public Library that cover the topic of health:

Consumer Health Complete – A great starting place for patient-oriented information with many images and a nice medical dictionary.

Health Source: Consumer Edition – Information from popular magazines, reference books and pamphlets that summarize common health topics.

Health Source Nursing/Academic Edition – For health professionals, includes technical and cutting edge information on specific health research and treatments.

Alt HealthWatch – Focuses on natural, holistic and alternative medicine reports from authoritative publications.

AFHS Consumer Medication Information – Provides patients with plain language drug information in both English and Spanish.

Science Reference Center – For students interested in health science topics, good for reports or obtaining information on a kid-friendly level.

Take a look at these and all the databases offered by your library at www.mpl.org/databases/all/. Start your Internet search with the people you've always

trusted for accurate and reliable information.

# *Celebrating Self* An evening with Richard Blanco

Saturday, February 20 7 p.m. Centennial Hall

Compelling storyteller, poet, and memoirist Richard Blanco visits Milwaukee for an evening in celebration of poetry, of stories, and of self.

Richard Blanco made history when chosen as the fifth inaugural poet of the United States, being the youngest, first Latino, and openly gay writer to serve in the role. Blanco read *One Today*, an original poem he wrote for the occasion, at President Barack Obama's inauguration ceremony on January 21, 2013. Combining wit and wisdom, Richard will share his unique perspective on the importance of creativity in our lives and inspire attendees to discover their unique selves.

Blanco's works will be available for sale at the event from Outwords Books www.outwordsbooks.com.



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an e-mail with questions or comments to mailbox@mpl.org





# East Branch Donor Wall Unveiled



MPL's East Branch celebrated its first anniversary and unveiled a beautiful donor recognition wall with Mayor Tom Barrett and Library Director Paula Kiely on December 17, 2015. *Photo by Grace Fuhr* 

There is still time to be included in the Tippecanoe Branch donor recognition mural for gifts of \$100 or more before March 31. Go to www.mpl.org. Click on Support and Tippecanoe Branch.

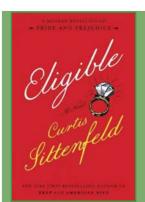
# Welcome to New Board Members

The Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation is pleased to announce newly elected members David Baum, Donald Polite and Mary Sprague. The board would also like to recognize that thanks to the generous support of donors like you, the Milwaukee Public Library had one of its best years in 2015, enrolling thousands more children in early literacy programs and welcoming 2.2 million library users from all walks of life through the doors of its 13 locations across Milwaukee.

The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Directors would like to welcome new members Meghan Cunningham, Shannon O'Connell and Joel Peterson. The library is grateful for the hard-working board of the Friends for their leadership and volunteer commitment working behind the scenes, planning fascinating programs, leading library tours, organizing book sales and funding special library projects.

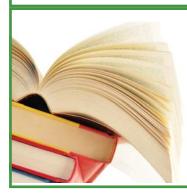
#### Take a Tour of Beautiful Central Library

Last year, hundreds of MPL visitors were treated to FREE guided tours of Central Library every Saturday which provided background on the architecture and history of the building. Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours begin at 11 a.m. on Saturdays in the rotunda. To arrange for a special tour, please call (414) 286-TOUR. To learn more about becoming a docent, please call (414) 286-8720.



Please save the date of **Tuesday, May 3** for the **Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Spring** Literary Luncheon, featuring author Curtis Sittenfeld and her new novel, *Eligible*: A Modern Retelling of Pride and Prejudice to be held at the Wisconsin Club. More information will follow in the March issue of The Reader.





**Spring Used Book Sale: Coincides with Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration** Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. Bookseller Corridor

Featuring a large selection of used books, audio books, magazines, comics, sheet music, children's books and more. 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. Next Sale: June 18 Summer Sale, Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.



Pacific: Silicon Chips and Surfboards, Coral Reefs and Atom Bombs, Brutal Dictators, Fading **Empires, and the Coming Collision** of the World's Superpowers by Simon Winchester. 909.09823 W759P. Winchester takes the reader on a tour of the Pacific Ocean covering geology, history, ecology, economy, and politics, presenting a

fascinating geopolitical portrait of the ocean that covers one third of the Earth's surface.

#### The Great Detective: The Amazing Rise and Immortal

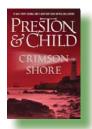
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Dundas gives fans of Sherlock Holmes a survey of the life and career of the great detective, his partner Doctor Watson and their creator, Arthur Conan Doyle, from their first appearance in print through their most recent film and television iterations.

Life of Sherlock Holmes by Zach Dundas.

Crimson Shore by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child.



Fiction. FBI Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast returns for the 15th installment in this series. While working on a private case in Exmouth, Massachusetts, where the contents of a wine cellar have been stolen, murder victims turn up with symbols carved into their bodies. It looks like

witchcraft and the supernatural are involved, and it's up to Pendergast to separate the false leads from the meaningful clues in this fast-moving thriller.

The Gap of Time: The Winter's Tale retold by Jeanette

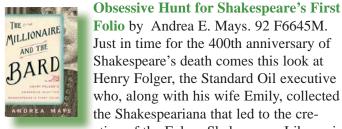


Winterson. Fiction.

Fans of Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale will appreciate this first entry in Hogarth Press's Shakespeare series, with different authors retelling his plays in contemporary settings. Here, The Winter's Tale is set in an early 21st century England undergoing a financial crisis, and the storm-ravaged city

of New Bohemia in the United States. The play's themes of jealousy, loss, and redemption come through as passionately as ever in this fresh and insightful retelling.

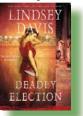
#### The Millionaire and the Bard: Henry Folger's



Folio by Andrea E. Mays. 92 F6645M. Just in time for the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death comes this look at Henry Folger, the Standard Oil executive who, along with his wife Emily, collected the Shakespeariana that led to the creation of the Folger Shakespeare Library in

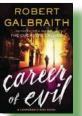
Washington, D.C. The cornerstone of the collection was the First Folio - the first "authorized" published collection of Shakespeare's plays.

#### Deadly Election by Lindsey Davis. Mystery.



In 89 C.E. Rome, informer Flavia Albia becomes embroiled in the complexities of Roman politics when a body is found in a strongbox her family business is auctioning. The body is connected to the election in which her friend and sometimes investigative partner, Manlius Faustus, is involved.

#### Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith. Mystery.



P.I. Cormoran Strike's new case becomes a little too personal when his assistant, Robin, receives a parcel containing a human leg. Cormoran knows the sender is someone from his past, but there are a lot of possible suspects from which to choose. This is the third book in the series by J.K. Rowling

writing as Robert Galbraith.

#### Fear and Clothing: Unbuckling American Style by



Cintra Wilson. 391 W749. Gonzo journalist and fashion critic Cintra Wilson is earnestly directed toward the goal of expanding fashion consciousness, to encourage us to realize our true inner selves in the way we dress. She delivers zingy humor, brilliant political insight and darn

good advice as she deconstructs fashion on an odyssey throughout America.

Contributed by Bay View Library staff Christopher Gawronski, Fran Gieldon and Deborah Heinzel.

# HILDREN'S ROOM

Celebrate Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss! His engaging and profound books have won the hearts of generations of children and created a legacy of aspiring readers. His silly stories told in rhyme beg to be read aloud, read together, and read by emerging readers. Dr. Seuss's stories develop literacy skills, build confidence for

independent readers and instill a love of reading. During March, the Milwaukee Public Library is offering many ways to celebrate this beloved author's birthday! Can you read in a car? Can you read to a star? Can you read in your socks? Can you read in a box? Participate in **Seuss Bingo** for fun and zany ways you can read throughout March. Pick up a **Seuss Bingo** card at any Milwaukee Public Library, have fun reading, and return your completed card to the library for a chance to win a special Seuss-themed prize.

- Central Library kicks off the festivities on
- Saturday, March 5th, 10 a.m.-1p.m. with live
- entertainment, animals, art activities, and more!
- Celebrate Seuss in Your Neighborhood!
   Magic with Rick Allen
- Mr. Rick celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday with a magical twist.
  - Mill Road
- Tuesday, March 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
   Forest Home
- Wednesday, March 9, 6-7 p.m. Center Street
- Thursday, March 10, 3:30-5 p.m.Capitol
- Saturday, March 12, 1-2 p.m.
- Zablocki Saturday, March 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Tippecanoe
- Tuesday, March 15, 6-7 p.m.
- Martin Luther King
- Monday, March 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

#### Thing Three and Thing Four by Kidsplay

- Two misfit Things take a journey into the world
  of Seuss, exploring rhyme, rhythm and the general
  worldw absurdity that makes Souss Souss!
- wacky absurdity that makes Seuss, Seuss!
  Bay View

  Tuesday, March 8, 6-7 p.m.

  Atkinson
  Thursday, March 10, 4-5 p.m.
  East
  Saturday, March 12, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
  Washington Park
  Monday, March 21, 5-6 p.m.
  Villard Square

  Tuesday, March 22, 6-7 p.m.

## Silly Stories You Can Read Anywhere!



Waddle! Waddle! by James Proimos. PIC PROIMOS. Ages 3-6.

Penguin searches for the new friend he made the previous day, desperately hoping to have another round of dancing because waddles and belly slides are always more

fun with a friend!



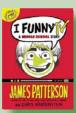
# Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins. PIC HIGGINS. Ages 3-6.

Bruce likes hard-boiled eggs and quiet. He certainly does not enjoy the company of others so when his eggs literally hatch, Bruce has to figure out what to do with the

goslings that are convinced he is their mother.



**The Spinny Icky Showdown** by Laurie Keller. INT KELLER. Ages 7-10. Arnie and his friends will be playing in a game show, complete with obstacle courses, but can they win against Nick "The Pumpernator" Pumpernickel?



I Funny TV: A Middle School Story by James Patterson & Chris Grabenstein; illustrated by Laura Park. FIC PATTERS. Ages 9-13.

Officially being "The Planet's Funniest Kid Comic" has perks, like becoming a TV personality. Can Jamie's comedic persona translate to reality TV?



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# **Black History Month** For a complete listing of events and descriptions, please visit the library's website at www.mpl.org.

**Read-In with Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** M.L. King - Tuesday, Feb 23, 5:30-6:30 pm

African American Bingo Atkinson - Monday, Feb 1, 4-5 pm

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Bucket Drumming East - Wednesday, Feb 10, 6-7 pm Tippecanoe - Tuesday, Feb 16, 6-7 pm Bay View - Tuesday, Feb 23, 6-7 pm Forest Home - Wednesday, Feb 24, 6-7 pm

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Rhythms of the African Diaspora Capitol - Wednesday, Feb 17, 6-7 pm

African American Children's Theatre: *Be Art Smart* Villard Square - Tuesday, Feb 9, 5:30-6:30 pm Central - Saturday, Feb 27, 10:30-11:30 am

#### **Dave the Potter Workshops**

Presented by Healthy Words Global Initiative. Washington Park - Thursdays, Feb 11, 18, 25, 3:30-5 pm Forest Home - Wednesdays, Mar 16, 23, 30, 3:30-5 pm

Jali Kunda West African Drumming

M.L. King - Monday, Feb 1, 6-6:45 pm Mill Road - Tuesday, Feb 2, 5:30-6:30 pm Center Street - Monday, Feb 8, 5-5:45 pm Washington Park - Monday, Feb 15, 4-4:45 pm Zablocki - Monday, Feb 22, 6:30-7:15 pm

A History of Jazz in America Villard Square -Wednesday, Feb 17, 5:30 pm

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Center Street 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave. • Central 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. • East 2320 N. Cramer St.
Forest Home 1432 W. Forest Home Ave. • Martin Luther King 310 W. Locust St. • Mill Road 6431 N. 76th St.
Tippecanoe 3912 S. Howell Ave. • Villard Square 5190 N. 35th St. • Washington Park 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
Zablocki 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave. • Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library 813 W. Wells St.
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