

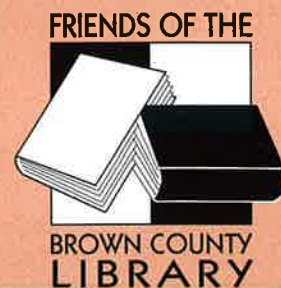


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"THE MORE THINGS YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU WILL GO." – *Dr. Seuss*



WI GOVERNOR HONORS MARY JANE HERBER...

...And so do her legion of fans at the Brown County Library where she serves as Local History Librarian.

Mary Jane Herber received the 2016 Governor's Award for Archival Advocacy at a reception in her honor at the library on October 6. The award also came from the Wisconsin Historical Society and the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

Herber launched the annual Fall Local History Series Program 28 years ago. "I couldn't be happier that Mary Jane is receiving the Governor's Award," said Brian Simons, director of the Brown County Library. "I remember her helping me, as a 4th grader, work on a genealogy project for school. This award is a long time coming."

Mike Aubinger, president of the Ashwaubenon Village Board, owner of Aubinger Communications and president of the library's Board of

Directors, said of Herber. "It's an absolute treasure in this area, to have someone with her knowledge of local history."

Cliff Christl, the Green Bay Packers historian and a local author, added, "I've spent countless hours doing research in local history, and I couldn't imagine anyone being more qualified than Mary Jane. She knows Green Bay history and Wisconsin history like no one else."

After hors d'oeuvres and congratulations from dignitaries, co-workers and friends, she got back to the business of hosting another crowded auditorium of history buffs anxious to learn about "Fort Howard – the Site, the Archaeology and the History," the third and fourth events in the lineup this fall, all offered free to the public.

Immediately after the reception, Herber dashed off to present the



Mary Jane Herber with Dr. Ellsworth Brown, Wisconsin Historical Society's Ruth and Hartley Barker Director.

night's guest speakers on Fort Howard. Part I presenters were Kevin Cullen, deputy director of the Neville Public Museum; Tim Brumm, local expert on Fort Howard; and Les Van Horn, owner of Van Horn and Van Horn Surveying.

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THE FUTURE EAST BRANCH



In May of 2016 the Library completed a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) with HGA

architectural firm. The plan, in some cases, confirmed what we suspected regarding needed upgrades and improvements for a number of our facilities.

One of those facilities is the East Branch, and it's a priority because the current lease for that space is up at the end of February 2018. In its current location, the branch has 6,000 square feet. The branch has been in that location since 1982. In fact, I remember sitting in that library for four hours working on a middle school biology paper about the human heart.

In those 34 years the size of the facility has not changed; however, the community it serves has grown exponentially. From 1990 to 2010, the Village of Bellevue alone has grown

from a population of 7,541 to 14,570. Having grown up on the East side of Green Bay, I know how much this service area has also exploded with new housing in just the past 10 years, and according to the City of Green Bay, that is where all their growth will be in the foreseeable future.

At the September Library Board meeting, the Board agreed to follow the FMP recommendation to build a right-sized, regional-size branch for the East Branch. What that means is the East branch, according to the research done in the plan, should be 20,800 square feet currently. Regional-size branches are representative of the branches we already have that are 20,000+ square feet, such as the Kress (De Pere) and Weyers-Hilliard (Howard) branches. Historically, those branches went from even more meager beginnings of roughly 3,000 square-foot branches to their current sizes today.

The Library Board has narrowed it down to three sites: The East Town Mall development has a space of about 25,000 square feet (where the Budget Cinema currently occupies 27,000 square

feet). The current East Branch site could be expanded to about 18,000 square feet (if an elevator is put in for mezzanine access), and the existing UW-Extension building with renovation and expansion could be 20,000+ square feet.

The library is looking at using Library Foundation or Friends' funding to pay for the architectural feasibility study for all three locations that would include drawings and design elements for each and then the purchase or rent, build out, and operational costs for each. After that study is complete, the Library Board can then decide which site it supports moving forward. Without a doubt, the Brown County Board will be involved by viewing the feasibility studies as well, because the lion's share of the funding will come from the county.

Once the studies are complete, the library will be able to release more information about the direction it will be taking.

Library Director

BIG BOOK SALE!!

Things change, right? New car models every year, new fashion styles, newly elected officials, and as of October 31, a new Big Book Sale setup and organizer.

Diane Vanderheiden of Green Bay has taken the helm as chairperson and promises a bigger and better sale in the wonderfully remodeled lower level of Central Library. Shoppers will find the sale books in a more spacious setting with better lighting.

The biggest change to this sale is the newly remodeled lower level of

the library! It is beautifully done! The lighting throughout is much improved, and it will be a cheery atmosphere. It will especially make shopping in the auditorium areas a much better experience.

The layout will slightly change due to a more open concept look between the fiction and non-fiction areas. Every area will be clearly marked.

There is an amazing collection of books – probably close to 100,000. We have hundreds of DVDs for both children and adults, and the CD supply covers every genre out there. At this sale, we have many

more "large print" fiction items than we have had in the last few sales, so anyone with that need is encouraged to attend.

The prices are the same great deals as in previous sales.

Book Sale Hours

Preview for Friends' Members:
Monday, October 31, 4 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday – Thursday, November 1-3,
9 a.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Friday, November 4,
9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 5,
9 a.m. – Noon

DETROIT: GREAT CITY ON THE REBOUND



Not from Detroit? Doesn't matter. This can happen where you live, too!

Pulitzer prize-winning author David Maraniss, who resides in both Madison, WI, and

Washington, D.C, said it was when he was watching the title game at a bar in midtown Manhattan that he discovered the project he would next pursue.

"At halftime, with the Green Bay Packers on their way to victory, I was caught up in the swirl of emotions of an anxious fan Then I looked up at the screen to see a green highway sign that said DETROIT."

City images flashed by on the screen, the winter landscape, smokestacks, abandoned factories and world-class architecture.

"The camera swooped inside a Chrysler 200, leathered warm and black, and there was Marshall Mathers, the rapper known as Eminem cruising in the luxury car to the Fox Theater," he wrote. The video caught him entering the theater and heading down the aisle toward a black gospel choir, its members robed in red and black.

The musician pointed at the camera and said, "This is Motor City. This is what we do."

Maraniss was born in Detroit and lived there until he was seven. But he still has vivid memories of the architecture and has kept up on all the city's challenges and its recovery from tough times.

The sights in that promotion led him to write his 11th book, "Once in a Great City – A Detroit Story", the chronicle of his hometown and how forces collided to send it into a tailspin.

Maraniss admitted that at 67, "I'm too old to be an Eminem groupie." But he said his research prompted memories, some good, others not so good. ("Mom put me on a bus at age 5, and I had to swim naked with all these other five-year-old boys.")

He said "I'm not a car guy," but he was tutored by his older brother to recognize every model vehicle passing below their porch by the time he was six years old. He could point out the Ford Mustangs, the Rambler Nash Metropolitans, and the Gran Torinos.

Detroit had its mitts in the Civil Rights Movement when its labor union raised the bail money to

secure the release of Martin Luther King from a Birmingham, Alabama, jail. The voice of black America spilled his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Detroit before taking it to Washington, D.C.

In his book, he focused on the 18-month period from 1962 to 1964 when his hometown struggled to deal with issues of racism, declining auto sales and United Auto Workers power...and on the flip side, there was Motown, the music that defined the era when he was a teen and a young man bopping to the Motown beat with its stars The Temptations, Martha Reeves, The Supremes, and Little Stevie Wonder.

Maraniss explained his writing process when he was the guest speaker at the Brown County Central Library's Fall History Series event on Sept. 29 that drew a crowd to the newly updated auditorium in the Brown County Library's lower level.

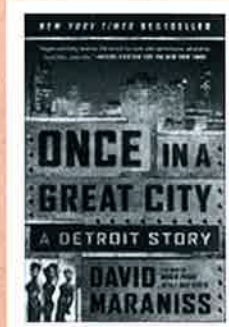
He takes "four legs of table," he noted: "I go there to understand the cultural and social geography of a place; to do archival research; to conduct interviews by 'finding people who are still connected to the city,' and to look for what's not there – I try to not follow the conventional wisdom."

One of his greatest pleasures as he delved into the city was its music, he noted. "Motown is a soundtrack. I had every song recorded in Motown and blasted it while I wrote." He pondered in his writing "Why did it happen to Detroit at that period; why did Green Bay ... end up with an enduring symbol of community with the Packers and no place else did?"

The author viewed Detroit "as an exaggeration of the Rust Belt vs. Sun Belt," he said. Through his research, he met Martha Reeves "who sang an opera aria for me" and delved into the work of Berry Gordie, the founder of Motown Records and the genius who spotlighted the Motown sound.

He learned that the great champion of black America, Dr. Martin Luther King, first gave his "I Have a Dream" speech in Detroit, not in Washington, D.C. And President John F. Kennedy put forth his unforgettable "Ask not what your country can do for you" line in Detroit before taking it to Washington, D.C.

Published by Simon & Schuster in 2015 to much acclaim, his Detroit book became a New York Times



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Bestseller and won The Robert F. Kennedy Book Award.

Detroit's problems are abating at last, Maraniss said. "This is the first time in decades that the population is rising again," adding, "Detroit has gone from a city of ruin to a city of hope."

However, the author's enmity toward his hometown football team is ever present. "Like any good Packer fan, I despise the Bears and the Lions."

Maraniss is no stranger to Green Bay and its library. His appearance in September was the fourth time he has expounded on one of his books at the History Series in recent years. Most recently, he was touting his book "Barack Obama: The Story."

Maraniss has his sites set on his next book – the McCarthy era. In approximately five years, he will focus on a second Obama book. "I plan to wait until he (President Obama) finishes his memoir, for which he will get the largest advance in American publishing history."

Other visits featured his book on Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi, "When Pride Still Mattered." He came to northeast Wisconsin 20 years ago, renting a cottage in Brussels where he did his research and writing.



David Maraniss signs a copy of his book for Allison Frazier, a longtime Friends member.



Ryan and Lindsey Winn of Pulaski had David Maraniss sign copies of his book for future gifts for their children.

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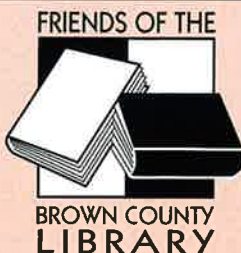
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FRIENDS' TEEN MEMBER IS ON THE BOARD, NEVER BORED

Ashley Reif has served as the first and only teen-aged member of the Friends of the Library for more than two years. The hard-working, agreeable, always busy young woman is an asset to the Friends group and a credit to her loving parents, Shari and Ryan Reif. Now 18 years old, she is considering where she wants to go from here.

She's heading to college, her first mainstream educational foray, having been home-schooled along with her brothers Tyler, Nathan and Nicholas, and sisters Natalie, Emily, Ellie and Zoe.

Before she graduates from the high school level, Ashley must complete three more science courses, one credit in math and a history project. She's excited about the two-week trip her family took in September to Washington, D.C., where she worked to complete her history project on the Battle of Fort Henry.

She's not concerned about tackling the work as she's very organized and motivated. It helps that for years she has spent significant time in the quiet confines of the Brown County Central Library self-motivated to complete her home school projects with the rich library resources at hand. "I'm more in charge now of my studies," she said.

Her mother, who works from home, checks all of her work. Her dad works at a nuclear power plant on the lakeshore.

Higher education sites on Ashley's radar are Lawrence University in Appleton and Silver Lake College of the Holy Family near Manitowoc. She said she wants to "stay local."

The music enthusiast is already earning money using her talents by helping as a cantor at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral downtown and serving as an organist at the Catholic church closest to her East Side home, SS. Peter and Paul, where she is the youth organist and assistant youth choir director. She also gives piano lessons to young students. "Your first goal should be giving back to Jesus who gave you your gift," Reif said. She began taking piano lessons from age five until she was in 5th grade. Some of her musical education came from studying YouTube posts and taking notes.

Her family's official church is St. Patrick's Oratory (formerly St. Patrick's Church) at 211 N. Maple St. At the new St. Patrick's, parishioners attend the traditional Latin mass.

She gets where she needs to be via bicycle, since she doesn't have her driver's license yet. Her goal is to buy an electric bike that has a motor in it. "I'm going to put it together," she vowed. Top speed will be 35 mph.

Ashley said she appreciates the Friends group and the downtown library. "The library is one of my homes, because nobody puts me below my abilities. I can do anything and I'm not treated like a little kid."

At Central Library, she may often be found in the children's department, usually at a table near an outlet so she can power up her laptop. She assists the children's librarians wherever she's needed, often decorating the walls with seasonal pieces. Children's is her favorite place to study and read. "I like to read books where I feel what the character is feeling," she said. Her home schooling involves reading the classics. "In public school I wouldn't have the freedom to do what I do," she noted.

As part of the Christian Home Schooling Athletic Association, she plays basketball and volleyball.

Those sports give her access to other young women her age. She enjoys choir camp in Kentucky, where she had made friends with girls from Tennessee, Indiana, Texas and Missouri. She also attends a girls' camp in Wausau.

Ashley is hoping to earn scholarships at Lawrence and Silver Lake to defray college costs. If she goes to Lawrence, she hopes to score a job in the campus library.

Meanwhile, Ashley said, "I take my role with the Friends seriously." She will be among the volunteers serving at the upcoming book sale. "And there are plenty of other things to volunteer for."



Ashley Reif in the board room.

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Still to come (with noted presenters):

*Oct. 13: Part II of "Fort Howard – The Site, the Archaeology and the History."

*Oct. 20: "Wisconsin on the Air: 100 Years of Public Broadcasting in the State That Invented It." Presenters will be Jack Mitchell, author, and Ian Fleming, WPR host.

*Oct. 27: "Enduring Food Traditions: Wisconsin Supper Clubs, Small Town Cafes and Church Socials." Presenter Terese Allen, food historian and Green Bay native.

Herber is already at work on the lineup for next year's History Series. She never finds it difficult to fill the weeks with intriguing speakers as she knows most of them through her work, her participation in many civic groups, and her outgoing personality helps, too.



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