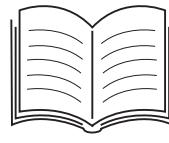


Georgetown library makes finals for prestigious national award

If you heard a sonic boom coming from inside the Georgetown Public Library recently, that was the sound of hearts exploding with pride when Library Director Eric Lashley told the staff that we are one of only 29 finalists across the country for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the most prestigious award a library can earn. That day there were happily raised voices, high fives, and dancing in the library!

The National Medal is awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency that supports libraries and museums. From the finalists, the IMLS will select 10 winners to receive a cash prize



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and this year's Medal. The IMLS website states, "The National Medal for Museum and Library Service honors outstanding libraries and museums that contribute significantly to the well-being of their communities."

"Well-being." Hmm. How does a library contribute to community well-being? Our library users probably each have their own answers. If you haven't already, please be sure to like or follow us on social media, and post about your experiences in our library using the hashtag #ShareYourStory; tag the library and the IMLS in your posts so the IMLS can see what our library means to you. They'll be watching!



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Down to Earth discussion

One way we contribute to community well-being is by partnering with select organizations to offer programming that fosters an engaged and informed population.

Looking toward Earth Day next month, for example, we will partner with

the Southwestern University Smith Library Center and Environmental Studies Department to hold discussions of Barbara Kingsolver's novel *Flight Behavior*; as well as two talks that relate to the novel's themes. The novel has a pivotal element involving Monarch butterflies that is sure to draw you in.

Flight Behavior is a brilliant and suspenseful novel set in present day Appalachia ... Kingsolver's riveting story concerns a young wife and mother on a failing farm in rural Tennessee who experiences something she cannot explain, and how her discovery energizes various competing factions ... trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world," says Harper-Collins Publishers.

The novel has elicited wide praise from critics since its publication, including *The New York Times*, which wrote, "This is fiction rich in empathy, wit, and science."

I hope you will join me in reading Kingsolver's novel and then attend one of the

book discussions April 17 (facilitated by Sally Miculek, assistant library director at the public library, and Emily Northrop, professor of economics at Southwestern) or April 23 (facilitated by Carol Fonken, library director at Southwestern, and myself).

Then on April 30 David Wolfe of the Environmental Defense Fund will speak about "Monarch Butterflies: Threats and What You Can Do to Help," and on May 8 Emily Northrop will talk about "Reducing CO₂ Pollution for Monarchs and Humans."

The discussions and talks will all be at 7 p.m. in the public library and are free and open to all. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you in the library.

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of columns highlighting activities and events at the Georgetown Public Library. Fine Arts Librarian Dana Hendrix begins the series scheduled to appear twice a month on Wednesdays.

A Few Upcoming Library Events

March 5-30 Shari Anderson: Seasons Come and Seasons Go exhibit

March 13 10:30 a.m. Spring Break: Mother Goose

March 14 10:30 a.m. Spring Break: Matt Sandback's Shadow Factory

March 15 10 a.m. Spring Break: Lego Day

March 16 1 p.m. Spring Break: Tween Super Smash Bros. Tournament

March 16 3 p.m. Spring Break: Teen Spa Day

March 18 2 p.m. Live Music at the Library: Austin Flute Project

March 18 4:30 Exhibit opening for Whoever Saves a Single Life: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust (exhibit lasts through April 17)

March 25 1 p.m. Shari Anderson artist reception

Consult the Library Events Calendar at library.georgetown.org for more information about these and other library programs.

Annual Memory Health Seminar

Tuesday, March 20 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm



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March 7, 1918

Help win this war by investing in Liberty Bonds, then give the bonds to help support orphan children. Some are giving Liberty Bonds to Buckner Orphans Home It would be beautiful for churches, Sunday schools and other schools, Ladies' Aid societies and for individuals as well, to help the Government and the orphans by ... giving them to this endowment effort. Who will be next to buy a bond and give it to BOH? Who will look after this matter in his or her church, society, school, lodge or other organization, making an appeal and a canvass to raise every dollar possible, to

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be used in this way? Later on, the name of each contributor and amount invested will be published in a way to encourage still others to help win the war and to help orphans with the identical dollars. R.V. Buckner, Route 2, Dallas, Texas

All our readers remember W. Angie Smith [many ties to Georgetown]. As a minister, Angie was bombproof. But this did not suit him. He wanted to serve the country, and yet he could not make up his mind to drop his career after spending so much time and money on it and feeling a divine call to preach the gospel. So at first he determined to go into YMCA work, where he would be working for the soldiers and getting experience in the hue of his calling, too. He has spent several months at this work. But when he learned he could not go to France in this work, he finally made up his mind to join the aviation department as a regular flyer. So he is now at work getting ready for the dangerous and spectacular career of air pilot. The choice he has made is a heroic one. Nor will he forget while fighting in the air that he is a follower of Jesus, and when the war is over he will have experiences that will be of lasting value as a preacher. Hooray for Angie! He is true blue, and will serve his country and make a mark, too. [Note: He became a Bishop of the Methodist Church in 1944.]

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