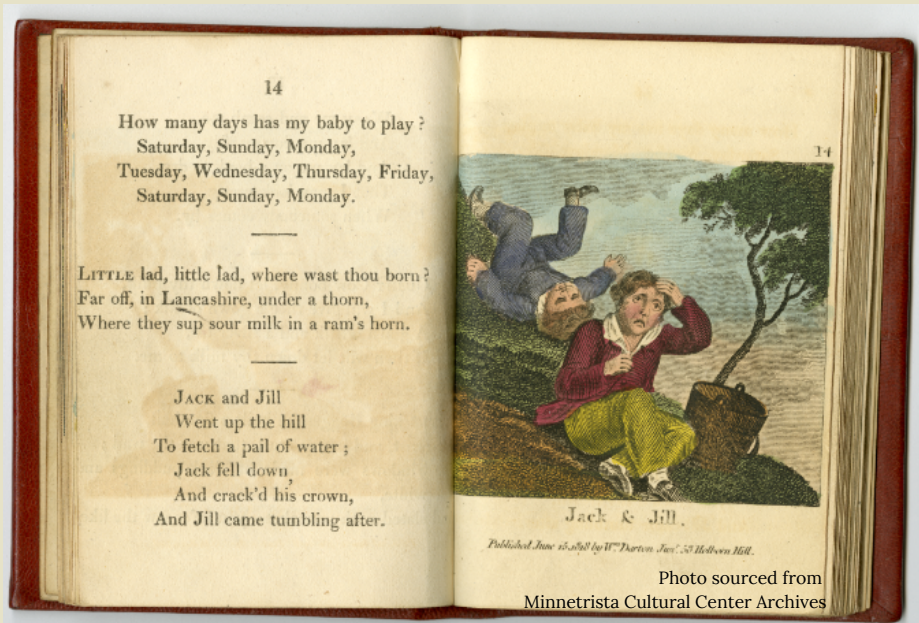




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G.A. BALL FAMILY: COLLECTORS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"I wish I would be where I could always have such beautiful books and papers to read. When I get old enough I will have a bookstore." This quote was written by George Ball in a letter to his older sister Lucina when he was ten years old. George always had a fascination with books, and truly believed that what you read as a child can help shape your life. George read regularly as a child and teenager. When he would learn about a book that helped shape an author or successful man, George would attempt to find that particular book himself. His book collecting began at age 18, and his interest in children's literature lasted his entire life. Both George and Frances were well-read. Their love of reading, books, and curiosity was passed down to their daughter Elisabeth. One

night after spending time showing books to guests at their home, George said to Elisabeth, "From now on, I think you should consider this your collection." From that point on, it was a shared activity between father and daughter. They worked together to obtain rare children's books from all over the world. Their collection consisted of over 10,000 books which were stored throughout their Oakhurst home. They loved to share their books with others, and their collection was considered one of the finest children's literature collections ever compiled. After Elisabeth's passing, a large portion of the books were donated to the Morgan Library in New York City, and the remaining books were donated to the Lilly Library at Indiana University.

[Historical information from Karen Vincent, Director of Collections at Minnetrista Cultural Center.](#)

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Photo taken on site visit at Camp Adventure

WHAT ARE GIVING CIRCLES?

The Funders Forum Collaborative is the brain-child of The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County and is a local example of a giving circle in action. The Funders Forum Collaborative is a collective grant making group that encompasses numerous philanthropic agencies as they address one major issue plaguing the community each year.

The grant application process is by invitation only, and the Forum serves as a space where organizations can share with multiple funding agencies about the great strides they are making in the community. The Delaware County Funders Forum is the one and only program like this in the state, which demonstrates the true collaborative efforts that Delaware County makes to improve the quality of life for all.

Last year, the Delaware County CASA Program was a recipient of a \$23,000 grant from the Funders Forum Collaborative for the work that they do to lift up children affected by the opioid crisis in our community.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cfmdin.org/>



Photo sourced from Delaware County CASA Program Facebook

QUARTERLY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: EDUCATION & YOUTH

George's love for books translated into a love for learning. George and Frances valued education and instilled the value of lifelong learning in their daughter Elisabeth. George, Frances, and Elisabeth supported many educational institutions. The George and Frances Ball Foundation (GFBF) carries on their legacy through the continued support of these organizations, particularly Ball State University. A few of the many grant examples are as follows.

Recently, GFBF provided a \$1 million commitment to assist Ball State University with innovation strategies for Muncie Community Schools (MCS). This summer, MCS will complete an overhaul of their English and Math curricula. They will also incorporate Project Lead the Way (STEM) curricula into the K-12 classes.

MCS also runs Camp Adventure, an outdoor environmental education facility focusing on STEM practices. Camp Adventure offers educational and recreational benefits to students and provides a "Day of Science," a hands-on STEM experience that builds upon and enhances

classroom learning.

Another STEM-focused partner of GFBF is the TechWise Academy located at Innovation Connector. TechWise Academy's motto is "teaching children to love coding and technology through fun, innovative, and educational courses." They provide fun and interactive courses to prepare children and adults for a heavily technology-driven society.

Another grant example is the GFBF Distinguished Professorship at Ball State University. The Professorship recognizes outstanding faculty members who have had significant impact on academic programs and students. Wayne M. Zage is a professor of Computer Science and Elizabeth A. Turcotte is a professor of Theatre. They are both GFBF Distinguished Professors, and they are both retiring in 2019. We want to give a big 'thanks' for the impact that they have had at Ball State and within the greater Muncie community.

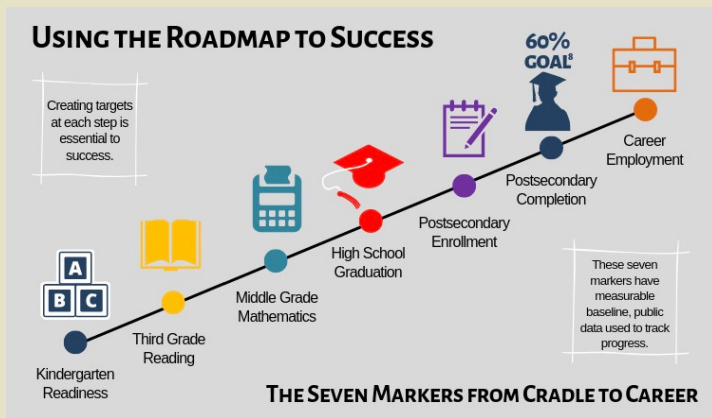
Please visit related links here:

<http://www.muncie.k12.in.us/>

<http://campadventure.muncie.k12.in.us/>

<https://techwiseacademy.com/>

<https://www.bsu.edu/news/articles/2014/8/ball-state-names-new-distinguished-professors>



UPDATE: CRADLE TO CAREER INITIATIVE

Recently, the Lumina Foundation, a national private foundation that focuses on advancing educational attainment and workforce preparation beyond high school, hosted 350 people at their annual convening. The conference was held in Detroit, MI (one of Lumina's Talent Development Hubs) from April 29th-May 1st. The GFBF staff was invited to attend and learn from experts in the educational attainment field. Staff returned with a plethora of resources to share with the community after attending workshops and hearing from an extensive list of experts such as keynote speaker, Dr. Andre Perry, Metropolitan Policy Fellow at the Brookings Institution.

One of the sessions focused on Governor Holcomb's 2019 Next Level Agenda and 21st Century Talent Regions. The Talent Regions' goals include increasing educational attainment, raising household income, and growing population. These strategies align with the Cradle to Career Initiative here in Delaware County. The top right photo is of Blair Milo, Indiana State Secretary of Career

Connections and Talent, presenting on the regional agenda. Our region is in the early application phases of this project.

In the past month, the Board of Directors of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and Delaware Advancement Corporation have adopted the Cradle to Career framework, including a 60% educational attainment goal. Further, GFBF staff have created easy-to-read, informative, and data driven documents to share with the community. These documents aid in our discussions with local and potential regional partnerships that are in development.

BY5 Early Childhood Initiative and United Way have signed-on to play key roles in the Cradle to Career Initiative. Each represent natural partnerships, because of all of the work they are currently performing in the community. We are excited about aligning our focus with those organizations and others to move the needle forward for students and families.

IMPORTANT DATES

BOARD MEETINGS:

October 17, 2019

Grant Deadline: September 17

December 13, 2019

Grant Deadline: November 13

*Grant requests are reviewed in the month between the deadline and corresponding Board Meeting. The board votes and makes final funding decisions at the meeting. Grant seekers should anticipate communication from GFBF within a month following the Board Meeting date.

RECOMMENDED BOARD CONFERENCES:

Rocky Mountain Tax Seminar for Private Foundations
Colorado Springs, CO
September 18-20

Exponent Philanthropy National Conference-Connect
St. Louis, MO October 2-4

Council of Michigan Foundations
Traverse City, MI October 6-8

George A. Ball

James Ball

Please visit these sites for more information:

<https://www.in.gov/cct/files/21st%20Cent%20Talent%20Regions%20Overview.pdf>

<https://www.muncieby5.org/>

<https://www.liveuniteddelawarecounty.org/>

<https://www.projectleadership.org/> <https://www.luminafoundation.org/>



GFBF STAFF AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS ATTEND OAKHURST EXPERIENCE GRAND OPENING AND TOWN AND GOWN EVENT

Experience Oakhurst in a whole new way. The new exhibit, Oakhurst Experience, welcomes guests into the home of George, Frances, and Elisabeth Ball. Oakhurst offers interactive games, books, and a variety of ways to learn about the Ball family, all while families interact and connect with one another. The Experience focuses on the value that the G.A. Ball family placed on spending time together by incorporating themes of canning, literacy, gardens, and family. The GFBF team enjoyed attending the grand opening and hearing from

President, Tom Kinghorn, as he spoke about the family and shared about who they were.

This quarter's Town and Gown Conversations at E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center hosted author and speaker, Mr. John Emmerling. The event, How to Spark Creativity and Innovation in Children, had a great turnout and the GFBF staff spent the evening with community members and partners from the Whitely Community Council and the 8Twelve Coalition.

Please visit related links here:

<https://minnetrista.net/home/things-to-do/exhibits/the-oakhurst-experience>

<https://whitelycc.org/>

<http://www.muncienighborhoods.org/2016/06/24/8twelve-coalition/>

<https://www.bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/eb-bertha-c-ball>



BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: JOAN MCKEE

Joan served on the George and Frances Ball Foundation Board of Directors for 19 years, serving as Secretary for the past 16 years. Joan has also been a leader in the community with a variety of organizations such as Tri Kappa, Pi Beta Phi, Muncie Symphony Orchestra, Muncie Children's Museum, and as a member of multiple other boards.

In December, the Board moved to name Joan McKee Director Emeritus in recognition of the service she has given to the Foundation. We want to sincerely thank Joan for her tremendous contributions to the community, and for her 19 years of service.



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