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Viola native, renowned artist to hold book signing

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Viola native and Warren County-educated Eva Stubblefield Maddox will return to McMinnville for a book signing event at Magness Library on Sept. 14 from 5–7 p.m. She will be visiting with guests and signing copies of “Eva Maddox Innovator, Designer, Educator,” a book outlining her illustrious life as an interior designer. It was written by Maddox’s former student Romy Wylie and released in 2017.

She has been praised as a “visionary design theorist and practitioner, pioneering the branding of interior spaces and originated the theory of patterning.”

Maddox is the consulting principal of Eva Maddox Design Strategies, retired design principal of Perkins + Will, and founder of Perkins +Will/Eva Maddox Branded Environments. She has received more than 200 design excellence awards. Elected into the Interior Design Hall of Fame in 1992, she was honored with the Contract Legend Award in 2011. She was named Chicagoan of the Year in 2001 and was selected as Purpose Prize Fellow in 2007 and 2008. She and Stanley Tigerman co-founded Archeworks, a multidisciplinary design school that provides innovative design solutions to social needs.

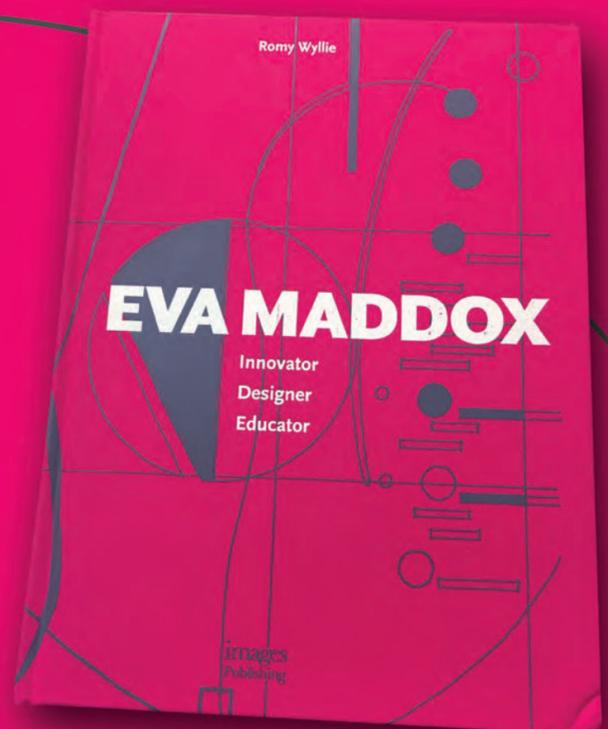
The comprehensive book traces her creative journey from rural Viola to her career in Chicago and around the world. The three sections of the book deliver a general outline of her career: innovator, designer and educator.

As Wylie shared in the preface of the book, “I hope readers will find Eva Maddox’s life work, teaching, philanthropy and many achievements as impressive as I did. It’s hard to grasp how many millions of square feet she has designed, not just as solutions to satisfy the requirements of a client, but with that extra flair and innovation for which she has become famous.”

While a student at City High School, she took college preparation classes in mathematics and science, and was the only girl studying mechanical drawing. Those classes inspired her to consider a career in architecture, with that experience also preparing her for a career dominated by men.

She attended the University of Cincinnati’s College of Design, Architecture and Art, which is considered one of the most important design schools in the United States, in 1961.

Maddox’s friend and classmate, Linda Gilbert, hopes everyone will visit the library and meet Maddox or visit to renew old friendship. Sales from the books will benefit Magness Library and Community House.



Morrison students go on reading campout



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Morrison School students got to go camping during their annual back-to-school ELA Family Reading Night held recently in the school library.

Over 70 students, parents, grandparents and staff enjoyed listening to first-grade teacher Jacqueline Ashford read “Camping Spree with Mr. McGee.”

The camping theme was suggested by third-grade teacher and committee member Christy Farless, with much approval from the students.

The children were able to share information about the Accelerated Reader program while “fishing” for rhyming words, and reading camping stories while sitting in tents using flashlights.

“We brought fishing poles for the fishing, and actual tents for them to use for reading time,” said reading interventionist Valerie Tidwell.

“We had a good variety of age groups, with everyone having a good time. Our committee members worked very hard to make it a success.”

Beta Club volunteers, Baylen Tuten, Jayron Morris and Brennan Beaty, assisted with the different activities, earning service hours.

Students were encouraged to register for various prizes, with lucky children Dallas Cagle, yearbook; Khloe Bouldin, portrait package; Esteban Aguilar, portrait package; and Kiara Webster, a Topz shirt. In addition, each child in attendance was able to choose a free book to keep and enjoy later.

As part of the camping festivities, students were also given a bag of goodies, smore cookies, pencils, stickers and important parenting information.

“Research shows when you read with your child at least 20 minutes a day, they will be more successful both in and out of school,” said Tidwell. “We want to give our children every advantage available to them.”



Photos provided
Morrison kindergarten student Kennedy Gibbs gets comfortable in a reading tent available at the school’s recent reading night.

First-grade teacher Jacqueline Ashford reads the fun book, “Camping Spree with Mr. McGee” to students during reading night at Morrison School.