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Mark Your Calendars!

We're planning our 2018 summer reading program, "Libraries Rock!" Prepare yourself for 6 weeks of great library programming across the library system- for the first time ever, all of our branches will be hosting summer reading at the same time!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 9, because we'll be having a kick off party of epic proportions!

Get STEAM-y at MCPLS

Our makerspace program is gathering STEAM this winter as we prepare to offer unique new services to our patrons at MCPLS and in Marion County Schools!

What is STEAM? STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts. and Mathematics!

The "STEAM Room" will be offering 3D design classes and printing (picture at right: 3D printer being set up), sewing labs, Lego Robotics programs, iPad labs, device help, and more, free of charge to

Marion County schools and residents!

Keep an eye out, because our programs will be hitting the road (and coming to branches!) in early 2018. We'll have more exciting announcements in the next few months as we prepare to introduce new STEAM programming and services in Marion County!

For information, please contact Liz Koziell. Virtual Branch Librarian at 304-366-1210, x 115 or lkoziell@mcpls.org.



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December New Releases

DVDs

6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain Acts of Vengeance Alias: Seasons 1-5 All Saints American Assassin American Gods: Season 1 American Made Detroit **Doctor Zhivago Dunkirk** Fuller House: Season 2 Game of Thrones: Season 7 Home Again Jungle Kingsman: The Golden Circle Mother Lego Ninjago Movie Pati Cakes Once Upon a Time in Detroit Ryde Trolls: Holiday Special Trophy Vietnam War: A Ken Burns Film Wentworth: Seasons 1-3

Holiday DVDs

Bad Santa 2 A Christmas Story **Christmas in New York** Christmas with The Kranks Die Hard Elf Ernest Saves Christmas Firehouse Christmas Frosty the Snowman Gremlins It's A Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie Jack Frost Jingle All The Way Krampus Love Actually A Muppets Christmas Letter to Santa My Christmas Dream National Lampoons Christmas Office Christmas Party The Town Christmas Forgot Tyler Perry's Madea Christmas A Very Country Christmas

Bestsellers

The Boy by Tami Hoag The Cartel 3 by Ashley The City of the Lost by Kelly Armstrong Darker by E.L. James Death of Nuremberg by W.E.B. Griffin The Demon Crown by James Rollins Eighteen Acres by Nicolle Wallace **Enchantress of Numbers** by Jennifer Chiaverini Firefly Cove by T. Davis Bunn The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye by David Lagercrantz Huckleberry Harvest by Jennifer Beckstrand I Found You by Lisa Jewel Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egap Merger by Chelle Bliss

Audio Books

Alpha Alpine by Mary Daheim Darker by E.L. James Death in Nuremberg by W.E.B. Griffin Man in Control by Diana Palmer Rush Revere by Rush Limbaugh The Wanted by Robert Crais

Large Print

Blind Spot by Dani Pettrey Blue Ridge Sunrise by Denise Hunter Dangerous Illusions by Irene Hannon Deadly Proof by Rachel Dylan Death at Thorburn Hall by Julianna Deering Enchantress of Numbers by Jennifer Chiaverini Madam President by Nicolle Wallace A Plain Leaving by Leslie Gould The Secret Life of Sara by Bethany Turner The Two of Us by Victoria Bylin Wyoming Winter by Diana Palmer Year One by Nora Roberts

Juvenile Fiction

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia Deadpool: Paws Prose by Stefan Petrucha Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling Lumberjanes: Unicorn Power by Mariko Tamaki Nancy Clancy: Late Breaking News by Jane O'Connor Rocket and Groot: Stranded on Planet Strip Mall by Tom Angleberger The War I Finally Won by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Mindhunter by John Douglas (Nonfiction) Misadventures of a Valedictorian by Meredith Wild Mississippi Roll by George R.R. Martin The Secret Partner by Steve Martini Simply Irresistible by Jill Shalvis String of Pearls by Melody Carlson Survival by Ben Bova Texas Mail Order Bride by Linda Broday The Trouble with Texas Cowboys by Carolyn Brown Tom Clancy: Power and Empire by Marc Cameron The Wanted by Robert Crais Where the Past Begins by Amy Tan

Graphic Novels

<u>GN:</u> **07iGhost**: Vol 1-3 **Batman Beyond 2.0**: Vol 1-3 **Captain America: White Captain Marvel**: Vol 1-2 **Chibi Vampire**: Vol 1-3 **Emma** by Kaoru Mori **Lumberjanes:** Vol 6-7 **Ms. Marvel Princess Princess Ever After** by Katie O'Neill **Supergirl**: Vol 1 by Jeph Loeb **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**: Vol 1 **Vampire Doll Guilt-na-zan**: Vol 1-6 **X-Men: Age of Apocalypse**

<u>MGN:</u> **Vassalord** by Nanae Kurono

Teen

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater Akata Warrior by Nnedi Okorafor Beast of Night by Tochi Onyebucchi Because You Love to Hate Me by Amerie **Coming Out: High School Boys** Share Their Stories by Jay Argent Dragonwatch by Brandon Mull Eliters of Eden by Joey Graceffa Grendel's Guide to Love and War by A.E. Kaplan Haunting the Deep by Adriana Mather Hunting Prince Dracula by Kerri Maniscalco The Rogue Queen by Emily R. King The Sin Eater's Daughter by Melinda Salisbury Swimmer Boy by Jay Argent A Thousand Nights by E.K. Johnston White Crow by Marcus Sedgwick

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Mrs. Claus is Coming to Town!

Join the library on December 9 at 2 pm to welcome, all the way from the North Pole.... MRS. CLAUS! Mrs. Claus will be at the library for a special program featuring interactive magic, storytelling and the adventures of the North Pole animals, Santa Claus and more!

This is part of the many celebrations happening downtown including the Feast of the Seven Fishes and Christmas Parade. Come see all the magic and wonder as the Friends of the Library proudly present *The Magic* of Christmas with Mrs. Claus.

Story Hour

Story Hour last days for 2017 will be December 6 & 7 and will resume January 10 and 11. As a reminder, Story Hour will be cancelled any day that Marion County Schools are delayed or closed for inclement weather.

Toddler Time/ Baby Time

Baby Time and Toddler Time will wrap up the week of December 11, and will reconvene January 16 (Toddlers) and 19 (Babies). Baby Time & Toddler Time will be cancelled any day that Marion County Schools are delayed or closed for inclement weather.

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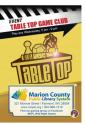
Adult Programming

Our adult craft classes and book clubs will be taking a break for the winter! Keep an eye out for fresh dates and books, coming soon!

Merry Eatings

Even though our craft class and book clubs will be off celebrating the holiday season, we invite you to join us for Merry Eatings. Stop in the library and chose a cookbook from a selected list. Browse the recipes and pick one you would like to make. Register your recipe and name at the circulation desk and we will copy the recipe for you to take home. On Monday, December 11 at 5 pm, bring your creation (enough to feed 10 people) and be prepared for some tasty holiday treats and great company! This event is by registration only, so stop in today to pick up your recipe and start creating!

Tabletop Game Group



Do you like to play games like Terraforming Mars, Pandemic, Quartz, or other European board games? Do you enjoy Dungeons & Dragons? Then join us at the main branch on Wednesday nights at 5 pm for our Tabletop Game Group!

Alternative, advanced and imaginative games will be featured. Borrow from our extensive library of games, or bring your own to share! This event is open to adults and mature teens. Refreshments will be provided! Get your game on! Contact Dan at 304-366-1210 for more Information, or join our Facebook group: MCPL Wed Night Games!

Awesome Readers

We'll be meeting Monday, December 18 at 4:45 pm to discuss *All Fall Down* by Ally Carter. Stop by to pick up a copy today! Note: We will not meet if school has been



"Grace Blakely is absolutely certain of three things:

canceled for inclement weather.

- 1. She is not crazy.
- 2. Her mother was murdered.

3. Someday she is going to find the killer and make him pay.

As certain as Grace is about these facts, nobody else believes her -- so there's no one she can completely trust. Not her grandfather, a powerful ambassador. Not her new friends, who all live on Embassy Row. Not Alexei, the Russian boy next door, who is keeping his eye on Grace for reasons she neither likes nor understands.

Everybody wants Grace to put on a pretty dress and a pretty smile, blocking out all her unpretty thoughts. But they can't control Grace -- no more than Grace can control what she knows or what she needs to do. Her past has come back to hunt her . . . and if she doesn't stop it, Grace isn't the only one who will get hurt. Because on Embassy Row, the countries of the world stand like dominoes, and one wrong move can make them all fall down." -Amazon

'Tween the Pages

Students in grades 5-8: We'll be meeting Monday, December 18 at 3:30 pm to

discuss *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. Stop by the front desk to check out a copy today! Note: We will not meet if school has been canceled for inclement weather.



"A bizarre chain of events begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. And though no one knows why the eccentric, game-loving millionaire has chosen a virtual stranger—and a possible murderer to inherit his vast fortune, on things for sure: Sam Westing may be dead...but that won't stop him from playing one last game!". –Amazon

There's Snow Better Time to Read



Be sure to check out our HILTON entryway display this month – "There's



Snow' Better Read." Featured titles include The Snow

Globe by Laura Hilton, Cold Pursuit by T. Jefferson Parker, A Bloom in Winter by T.J. Brown, and *Black* Ice by Andrew Lane.

Adult Crafternoon



Our final "Adult Crafternoon" program of the year will be held on December 12 at 3 pm.

Participants will have the opportunity to make a DIY holiday wreath. Space is limited for this program so registration is required and can be completed by calling or stopping by the library.

Lost in the Andes

Our monthly guessing game at the Circulation Desk is "Lost in the Andes." Guess how many Andes candies are in the jar, be the closest without going over, and win!

500 Main Street Fairview, WV 26570 304-449-1021

Children's Programs are "Snow" Wonderful



Another fall semester of "Toddler Time" and "Story Hour" concludes at the Fairview Library in December. During the week of December 4, our participants will be treated to their final

classes featuring Keith Baker's Hap-Pea All Year and Little Green Peas.

On December 12 at 10 am, we will be holding our Christmas Party Finale at the Fairview Fire Hall, complete with a special guest from the North Pole bearing holiday treat bags for each child. In addition, one lucky winner from each class will be the recipient of our Grand Prize Drawing. The winning class from Fairview Elementary's "Circle Time Reading Club" will be awarded with a DIY ornament craft party here at the library.

The final coloring workshop for 2017 is "Season's Readings."

Warmest Wishes

The staff of the Fairview Public Library would like to thank the community for their contributions to our "Food Pantry" and "Mitten Tree" drives last month. Your donations will help make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.



Reading to Make You Merry and Bright

With the arrival of December, it's time again for our "Secret Santa Reading Challenge" December 1-20. We will be displaying a variety of what we call "dead item"



titles (books with 0-1 checkouts) wrapped in holiday paper and arranged under our library Christmas tree. The secret is you won't know what book you've got until you've unwrapped it and checked it out.

For each "Secret Santa" title you check out, read, and review as a "Thumbs Up" or "Thumbs Down," you will be entered into a drawing for your chance at one of three gift cards, ranging from \$25 to \$50 to \$100. Participants also receive a holiday treat just for entering.

The more titles you read and rate, the better your chances of winning! "Thumbs Up" titles will then be featured in our "Readers Recommend" display in January.

What Do You Know About That? Trivia Contest

Trivia enthusiasts are invited to join us on December 28 from 9 am – 4 pm for the "Holiday Edition" of our monthly contest, "What Do You Know about That?" Patrons ages 14-up are eligible to participate, and the patron with the most correct answers wins a prize!

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Mannington



Thank You!

What a wonderful reception we've had of the new children's areas. It's a joy to watch the children as they select their books and play; and to hear them ask their parents as they walk out the door, "Can come back tomorrow?" We would like to thank Mannington Promise for Kids who applied for and received a grant from the George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust, Friends of the Mannington Library with support from local patrons and businesses, the City of Mannington, MCPLS Board of Trustees for their support, and the Mannington Public Library's staff and families! More pictures on page 7!

Snacking on Books

Middle school students are invited to join Carol on Tuesday afternoon, December 5 at 2:45 pm. We'll discuss what you're reading, get creative with the duct tape, and enjoy an



afterschool snack together.

109 Clarksburg Street Mannington, WV 26582 304-986-2803

Van Gogh & Goodies



Karen will be hosting Van Gogh and Goodies Adult Crafting this month featuring "Santa Shells" Bring any special shells you would like to pain and

join us for a creative and relaxing evening with friends; Monday, December 11 at 5 pm.

Friends Book Sale

Shopping, reading, reading, shopping-'Tis the Season! The Friends Book Sale is open every Friday 10 am - 4:30 pm and Saturday 9 am - 1 pm and always has much loved, slightly used and exciting books waiting for you.

Story Time & **Toddler Time**

Miss Janet and Miss Carol will be wrapping up the fall session of both "Toddler Time" and "Story Time" with a holiday party the first week in December. They will begin the spring session in February.

Each week stories, crafts, games, and snacks promise to be fun for all. Please call the library (304) 986-2803 for more information regarding "Toddler Time" a program for children up to 3 years of age that meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 am, and "Story Time" a program for children 2-5 years of age that meets on

Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Fiction Addiction

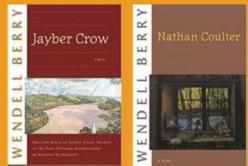
Fiction Addiction is food and FUN! Pick up your copy of Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor and join the "Fiction Addiction" teen book club 11 at 3:30 pm.



The dream chooses the dreamer, not the other way around -- and Lazlo

Strange, war orphan and junior librarian, has always feared that his dream chose of Weep, but it would take someone bolder than he to cross half the world in two hundred years ago to cut it off from the rest of the world? What exactly did name of god? And what is the mysterious problem he now seeks help blue-skinned goddess who appears in Lazlo's dreams. How did he dream her before he knew she existed? and if all the gods are dead, why does she seem

Cover2Cover



The book club enjoyed The Memory of Old Jack (Port William); now they are diving a little deeper into the characters of Port William, Kentucky.

Pick up your copies of *Jayber* Crow and Nathan Coulter by Wendell Berry and join the "Cover2Cover" book club on Thursday, January 18 at 1:30 pm!

Marion Libearian, the town librarian

Hello All!



'Tis the Season! The holidays are a delightful time for everyone to celebrate the joyous time of year.

As you are out and about in the hustle and bustle preparing for the holidays, be sure to check out what all the library has to help make your seasons bright. We have a wide selection of holiday movies, music, books and more. Our online services go beyond that and offer some of the best streaming options!

At this wonderful time, we the Marion County Public Library System want to wish you and your families the happiest of holidays. **We thank you for your patronage and look forward to serving you in the New Year!**

MCPLS Bookmobile

Monday

Pierpont Lab Preschool: 9:30-10:30. FSU Campus Monongah Park Trailhead: 11:00-12:00. Monongah Hutchinson: 1:30-2:00. Woodlands Assisted Living Stepping Stone, Inc: 3:45-4:45. East Grafton Road

Tuesday

Fritz Rug Ratz: 9:15– 10:00. Whitehall Rivesville Head Start: 10:30-11:30 [1st & 3rd Week] Baptist Temple: 10:30-11:00. Morgantown Avenue [2nd & 4th Week] Teleperformance: 11:30-12:30 Bellview [2nd & 4th Week] Bunner Ridge: 1:30-2:30. Sagebrush Roundup [1st & 3rd Week] Disability Action Center: 2:30-3:30. 102 Benoni Ave. [2nd & 4th Week] Boys & Girls Club: 3:45-4:45. East Park Elementary [1st & 3rd Week] Rising Star: 3:45-4:45. 501 Monroe Street [2nd & 4th Week]

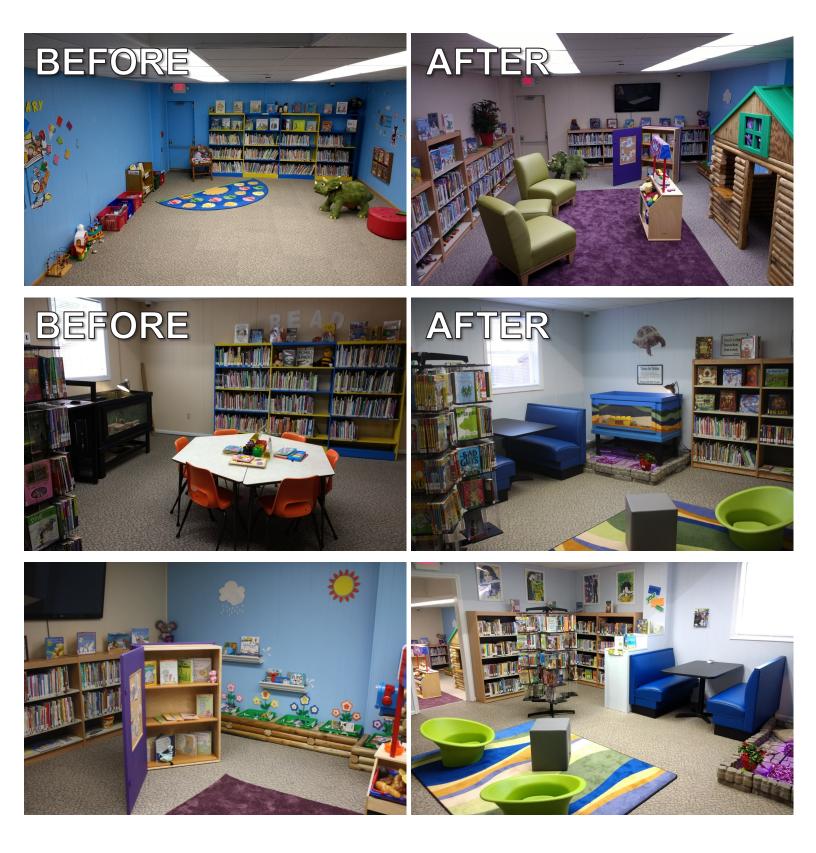
Wednesday

White Hall: 9:00-10:00. Middletown Mall Barrackville Preschool: 10:30-11:30. [1st & 3rd Week] Carolina Head Start: 10:30-11:30. [2nd & 4th Week] NASA IV & V: 12:00-1:00. Back Parking Lot [1st & 3rd Week] Wonderland Learning: 12:00-1:00. Mannington [2nd & 4th Week] Boys & Girls Club: 2:30-3:30. Watson Elementary [1st & 3rd Week] Boys & Girls Club: 2:45-3:45. Blackshere Elementary [2nd & 4th Week]

Thursday

Bright Beginnings Day Care: 9:30-10:15. 22 Moran Circle, Rt 73 Sunbeam Child Care Center: 10:30-11:30. Mary Lou Retton Drive Learning Options, Inc: 1:00-2:00. Songbird Lane [2nd Week] Rock Lake: 2:00-3:00. Community Center [1st & 3rd Week] Colfax: 3:30-4:30. Community Center [1st & 3rd Week] Kidz Connection: 3:30-4:30. Bellview Blvd [2nd & 4th Week]

Mannington Children's Room Renovations



Fairmont

- December 4: Winter Hours Begin
- December 6: Wed. Story Hour
- December 6, 13, 20, 27: Tabletop Gaming
- December 7: Thurs. Story Hour
- December 5, 12: Baby Time
- December 8, 15: Toddler Time
- December 9: The Magic of Christmas with Mrs. Claus
- December 11: Eat, Drink, and Be Merry
- December 15: All branches close at 2 pm
- December 18: 'Tween the Pages The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
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 All Fall Down by Ally Carter
- December 25-26: CLOSED in observance of Christmas ______

Mannington

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IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES

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Winter Hours: Dec. 4, 2017 to Mar. 5, 2018

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