



The staff and Board of Trustees of the Marion County Public Library System are heartbroken to share the news of the passing of our Programming Coordinator and long-time library supporter, Connie VanGilder.

Connie was an integral part of our community, and known not just for her work at the library, but also as part of non-profit organizations such as Project Graduation. She joined our staff in 2018, and immediately began generating an atmosphere of teamwork, positivity, and optimism, encouraging not just library employees, but also all the community members she interacted with. Connie had a kind word and a smile for everyone she met.

She will be sorely missed.

Big Changes for RBdigital

If you haven't yet heard, Overdrive has acquired RBdigital!

All of the eBooks, audiobooks, and (beginning 1/28/2021) magazines that we had on RBdigital have been migrated to Overdrive for easier access.

That means you can use your Overdrive/Libby (WVDELI) app to access RBdigital materials, all in one place!

Head on over to wvdeli.overdrive.com, or access your favorite RBdigital titles through the Overdrive or Libby app today.



At this time, other RBdigital services, such as AcornTV, Qello Concerts by Stingray, ArtistWorks, LawDepot, and Transparent Language, can continue to be accessed through the RB digital website by visiting mcpls.org/education

Thank you for your patience as we make the transition!



February New Releases

Find more new releases, complete with links, at www.mcpls.org/new

DVDs

The 100 Season 7 Archenemy Christmas in Boston Come Play Dean Koontz's Intensity Dean Koontz's Sole Survivor Half Brothers **Hunter Hunter** Kajillionaire The Last Vermeer Let Him Go The Long Song Love, Weddings and Other Disasters Monster Hunter News of the World Shadow in the Cloud Sister of the Groom Smoky Mountain Christmas Songbird Soul Tesla A Time to Remember Wander Darkly Which Way is Up? Wild Mountain Thyme

eDVDs

Laura Ingalls Wilder
Being the Queen
Billie
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
There's Something in the Water
WWE Royal Rumble 2021

Video Games

<u>Nintendo Switch:</u> Cobra Kai Monster Hunter

<u>PS4:</u> Cyberpunk 2077 Danganronpa Trilogy Dragon Quest XI

<u>PS5:</u> Assassin's Creed: Valhalla Godfall Sackboy Spider-Man

XBOX One: Minecraft Dungeons Ride 4

Bestsellers

American Traitor by Brad Taylor

The Amish Hawaiian Adventures by Wanda E. Brunstetter Blink of an Eye by Iris Johansen **Blood Grove** by Walter Mosley Bridgerton: The Duke and I by Julia Quinn Calder Brand by Janet Dailey A Court of Silver Flames by Sarah J. Maas Faithless in Death by J.D. Robb First Comes Scandal by Julia Quinn Flowers of Darkness by Tatiana de Rosnay Four Winds by Kristin Hannah The Kaiser's Web by Steve Berry Kingdom of Shadow and Light by Karen Marie Moning The Other You by Joyce Carol Oates The Russian Cage by Charlaine Harris Serpentine by Jonathon Kellerman Spoils of the Dead by Dana Stabenow Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder by Joanne Fluke The Umbrella Lady by V.C. Andrews The Vineyard at Painted Moon by Susan Mallery Walk in My Combat Boots by James Patterson

Misc. Fiction

1637: No Peace Beyond the Line by Eric Flint At The Edge of the Haight by Katherine Seligman The Book of Dragons: An Anthology The Breaker by Nick Petrie Bryant & May: Oranges and Lemons by Christopher Fowler The Butterfly House by Katrine Enberg The Catered Book Club by Isis Crawford The Chanel Sisters by Judithe Little Death by Chocolate Snickerdoodle by Sarah Graves Drowned Country by Emily Tesh Egg Shooters by Laura Childs The Family Business by Carl Weber A Fatal Lie by Charles Todd The Irish Parade Murder by Leslie Meier

The Macedonian Hazard by Eric Flint **The Mask Falling**

by Samantha Shannon

Missing and Endangered by Judith A. Jance

The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner

Prodigal Son by Greg Hurwitz
Relentless by Mark Greaney
The Shadow Box by Luanne Rice
A Simple Murder by Linda Castillo
The Titanic Sisters by Patricia Falvey
Tropic of Stupid by Tim Dorsey
Twenty by James Grippando
Yellow Jessamine by Caitlin Starling

Large Print

Before She Disappeared by Lisa Garden Blink of an Eye by Iris Johansen The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett by Annie Lyons Burden of Proof by Bunn Davis A Cold Trail by Robert Dugoni The Eye of the Hunter by Frank Bonham Faithless in Death by J.D. Robb First Comes Scandal by Julia Quinn Four Winds by Kristin Hannah Harbor Secrets by Melody Carlson Missing and Endangered by Judith A. Jance One for the Books by Jenn McKinlay Piecing it All Together by Leslie Gould Serpentine by Jonathon Kellerman Walk in My Combat Boots by James Patterson The Yukon Trail by William MacLeod Raine

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After Tex by Sherryl Woods All That Glitters by Danielle Steel **Amish Front Porch Stories** by Wanda E. Brunstetter The Blended Quilt by Wanda E. Brunstetter Blink of an Eye by Iris Johansen The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett by Annie Lyons The Daydream Cabin by Carolyn Brown Faithless in Death by J.D. Robb The Forgiving Jar by Wanda E. Brunstetter Four Winds by Kristin Hannah Layla by Colleen Hoover Serpentine by Jonathon Kellerman **Songteller** by Dolly Parton Under the Alaskan Ice by Karen Harper The Vineyard at Painted Moon by Susan Mallery A Warm Heart in the Winter by Jessica Bird Wrong Alibi by Christina Dodd

Graphic Novels

Catwoman Vol. 2, Far from Gotham
by Joëlle Jones
Dramacon by Svetlana Chmakova
Heartstopper Vol 3 by Alice Oseman
My Weird School Graphic Novel 1:
Mr. Corbett Is in Orbit!
by Dan Gutman
Slime for Dinner (Geronimo Stilton

Slime for Dinner (Geronimo Stilton Graphic Novel #2) by Elisabetta Dami

Teen Titans Vol 4: Robin No More
by Adam Glass
Weathering With You, Vol 2
by Makoto Shinkai

Non-Fiction

Barack Before Obama by David Katz
The Black Church by Henry Gates
Black Futures by Kimberly Drew
A Cat's Tale by Paul Koudounaris
Four Hundred Souls by Ibram X. Kendi
Ida B. the Queen: The Extraordinary
Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells
by Michelle Duster

Happiness Becomes You by Tina Turner

Joe Biden: American Dreamer by Evan Osnos

Julian Bond's Time to Teach Just As I Am by Cicely Tyson Keep Sharpe by Sanjay Gupta

Land: How the Hunger for Ownership
Shaped the Modern World
by Simon Winchester

Let Us Dream by Pope Francis
The New Normal: A Roadmap to
Resilience in the Pandemic Era
by Jennifer Ashton

The Rope: A True Story of Murder, Heroism, and the Dawn of the NAACP

by Alex Tresniowski

The Truths We Hold by Kamala Harris
Uncomfortable Conversations with a
Black Man by Emmanuel Acho

Children

Big Rig Rescue!

Biscuit and the Little Llamas by Alyssa Satin Capucilla

Blanket: Journey to Extreme Coziness

by Loryn Brantz

Happy Birthday (Pinkalicious) by Victoria Kann

Jack Gets Zapped by Mac Barnett

Moose, Goose, and Mouse by Mordicai Gerstein

Oona by Kelly DiPucchio

Pete the Kitty: Ready, Set, Go-Cart by James Dean

Sloth Wasn't Sleepy by Kate Messner

Snow White's Sweet Bunny
by Lauren Clauss

Spring Stinks (Mother Bruce) by Ryan T. Higgins

Thomas and the Leprechaun by Christy Webster

Time for Kenny by J. Brian Pinkney You Can Be a Doctor (Barbie)

by Elle Stephens

Readalongs

Clark the Shark: Tooth Trouble

by Bruce Hale Digger the Dinosaur

by Rebecca Kai Dotlich

Music Class Today

by David Weinstone

My Weird School: Class Pet Mess

by Dan Gutman

Pig the Tourist by Aaron Blabey

Binge Boxes

A Faithful Message, Southern Stories Overcomer; Fireproof; Facing the Giants, Flywheel; Woodlawn; A Question of Faith

Let's Go Lego

The Lego Movie; The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part; The Lego Batman Movie; The Lego Ninjago Movie

Technology Gone Wrong

The Terminator; Ex Machina; Transcendence; WarGames; The Stepford Wives; Her

Wicked New England

Practical Magic; The Witch; The Crucible; The Lords of Salem; Sleepy Hollow; The Covenant

Young Adult

Daughters of Jubilation by Kara Lee Corthron The Desolations of Devil's Acre

by Ransom Riggs **Every Single Lie** by Rachel Vincent

Firekeeper's Daughter

by Angeline Boulley

The Golden Age by Roxanne Moriel

Gold Wings Rising by Alex London

Hot British Boyfriend by Kristy Boyce

Influence by Sara Shepard

The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones by Daven McQueen

The Iron Raven by Julie Kagawa Ironspark by C.M. McGuire
The Life I'm In by Sharon Flake
Lore by Alexandra Bracken

Love is a Revolution

by Renee Watson

The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen

Tales from the Hinterland by Melissa Albert

The Valley and the Flood

by Rebecca Mahoney

When You Look Like Us by Pamela Harris

Winterkeep by Kristin Cashore

Juvenile Fiction

The Goblin Princess (Unicorn Diaries) by Rebecca Elliot

Just Like That by Gary D. Schmidt A Kitten Called Holly (Jasmine Green Rescues #4) by Helen Peters

Middle School: Field Trip Fiasco by James Patterson

Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T. Smith

Ms. Jo-Jo Is a Yo-Yo!

(My Weirder-Est School #7)

by Dan Gutman

Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake **Unplugged** by Gordon Korman **The Year I Flew Away** by Marie Arnold

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February Events

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Holiday Closings:

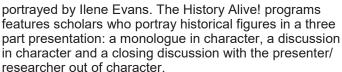
February 5: CLOSED (Staff Training)
February 15: CLOSED (Presidents Day)

Events for All Ages:

Beyond the Book Presents: An Evening with Harriet Tubman

Wednesday, February 10: 6:30 pm

This presentation is a History Alive! program of the West Virginia Humanities Council! Harriet Tubman will be



Tubman was born into slavery in Maryland but escaped through the Underground Railroad in 1849. She then became the most famous leader of that network, aiding slaves in their escape to the free states and Canada. When the Civil War erupted, her underground experiences and knowledge of covert operations made her a valuable resource to federal officers. She served as a spy, nurse, scout, and guide for Union troops and was present at the ill-fated assault of Fort Wagner by the 54th Massachusetts in South Carolina.

This event is planned in conjunction with the February selection for the "Beyond the Book" Club, *Never Caught:* the Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar.

Fairmont Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Book Cave is Open! The Friends of the Marion County Public Library (Fairmont) will be taking walk-ins to browse the book sale room.

The book sale room is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 am—2 pm on a first come first serve basis.

Only 2 visitors will be allowed into the book sale room at a time, due to the size of the room.

Fairview Book Sale

The Fairview Public Library will offer a bi-monthly book sale. The Book Sale is open from 9:30-12:30 on Saturday, February 13 and Saturday, February 27. During COVID restrictions, the sale room is limited to 2 patrons at a time with a 15 minute time limit. Masks are required at all times. Prices are \$0.50 per item. Please plan to stop by!

Events for Kids:

Facebook Live Story Time & Story Time Craft Club

Facebook Live Story Time and the Story Time Craft Club return Tuesday, February 2, 2021!

February themes include Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Winter Fun, and Under the Sea!

Facebook Live Story Time requires no prior registration, but please sign up for the Story Time Craft Club by visiting www.mcpls.org/events

Little Rembrandts



Saturday, February 6: 12 pm

Youth (age ten and up) are invited to join Ms. Julie in this virtual event and learn how to transform a blank canvas into a heart painting.

Space is limited. Registered participants can pick up a canvas at their local branch of the Marion County Public Library System.

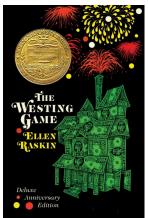
For a supplies list, and to sign up, visit mcpls.org/events

Valentine's Day Make & Takes

Kids! Stop by the Fairview Public Library anytime Feb. 1-14 during regular business hours and check out items to receive a free take and make Valentine's Day kit.



Events for T(w)eens:



The Book Pack

The Book Pack is a book club for tweens at the Mannington Public Library, recommended for ages 10-13.

Pick up a copy of *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin and register to join us Feb.16 at 1:30 to discuss the book and share a book related activity.

Participants must register and agree to the library's Covid-19 guidelines.

Register at www.mcpls.org/events

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Events for Teens & Adults:

Magic with Ari Bisk

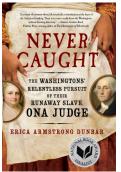
Join magician Ari Bisk on Tuesday February 11 at 4:30 pm for a virtual slight-of-hand interactive program for tweens-adults! Ari will astound you as he performs impossible illusions with the help of his online audience. It's 30 minutes of fun and thrills as Ari seems to pull your cards right through the screen!



This is a free program, but seats are limited and registration is required. Register at www.mcpls.org/events

Beyond the Book

Monday, February 22: 7 pm



Expand your understanding of Black History and George Washington with Never Caught: the Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar. This National Book Award Finalist will change your perspective.

A startling and eye-opening look into America's First Family, *Never Caught* is the powerful narrative of Ona Judge,

George and Martha Washington's runaway slave who risked it all to escape the nation's capital and reach freedom. Register at mcpls.org/events

Beginning Hand Sewing: Buttons, Buttonholes & Hems

Join us Tuesday, February 16 (4:30 pm) to learn some more basic hand sewing skills! This month we will be learning how to sew on buttons, make buttonholes by hand and hem fabric.

You will need a bit of scrap fabric and a couple pf spare buttons for this class. A fat quarter of cotton is plenty. You will also need thread, a sewing needle, sewing pins, and scissors. Register at www.mcpls.org/events

Tabletop Game Group

Missing our Wednesday Night Tabletop Game Group? Not to fear, WNG is happening virtually!

Please contact Dan Ward at dward@mcpls.org for more information on how to join the fun! WNG meets every Wednesday at 5 pm to play games like Dominant Species, Sagrada, and Terraforming Mars.

February 3, 10, 17, 24: 5 pm

Events for Adults:

Crafty Creations with Carol

Lilac Q-tip Art-(Adults Only)

Register to join Carol at the Mannington Public Library on February 22, at 5 pm. Carol will provide the supplies needed and you can bring a canvas if you prefer. Participants must register and agree to the library's Covid-19 guidelines.



Sign up at www.mcpls.org/events

Artible (Online)



We are going to try a still-life painting this month! Something simple and easy, concentrating on our blending and shadowing. We will be creating a beautiful pear on Tuesday, February 9 at 5 pm.

Register today for this virtual event, then pick up your canvas at your closest library. For a

supplies list and to sign up, visit www.mcpls.org/events

Machine Sewing Basics

Have you always wanted to learn to use a sewing machine? Step-by-step we'll go over all the parts of the machine and when we're done we'll have made a beautiful, original, and very practical Hot Bowl Holder.

The first session is February 9, 2021 from 1-3 pm at the Mannington Public Library. This project may require two to three sessions to complete. Participants must register and agree to the library's Covid-19 guidelines.

Adult Craft: Minimalistic Embroidered Canvas

Join us Tuesday, February 23 (4:30 pm) on Zoom to make a minimalist embroidered canvas with paint and embroidery floss. Participants need to provide a valid email to which the meeting invitation will be sent just prior to the Zoom event.



Registrants also need to indicate which Marion County branch that they wish to pick-up supplies from. Kits will be avail-

able at your branch beginning on Monday February 15.

You will need 1-3 colors of paint, a large tapestry or embroidery needle, and embroidery floss. For your embroidery floss, you will need to match all of your your paint colors and white to match your canvas. Other materials including the canvas will be provided. Sign up at www.mcpls.org/events

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THE JMBRELLA ACADEMY

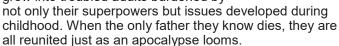
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Graphic Novel Book Club

We're a month into the new year so let's dip back into the apocalypse and discuss *Umbrella Academy Vol. 1:*Apocalypse Suite on Tuesday,
February 9 at 7 pm.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events

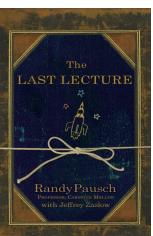
As the source material for the popular Netflix show, the comic follows the seven remaining children of forty-seven born under mysterious circumstances. Raised as superheroes by the millionaire Reginald Hargeeves, the children grow into troubled adults burdened by



The graphic novel can be accessed through Hoopla!

Please consider joining the MCPLS Graphic Novel Book Club Facebook group, where we post news, submit suggestions, and vote for the next book club selection.

Cover2Cover Book Club



Pick up a copy of *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch and register to join us at the Mannington Public Library on February 18 at 1:30 pm to discuss the book. Participants must register and agree to the library's Covid-19 guidelines.

A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish

tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy?

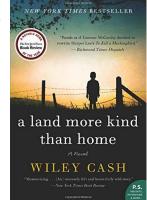
When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think").

It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living.

Speaking of Books

Join us Tuesday, February 2, in person at the Fairview Public Library, or by phone or computer, as we discuss A Land More Kind Than Home by Wiley Cash! Sign up at mcpls.org/events

Told by three resonant and evocative characters — Jess; Adelaide Lyle, the town midwife and moral conscience; and Clem Barefield, a sheriff with his own



painful past — A Land More Kind Than Home is a haunting tale of courage in the face of cruelty and the power of love to overcome the darkness that lives in us all. These are masterful portrayals, written with assurance and truth, and they show us the extraordinary promise of this remarkable.

Coming in March:

Speaking of Books

Join us Tuesday, March 2nd, in person at the Fairview Public Library, or by phone or computer, as we discuss *The Lost City of Z* by David Grann! Sign up at mcpls.org/events

Little Rembrandts

Are you 8 to 12 years old? Do you like to paint or would you like to try? Then register to join Ms. Julie on WebEx Saturday, March 6 at 12 pm to create a painting entitled Happy Bunny.



"The love of learning.

THE SEQUESTERED NOOKS,

and all the sweet serenity



-HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

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Events by Date

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February 1-14: Valentine's Day Take and Make for Kids at the Fairview Public Library

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Fairmont Friends Book Sale (10 am—2 pm)

February 2, 9, 16, 23: Facebook Live Story Time (10:30 am)

February 2, 9, 16, 23: Story Time Craft Club (11 am, FB Live)

February 2: Speaking of Books: Fairview (4 pm, In person and virtual) *A Land More Kind than Home*by Wiley Cash

February 3, 10, 17, 24: Tabletop Game Group (5 pm). Virtual, contact Dan Ward at Dward@mcpls.org or 304-366-1210, extension 128 for details

February 5: All branches CLOSED

February 6: Little Rembrandts: Heart Painting (12 pm, WebEx)

February 6, 13, 20, 27: Fairmont Friends Book Sale (10 am—2 pm)

February 9: Machine Sew Basics

(1 pm, in person at the Mannington PL)

February 9: Artible: Pear (5 pm, WebEx)

February 9: Graphic Novel Book Club

(7 pm, WebEx) *The Umbrella Academy Vol 1* by Gerard Way

February 10: Beyond the Book Presents: An Evening with Harriet Tubman (6:30 pm, WebEx)

February 11: Magic with Ari Bisk (4:30 pm, virtual. Tweens-Adults)

February 13: Fairview Friends Book Sale (9:30 am—12:30 pm, Fairview PL)

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February 16: Beginning Hand Sewing: Buttons, Buttonholes, and Hems (4:30 pm, Zoom– Teens and Adults)

February 18: Cover2Cover Book Club (1:30 pm, in person at the Mannington PL) *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

February 22: Crafty Creations with Carol (5 pm, in person at the Mannington PL)

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Never Caught: the Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar (7 pm, WebEx)

February 19: Adult Craft Class: Minimalistic Embroidered Canvas (4:30 pm, Zoom)

February 27: Fairview Friends Book Sale (9:30 am—12:30 pm, Fairview PL)

Black History Month



Check out our online calendar to register for events and get the most up-to-date information!

Follow the QR code, or visit: mcpls.org/events



