

LIBRARY LIVE

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM PROGRAM GUIDE



**JOIN US FOR
THE HOLIDAYS
AT MCPLS!**



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Join us for festive fun at our branches!

December 7 - Buddy's Breakfast Ice Cream Social | 11:00 a.m.

Kick off the holidays at Mannington Library with Buddy the Elf! Enjoy ice cream with his favorite toppings, meet Buddy, and enjoy the sounds of Elf the Musical. Santa might make a surprise visit—after all, Buddy knows him!

December 13 - Holiday Whobilation | 1:00 p.m.
Head to Fairview Library for games, crafts, treats, and a screening of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Watch out for the sneaky Grinch!

December 14 - Holiday Hijinks Puppet Shows
Celebrate at Fairmont Library during the Feast of the Seven Fishes with puppet shows at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. featuring holiday classics.

We can't wait to see you there!



Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, December 7 | 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The Book Cave is Open! Stop by to browse the book sale room of The Friends of the Marion County Public Library. New materials are added monthly! Fill a grocery bag and pay only \$3.00!

Holiday Hijinx Puppet Shows (All Ages)

Saturday, December 14 | 11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 14 | 2:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Join our holiday family fun event during the Feast of the Seven Fishes! Holiday favorites sure to put you in a festive mood! Everything from a Hippopotamus for Christmas to poor old Grandma and that reindeer. Join us for a jingle bell, toe tapping good time!

Discover 3D Printing (Teen/Tween)

Thursday, December 5 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Kids and teens aged 9 to 17 and adults, don't miss out on a thrilling 3D Printing workshop with Liz! We will learn how to create a beautiful symmetrical snowflake that we can turn into an ornament. Liz will teach you the basics, and you'll have plenty of time to play around and design your perfect and unique snowflake. After the session, Liz will 3D print your project so that you can decorate with it this holiday season! Registration is required for this event.

Teen Hangout: After Hours (Teen)

Wednesday, December 4 & 18 | 5:45 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Come to the Fairmont location for an after-hours hangout! We have lots to do like watching anime, playing games and more! Bring your friends, socialize, and maybe find a new favorite game or show! Registration is required for this event.

Discover Sewing (Adult/Teen)

Wednesday, December 11 | 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Back due to popular demand! Prepare to adorn your holiday table with a beautifully crafted table runner guided by Liz! Get ready to craft a festive table runner with Liz! Bring 1/2 yard of two coordinating cotton fabrics, and we'll provide the sewing machines and other supplies. Let's gather together and unleash our creativity for an incredibly festive winter crafting experience! All additional materials will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

Crafty Connections (Adult)

Monday, December 16 | 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Passionate about crafting? Join us at the library for a creative and social gathering. Bring your current project and crafting materials for an enjoyable crafting and conversation session. While we may have some supplies on hand, they'll be limited, so be sure to bring what you need. For inquiries, contact the library at 304-366-1210 and ask for Liz.

Tech Time (Adult)

Friday, December 20 | 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

If you've been curious about or struggling to understand computers, this session is for you! Join Liz and other learners to get an approachable rundown of information about computers. We will talk about things like "hardware" vs "software", the internet and Wi-Fi, basic security, and more. Liz encourages

you to bring all your questions to the table so we can learn together and build your confidence around technology. Feel free to bring any devices that you may have questions about. Registration is NOT required for this event.

Beyond the Book Club (Adult)

Beyond the Book club will NOT meet in December to avoid making ourselves bonkers. HOWEVER, you may want to start preparing now for our January 27, 2025 meeting at 5:30 p.m., featuring "James" by Percival Everett, which won the 2024 National Book Award.

Readers are encouraged to use the 8 weeks between our November and January meetings to read BOTH "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain AND "James" by Percival Everett. We hope to compare and contrast to 2 versions of the story in our discussion meeting.

Coffee, Cards, & Convo (Adult 55+)

Friday, December 6 | 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE COFFEE, CARDS, AND CONVO MEETING THIS MONTH. We are not meeting December 20.

Take a break for a cup of coffee or tea, and stay for the fun! Playing cards can improve brain function and critical thinking skills, relieve stress, and strengthen social skills and friendships. In short, it is fun AND good for you. We'll play casual card games and chat in a relaxed environment. This event is designed for those aged 55+. Registration is not required.

Tabletop Game Group (Teen/Adult)

Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Alternative, advanced and imaginative games will be featured. Browse our collection of over 150 games, or bring your own! This event is open to adults and **mature** teens.

Refreshments will be provided! Contact Dan Ward at 304-366-1210 extension 128 for more information.

FAFSA Workshop (Teen/Adult)

Saturday, January 25 | 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Overwhelmed and unsure about how you will manage your educational expenses for college or trade school? Help is on the way! Staff from College for WV will be on hand to walk you through filing the *NEWLY REVISED* 2025-2026 FAFSA. **PLEASE NOTE: BOTH students AND parent(s) must create a Studentaid.gov account (FSA ID) before this event in order to successfully complete the FAFSA with our help.** It takes 3-5 business days for FSA applications to be verified. Haven't done that yet? Start here. It is also helpful to bring your parent/spouse contributors' names, dates of birth, social security number and email address. Some applicants may also need income and asset information. It takes ~1 hour complete a FAFSA if you have collected all the required documents and information. Participants will come as their schedules allow and leave as they finish.

Don't panic. You can do this.

FAIRVIEW EVENTS

ALL BRANCHES CLOSED DECEMBER 24-26, JANUARY 1

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stop in daily during regular business hours to shop our sale.

Holiday Whobilation (All Ages)

Friday, December 13 | 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Join the staff at the Fairview Public Library for a Grinchy good time! We've got games, crafts, treats, and a special screening of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Watch out, though! That sneaky old Grinch just might make an appearance and try to steal your goodies!

Speaking of Books (Adult)

Tuesday, December 3 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Join Julie at the Fairview Public Library for *Speaking of Books* and enjoy an exciting new title each month! This month's selection: "The Christmas Escape" by Sarah Morgan.

Christy Sullivan planned the perfect Christmas getaway to Lapland with her family and best friend, Alix. But when her marriage hits a crisis point, Christy needs time alone with her husband and asks Alix to take her young daughter ahead. Alix agrees, but Christy's unusual request leaves her uneasy, especially since her friend is hiding something. As they navigate snowy Lapland, sparks fly between Alix and Zac, a guest—and rival—from her past, while secrets threaten to unravel under the northern lights. Can they all find the courage to mend relationships and embrace the magic of the season?

Just Craftin' Around (Adult)

Tuesday, December 3 | 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Join Julie for this AWESOME Busted Canvas Craft! It's amazingly simple, and incredibly beautiful! You will be addicted to how easy and fun this craft is. Our project won't be exactly the same picture, but it will be close! If you have certain napkins you would like to use in place of ours, please feel free to bring them. We will be using an 8 x 10 canvas, so make sure the napkin pictures are at least this size! All materials will be provided. This class is free and suitable for adults 18+ Registration is required for this event.

Not Your Mother's Book Club (Adult)

Wednesday, December 11 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Join the staff at the Fairview Public Library for a fun, slightly racy book club! Step out of your comfort zone with great titles and treats. This month's selection is "Dead of Winter" by Dary Coates.

When Christa joins a tour group heading deep into the snowy expanse of the Rocky Mountains, she's hopeful this will be her chance to put the ghosts of her past to rest. But when a bitterly cold snowstorm sweeps the region, the small group is forced to take shelter in an abandoned hunting cabin. Despite the uncomfortably claustrophobic quarters and rapidly dropping temperature, Christa believes they'll be safe as they wait out the storm. She couldn't be more wrong.

This book club may contain mature subject matter and is for adults only. Suitable for 18+ Registration is required for this event.

MANNINGTON EVENTS

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, December 7 | 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

We accept donations; and while you're visiting, fill up your shelves with new reading material.

The Buddy's Breakfast Holiday Ice Cream Social (Children)

Saturday, December 7 | 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

What better way to kick off your holiday month than with Buddy the Elf! Please join the staff at the Mannington Public Library for Buddy's Breakfast Ice Cream social! You and your family will enjoy ice cream with some of Buddy's favorite toppings including syrup! Meet Buddy himself and take in the delightful sounds of *Elf the Musical!* You also never know when Santa will appear, because, after all, BUDDY KNOWS HIM!

Crafty Kids' Club (Children)

Tuesday, December 10 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Megan will teach you to make new and exciting art and craft projects each month. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Add a new ornament to the tree this year with your one of a kind personalized snow man hat! All materials will be provided by the Mannington Public Library. Registration is required for this event.

Artastic! (Teen/Tween)

Monday, December 9 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Calling all young artists! Join Megan after school each month at the Mannington Library for a fun, creative art session designed just for tweens and teens ages 11 and up. This month, we'll paint a holiday masterpiece featuring Snoopy celebrating the season on his iconic doghouse—perfect as a gift for a Peanuts fan or as a festive addition to your own collection! Materials will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

Cover2Cover Book Club (Adult)

Thursday, December 19 | 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Mannington Public Library for a discussion of "Letters of a Woman Homesteader" by Elinore Pruitt Stewart. Registration is required for this event.

Crafty Creations (Adult)

Monday, December 16 | 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Join Megan for a craft class that welcomes beginners and experts alike. Each month, Megan will guide you in creating personalized decor that's sure to add a special touch to your home. In the spirit of the holiday season, we're getting creative with Holiday Swags this month! All the necessary supplies will be provided by the library. However, if you're inclined, feel free to bring your own ribbon, ornaments, or pine cones to add an extra personal touch to your design! Registration is required for this event.

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Fairmont
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DECEMBER 2024

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2 3:30pm Crafty Connections; Fairmont 4:00pm Library Board Meeting; Fairmont | 3 4:00pm Speaking of Books: The Christmas Escape by Sean McLaughlin; Fairview 5:00pm Just Carlin's Second Buried Canvas Craft; Fairview | 4 5:00pm Tabletop Gaming; Fairmont 5:45pm Teen Hangout After Hours; Fairmont | 5 4:00pm Discover 3D Printing & Painted Snowflake Ornaments; Fairmont | 6 10:00am Coffee, Cards, and Conversation; Fairmont | 7 9:00am Friends Book Sale; Mannington, Mannington 10:00am Friends of the Library Book Sale; Fairmont; Fairmont 11:00am Buddy's Breakfast Holiday Ice Cream Social; Mannington |
| 9 4:30pm Arctic Holiday Snooze; Mannington | 10 1:00pm Craft Eds' Club Snowman Hat Challenge; Mannington | 11 4:00pm Discover Sewing Feltie Table Runner; Fairmont 4:30pm Meet Your Muppet Book Club: Deal of Winner by Deryn Coates; Fairview 5:00pm Tabletop Gaming; Fairmont | 12 | 13 10:00am "Hardy's Heroes" author book signing; Fairmont 1:00pm Holiday Whimsation; Fairview | 14 3:00pm "Hardy's Heroes" author book signing; Fairmont 11:00am Holiday Puppet Show; Holiday Mjunc; Fairmont 2:00pm Holiday Puppet Show; Holiday Mjunc; Fairmont |
| 16 3:30pm Crafty Connections; Fairmont 4:00pm Crafty Craftoms: Holiday Swags; Mannington | 17 | 18 5:00pm Tabletop Gaming; Fairmont 5:45pm Teen Hangout After Hours; Fairmont | 19 1:00pm Science-over-Book Club: Letters of a Woman Homeleader by Dinore Pruitt Stewart; Mannington 3:30pm Friends of the Fairmont Meeting; Fairmont | 20 11:00am Tech Time: Computer Literacy Basics; Fairmont | 21 |
| 23 | 24 12:00pm All branches CLOSED | 25 12:00pm All branches CLOSED | 26 12:00pm All branches CLOSED | 27 | 28 |
| 30 | 31 | Jan 1, 25 All branches CLOSED | 2 | 3 | 4 |





Check out our online calendar to register for events and get the most up-to-date information! Follow the QR code, or visit: <http://bit.ly/2uYvBHI>