

# LIBRARY LIVE

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM PROGRAM GUIDE



**JOIN US FOR AN  
EARTH DAY  
CELEBRATION!**



## **READ MORE**

Join us at the Fairmont branch on Saturday, April 26, from 10 AM to 1 PM for a day of learning and celebrating the outdoors! Take home free trees and shrubs from First Energy, pick up garden seeds from the Master Gardeners of Marion County, and get expert advice. Meet local organizations like Parks & Recreation, the Beekeepers Club, and the WVU Extension Office, and enjoy activities for all ages. A perfect way to welcome spring!



**DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 26**  
**LOCATION: FAIRMONT**  
**TIME: 10:00 AM—1:00 PM**

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Saturday, April 12 & 26 | 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!

## Bunny Day (All Ages)

**Saturday, April 19 | 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.**

Hop on over to the library and meet the Easter Bunny! Join us for an egg-citing day filled with fun Easter activities. Join us for a day of fun for the whole family.

## Earth Day Celebration (All Ages)

**Saturday, April 26 | 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Stop by the Fairmont branch for an exciting day of learning and celebrating the outdoors. First Energy will have trees and shrubs for you to take home. The Master Gardeners of Marion County will have a large variety of seeds for your garden and will be available to answer questions. Other organizations, such as Parks & Recreation, the Beekeepers Club, the WVU Extension office, etc., will be on hand with activities and information. This is a great way to welcome Spring!

## Sit, Stay, Read (Children)

**Tuesday, April 14 | 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

Reading aloud is great practice for accuracy, speed, expression, and comprehension, but it can also be anxiety provoking. Readers aged 5-12 enjoy the quiet, judgement-free listening of certified therapy dogs. Schedule your 15 minute appointment with a certified dog/handler pair from Mountaineer Therapy Dogs and watch your student's confidence grow! Due to the nature of this event, space is limited to 16 appointments. A waitlist will be developed, if cancellations or additional appointments arise. Walk-ins cannot be honored. To Register: send an email to [mmahoney@mcpls.org](mailto:mmahoney@mcpls.org) listing parent/guardian name, email address and phone, and the name and age of the reader. A confirmation email will be sent in return.

## Teen Hangout: After Hours (Teen)

**Wednesday, April 16 | 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.

## Crafty Connections (Adult)

**Monday, April 7 & 21 | 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.

## Preparing for the Inevitable (Adult)

**Tuesday, April 8 | 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

No one looks forward to visiting a funeral home, but all of us, eventually, will find ourselves needing their services. A local, licensed funeral director will lead us through the why and how of pre-planning a funeral, and discuss the other services and resources that might be available in your family's time of need.

## Artible (Adult)

**Monday, April 14 | 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

Join Julie at the Marion County Public Library as we create this whimsical spring painting. Bring your own acrylic paints and brushes and we will provide the rest! We supply the canvas and instruction! Registration is required.

## Discover Sewing (Adult/Teen)

**Tuesday, April 15 | 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 15 | 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Join Liz to make a reusable shopping bag! Please bring your own fabric. You can use anything from cotton to flannel to fleece. Fabrics that don't stretch are easier to work with. You will need one yard of cotton fabric. All other supplies including the sewing machines will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

## Crime Crackers (Adult)

**Friday, April 25 | 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Join Liz and other true crime enthusiasts for a true crime book club! You get to choose how you want to consume the case, then Join Liz and other true crime enthusiasts see if we can crack it! Bring along any information that you've found, and let's compare. This month we will discuss the murders of Vicki Durian and Nancy Santomero in Pocahontas County, WV. Registration is required for this event. Find books and resources on our calendar event,

## Craftastic (Adult)

**Tuesday, April 29 | 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

Join Liz and fellow crafters to create a beautiful Cloud Suncatcher to hang in your window. Hanging this suncatcher in a sunny window will create a beautiful rainbow in your home. The library will provide most materials but please bring 2 jewelry pliers or needle nose pliers if possible. Supplies are limited. Registration is required for this event.

## Beyond the Book Club (Adult)

**Monday, April 28 | 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

This month's book is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. "The Women" is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era. Registration is required for this event.

## Coffee, Cards, & Convo (Adult 55+)

**Friday, April 4 & 18 | 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**

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+.

## 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.

# FAIRVIEW EVENTS

FAIRMONT BRANCH CLOSED MARCH 31-APRIL 5

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

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

## Spring Has Sprung (Children)

**Friday, April 18 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

Join the staff at the Fairview Public Library for games, crafts, snacks and an egg hunt to celebrate spring! Fun for the whole family, so mark your calendars and say goodbye to winter!

## LEGO Brick Builders' Club (Children)

**Saturday, April 5 | 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**

Join Megan for an exciting and fun-filled LEGO class! Unleash your creativity and let your imagination run wild as we embark on a variety of LEGO activities, from games to robotics to competitions. This class is open to all 8-12 year olds who are ready to dive into the world of building and design.

No need to worry about bringing your own LEGOs - all materials will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

## Speaking of Books (Adult)

**Tuesday, April 1 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Join Julie at the Fairview Public Library for Speaking of Books, an adult book club for ages 17 and up. This month, we're discussing "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver.

## Not Your Mother's Book Club (Adult)

**Wednesday, April 9 | 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 "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. This book club may contain mature subject matter and is for adults only. Suitable for 18+

## Just Craftin' Around (Adult)

**Tuesday, April 22 | 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Join Julie at the Fairview Public Library as we explore the world of diamond painting, and create a beautiful bookmark! Each design is different, and selection is first come, first served. This class is open to adults ages 17+. All materials provided. Registration is required for this event.

## Momma's Who Mingle (Adult)

**Friday, April 25 | 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**

Parenting can be a challenge. Mother's have to wear so many hats in this day and age. We are parents, maids, cooks, chauffeurs, doctors, teachers, wives, and friends. We are pulled many different ways. When do we find time for ourselves? Momma's Who Mingle is a new monthly program for mom's of all ages to get together, talk, exchange ideas, do some crafting, and just decompress. Join Ashley at the Fairview Public Library for this exciting new adventure for mom's of all ages! Bring your questions, ideas, and life stories to be shared with other mom's and grandmothers! This is a free program open to all mothers and grandmothers.

# MANNINGTON EVENTS

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Saturday, April 5 | 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 24 | 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays | 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

The Friends of the Mannington Public Library book sale room is open today! Stop by to find your next favorite book!

## Every Trail Leads Home (All Ages)

**Saturday, April 5 | 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Please join the staff at Mannington Public Library in welcoming Rose Miller, new author and Marion County resident. Rose released Every Trail Leads Home in 2021, a children's (and family) travel book about the mountain state's unique trails. We will discover new characters and adventures as Rose gives us an interactive presentation!

## Mothman Learns His ABCs (Children)

**Saturday, April 12 | 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Please join the staff in welcoming Michael Strayer, author of Mothman Learns His ABC's to the Mannington branch of the Marion County Public Library system! Michael will give us a reading of his fabulous cryptid stories, as well as signing and selling his books!

## Crafty Kids' Club (Children)

**Tuesday, April 15 | 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. This month we are working with pastels to create an original work of art featuring one of the sea's most beautiful creatures, the whale. Every creation will be one of a kind! All materials will be provided by the Mannington Public Library. Registration is required for this event.

## The Inklings Book Club (Tween)

**Monday, April 28 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

Join Rebecca Humphreys at the Mannington Public Library for an exciting book club designed just for tweens and teens! This month, we'll delve into The Inklings Tween Book Club: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling.

## Artastic! (Teen/Tween)

**Monday, April 28 | 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, create this adorable little cow to add to your art collection! It will be so moooo-tiful! Materials will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

## Crafty Creations (Adult)

**Monday, April 21 | 5:00 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. It may be spring, but we are feeling very beachy at the Mannington Public Library. So this month, let's create this one of a kind welcome sign out of nautical pieces! Registration is required for this event.

## Cover2Cover Book Club (Adult)

**Thursday, April 17 | 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Join us at the Mannington Public Library for a discussion of "Don't Blow Yourself Up: The Further True Adventures and Travails of the Rocket Boy of October Sky" by Homer Hickam. Registration is required for this event.



Color Code:  
**Fairview**  
**Fairmont**  
**Mannington**

# APRIL 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5
3:00pm The Inklings Tween Book Club: "Hogwarts University" by Lisa Emdin, Mannington 4:30pm Artistic City Shaping, Mannington	4:00pm Speaking of Books: "Queen Copernicus" by Barbara Kingsolver, Fairview 5:00pm Tabletop Gaming, Fairmont	FAIRMONT BRANCH BUILDING CLOSED: SOME SERVICES STILL AVAILABLE			
7	8	9	10	11	12
3:30pm Crafty Connections, Fairmont 4:00pm Board of Trustees Finance Committee meeting, Fairmont	7:00pm Preparing for the Inevitable: Funeral Pre-Planning, Fairmont	10:00am Friends Book Sale, Mannington 4:30pm Not Your Mother's Book Club: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig, Fairview 5:00pm Tabletop Gaming, Fairmont			10:00am Friends Book Sale, Mannington 10:00am Lego Builder's Club, Fairview 11:00am Every Trail Leads Home: A Celebration of West Virginia's Natural Beauty, Mannington
14	15	16	17	18	19
5:00pm Artistic Spring Painting, Fairmont 6:00pm Sit, Stay, Read!, Fairmont	3:00pm Crafty Kids' Club: Vinyl Paper Art, Mannington 3:30pm Discover Sewing: Farmers Market Shopping Bag, Fairmont 5:00pm Discover Sewing: Farmers Market Shopping Bag, Fairmont	10:00am Friends Book Sale, Mannington 5:00pm Tabletop Gaming, Fairmont 5:45pm Teen Hangout: After Hours, Fairmont	10:00pm Court/Court Book Club: "Don't Bow Your Head: The Further True Adventures and Trials of the Bronte Boy of October Sky" by Homer Hickam, Mannington 4:00pm Library Board Meeting, Fairmont	10:00am Coffee, Cards, and Conversation, Fairmont 3:00pm Spring Has Sprung!, Fairview	2:00pm Bunny Day, Fairmont
21	22	23	24	25	26
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28	29	30	May 1	2	3
1:00pm The Inklings Tween Book Club: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone", Mannington 4:30pm Artistic Baby Cove, Mannington 7:00pm Beyond the Book Club: "The Women" by Kristin Hannah, Fairmont	3:30pm Craftastic: Crystal Rhin Roundups, Fairmont	10:00am Friends Book Sale, Mannington 5:00pm Tabletop Gaming, Fairmont			



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/2uYdBM1>