

LIBRARY LIVE

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM PROGRAM GUIDE



**JOIN US FOR FREE
COMIC BOOK DAY &
MEET LINK!**



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Get ready for FREE COMIC BOOK DAY at the library on Saturday, May 3rd! Join us for a thrilling day filled with free comic books for everyone! FCBD is the highlight of the comic book industry, with locations across North America giving away comics free to all visitors. Plus, don't miss the chance to meet Link from The Legend of Zelda at the Mannington and Fairmont libraries:

Mannington: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fairmont: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a day of comic book fun!

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 3
**LOCATION: FAIRMONT AND
MANNINGTON BRANCHES**

Learn more at www.mcpls.org



Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 17 | 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!

Free Comic Book Day (All Ages)

Saturday, May 3 | 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Join us for a special day celebrating comic books at the Marion County Public Library in Fairmont! Get FREE comic books all day long and meet the Legend of Zelda hero Link! Link will be at the library from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., so don't miss your chance for an extra special day of fun and a memorable photo opportunity! *Comics available all day while supplies last.

Spring Author Showcase (All Ages)

Saturday, May 17 | 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Come out to the library for a day of discovery as you get to meet local WV authors! Meet authors who write everything from Children's Books, Fiction, Horror, True Crime, Non-Fiction, and more! You'll have the opportunity to talk with them, purchase books, and have your books signed. Be sure to visit every author and collect a stamp for a chance to win a Reading Raffle Basket!

Sit, Stay, Read (Children)

Monday, May 12 | 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 8 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 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, May 7 & 21 | 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, May 5 & 19 | 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, May 13 | 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Dr. Alvin Moss of the West Virginia Center for End of Life Care will outline the steps to take to be sure that wishes are respected and comfort is the focus when a life is coming to its end. You will learn about the purpose and value of advance directives and medical orders for the patient, their loved ones, and their health care providers; the differences between the documents, and how to effectively communicate that they are available to guide decision making in an hour of need.

Artible (Adult)

Monday, May 19 | 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Join Julie at the Marion County Public Library as we explore the wonderful world of watercolors! This will be a multiple month series of classes on beginning watercolor painting. Bring your own watercolor set and a selection of brushes. We will begin with very basic strokes, building on our skills during the next several months, and ending with a beautiful original watercolor you can be proud of! Registration is required.

Discover Sewing (Adult/Teen)

Tuesday, May 20 | 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 22 | 3:30 p.m.—4:30 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, May 30 | 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 strange and disturbing case of Sister Cathy Cesnik in Baltimore, MD. Registration is required for this event. Find books and resources on our calendar event,

TRIGGER WARNING: This case includes conspiracy of graphic childhood abuse

Craftastic (Adult)

Thursday, May 8 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Join Liz and fellow crafters to create custom plant markers for your garden. Mark your plants so that you don't forget which herb is which, or just to add a cute flair. These are perfect for potted plants too! The library will provide most materials but you are welcome to bring clay tools or stamps to personalize your markers. Supplies are limited. Registration is required for this event.

Beyond the Book Club (Adult)

Monday, May 19 | 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

This month's book is "Night Watch" by Jayne Ann Phillips. Registration is required for this event.

Coffee, Cards, & Convo (Adult 55+)

Friday, May 2 & 16 | 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

ALL BRANCHES CLOSED MAY 26

Friends of the Library Book Sale

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

Geocaching Rocks (All Ages)

Saturday, May 3 | 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

In honor of Geowoodstock celebrated on May 25 in Morgantown, we proudly present an Intro to Geocaching. Join Megan at the Fairview Public Library for this fun and informative event. Geocaching is taking the world by storm! It's a great way to get outdoors and get exercise! We will go over the basics of geocaching, what types of caches you can find, how to make your own cache, and geocaching terminology. This event is open to everyone. If you like the outdoors and want some family-friendly adventure, register today!

LEGO Brick Builders' Club (Children)

Saturday, May 3 | 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.

Author Talk: Michael Schang (All Ages)

Saturday, May 17 | 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

Join us at the Fairview Public Library as we welcome Michael Schang, author of the children's book *Mothman Learns the ABCs*. Michael will be on hand to do a reading from his book and he will have copies available for sale.

Speaking of Books (Adult)

Tuesday, May 6 | 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 "Above the Waterfall" by Ron Rash.

Not Your Mother's Book Club (Adult)

Wednesday, May 14 | 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 Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides. Suitable for 18+

Just Craftin' Around (Adult)

Tuesday, May 27 | 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Join Julie at the Fairview Public Library as we craft these adorable mini vases! Suitable for a pencil cup, mini flower vase, or votive candle holder! This class is open to adults ages 17+. All materials provided. Registration is required for this event.

MANNINGTON EVENTS

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 3 | 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 22 | 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

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

Free Comic Book Day (All Ages)

Saturday, May 3 | 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Join us for a special day celebrating comic books at the Mannington Public Library! Get FREE comic books all day long and meet the Legend of Zelda hero Link! Link will be at the library from 11 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., so don't miss your chance for an extra special day of fun and a memorable photo opportunity! **Comics available all day while supplies last.*

Crafty Kids' Club (Children)

Tuesday, May 13 | 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. Summer is almost here and we want S'MORE! S'more art that is! We will make s'mores from foam dice! Attention: These will look sweet, but are not edible! Every creation will be one of a kind! All materials will be provided by the library. Registration is required for this event.

The Inklings Book Club (Tween)

Monday, May 19 | 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: "The Book Scavenger" by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Artastic! (Teen/Tween)

Monday, May 19 | 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, take it back to prehistoric times as we create another silhouette, but this time, a dinosaur! Registration is required for this event.

Crafty Creations (Adult)

Monday, May 12 | 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. In May, celebrate living in the mountain state and learn how to paint a sunset canvas featuring West Virginia's most prominent feature, the mountaintop. Registration is required for this event.

Cover2Cover Book Club (Adult)

Thursday, May 15 | 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Mannington Public Library for a discussion of "The Coffin Quilt: The Feud between the Hatfields and the McCoys" by Ann Rinaldi. Registration is required for this event.

Color Code:
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Fairmont
Mannington

MAY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 3:00pm The Millings Tween Book Club: "Hairy Peter and the Sinner's Stone", Mannington 4:30pm Artistic Baby Cakes, Mannington 7:00pm Beyond the Book Club: "The Women" by Kristin Hannah, Fairmont	29 5:30pm Craftastic: Cattle Rhin Bandolais, Fairmont	30 10:00am Friends Book Sale, Mannington 3:00pm Tabletop Gaming, Fairmont	May 1 4:30pm Craftastic: Clay Garden Plant Markers, Fairmont	2 10:00am Coffee, Cards, and Conversation, Fairmont	3 9:00am Friends Book Sale, Mannington 10:00am Lego Builder's Club, Fairview 11:00am Free Comic Book Day in Mannington, Mannington 12:00pm Geocaching Rocks!, Fairview 1:30pm Free Comic Book Day in Fairmont, Fairmont
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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/2uYdBH1>