It’s that time of year again! That action packed fun day of the year where you can come to the library for FREE COMIC BOOKS! Free Comic Book Day will take place at the Fairmont branch on Saturday, May 6.

Crafts and activities will accompany the day. This year the caped crusader himself, Batman, will make an appearance, along with a surprise guest! Be sure to bring your camera for great photo ops!

Comic Books will available starting at 12 pm; meet Batman and participate in activities from 2-3:30 pm. Swing on by for this action packed annual family fun event! Costumes are welcome. Look at the back of this newsletter to see which comics will be available!
May New Releases

DVDs
The Bye Bye Man
Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood
A Dog’s Purpose
The Great Wall
Major Crimes: Season 5
Resident Evil: The Final Chapter
Rings
Scooby Doo & The Creepy Carnival
Sleepless
Split
The Space Between Us
WWE: Best of 2000
XXX: Return of Xander Cage

Large Print
16th Seduction
Against All Odds
Dragon Teeth
Dying Breath
The Girl Who Knew Too Much
Golden Prey
Into the Water
Private Gold
Robert B. Parker’s Little White Lies
Same Beach Next Year
Secrets in Summer
The Stars are Fire
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Audio Books
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Playaways
About the Man
Crowning Design
If Not For You

Children
11 Experiments That Failed
Amazing Buildings
Awesome Dawson
Construction
Construction Alphabet
If I Built a Car
Iggy Peck Architect
Monkey With a Tool Belt
Radiant Child

Nonfiction
Casanova: The World of a Seductive Genius
Furiously Happy
In the Country We Love: My Family Divided
Redemption at Hacksaw Ridge
Shoot Like a Girl
The Success Process Handbook
Unshakeable
You Are Here

Young Adult
The Joshua Files: Ice Shock
The Secret Life of Trystan Scott
Summoner Rising

Graphic Novels
Batman: The Return of Bruce Wayne
Batman: Heart of Hush

Juvenile Fiction
Freedom Over Me
The Girl Who Drank The Moon
Quidditch Through the Ages

Playaway Views
Knuffle Bunny: The Collection
The Magic School Bus: Vol 15

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Art Exhibit
Bright Beginnings Day Care will be displaying their works of art through the month of May and part of June! Stop by to check out the masterpieces created by these tiny artists!

Readin’ & Kneadin’
NEW! Readin’ & Kneadin’ is the area’s best book club for cat lovers! Readin’ & Kneadin’ meets at the Marion County Humane Society’s cat trailer to raise awareness for the cuddly kittens and cats that are available for adoption! We’ll be reading an animal themed book each month; May’s book is *Rin Tin Tin* by Susan Orlean! The first meeting will take place Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Julie Mike at 304-366-1210 or jmike@mcpls.org.

Western WV Rocks
Our adult craft class will be held Monday, May 22 at 5 pm. This month we are doing something a little special—we are joining Western WV Rocks on Facebook! We will be painting a rock, posting a pic on Facebook, and hiding it. This is a new activity in WV, similar to geocaching, with rocks being hidden in plain sight so they are easy to be found.

Once you find a rock, go to Western WV Rocks on Facebook, post a pic, then re-hide it. It’s a great way to get out and get some exercise, and be creative! Bring your own rock, or use one of our. (Check out the Facebook page for size suggestions) Registration is recommended, so call or stop by the library today!

Friends Book Sale
Join us May 6 from 9 am—1 pm for this month’s Friends of the Library book sale! We have TONS of children’s and young adult books, books on CD, fiction, and more! All books will be $3 per bag.

Wednesday Night Tabletop Game Group
Do you like to play games like *Pandemic*, *Codenames*, *Seven Wonders*, *Quartz*, *Terraforming Mars*, or other European board games? Then join us at the main branch on Wednesday nights from 5 pm - 9 pm for our Tabletop Game Group! Peruse our 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 Ward at 304-366-1210 for more information, or join our Facebook group: MCPL Wed Night Games!

Baby & Toddler Time
Toddle Time will finish up on Tuesday, May 16. We will have a ceremony for all our ‘graduates’! Sign ups for summer reading programs will be available during the month of June at the circulation desk, with classes for children 18 months-18 years. Baby Time will continue through June, then take a hiatus until September.

Family History Day
Trying to find your branches? Please sign up with the Marion County Genealogical Club by May 12 for a one hour consultation with one of their club members! Consultations will take place on May 20 from 10 am—2 pm. Contact 304-366-1210 x 112 to sign up or for more information!

Literacy Fair
The library will be on hand to help celebrate reading on May 6 at the Board of Education’s Literacy Fair. It will be held at the old armory on Mary Lou Retton Drive from 10:00-2:00. Take part in free activities, treats, and fun for the whole family as we encourage summer reading.

Book It Book Club
Book It will meet Tuesday, May 16 at 6 pm. This month’s book choice is *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson! The club is always open to new members, so stop by and pick up your copy today.

Erik Larson tells the interwoven stories of two men—Hawley Crippen, a very unlikely murderer, and Guglielmo Marconi, the obsessive creator of a seemingly supernatural means of communication—whose lives intersect during one of the greatest criminal chases of all time. –Amazon

Awesome Readers Club (Teens)
Our teen book club resumes Monday, May 15 at 4:30 pm to discuss *Ashes* by Isla J. Bick!

An electromagnetic pulse flashes across the sky, destroying every electronic device, wiping out every computerized system, and killing billions. When it happens, Alex was hiking in the woods to say goodbye to her dead parents and her personal demons. Now desperate to find out what happened after the pulse crushes her to the ground, Alex meets up with Tom—a young soldier—and Ellie, a girl whose grandfather was killed by the EMP. For this improvised family and the others who are spared, it’s now a question of who can be trusted and who is no longer human. –Amazon

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MAY You Continue Reading

In order to get some of our lesser known collection circulating in May, we are featuring “May You Always Find Success….in Reading,” spotlighting titles from our biography section. You can catch up on the lives of the presidents, entertainers, war heroes, and sports figures presented in this display.

Summer Reading

Heading from spring into summer, registration for all our Summer Reading programs (children, teens, and adults) begins on May 17 and will continue until June 7 or until classes are filled. Registration is on a first come, first served basis and can be completed in person or by phone.

Runts of the Litter

Our featured Circulation Desk guessing game for May is “Runts of the Litter.” Put in your best guess on how many Runts candies are in the jar, be the closest without going over, and win!

What Do You Know About That? Trivia

On May 25 from 9 am – 4 pm, stop by and take the “Star Wars/ May the 4th Be with You Edition” of our “What Do You Know about That? Trivia Contest.” The contestant with the most correct answers wins a prize from Hometown Hot Dogs.

Spring Flings

“Story Time” comes to a close in May at the Fairview Public Library. For the final round, the spotlight shines on authors Doreen Cronin (Click Clack Splish Splash, Giggle Giggle Quack) and Margaret Rey (Curious George Plants a Seed, Curious George and the Boat Show).

The semester finale for both “Toddler Time” and “Story Hour” participants will take place on May 16 at 11 am at the Fairview Fire Hall with lots of fun, activities, and treats for our wee ones.

Circle Time

Our “Circle Time” visits also conclude this month with a special presentation by magician Joey Stepp on May 30th at Fairview Elementary. Plus, the winners of the “Circle Time Reading Club” will be treated to Jell-O jiggler sand mini movies.

Cook-a-Book

On May 23rd at 3:30 pm, Ms. Morgan provides the second installment of “Cook-a-Book”; her theme is “Dog Days,” which incorporates crafts, games, and snacks centered on this topic. This program is open to juvenile patrons ages 6-11, and registration is required since space is limited. And, our coloring workshop is “Spring into Reading.”

Tuesday Nite Knitters

Join our weekly knitting group! We meet every Tuesday at 1 pm!

Speaking of Books

Speaking of Books will meet May 23 at 4 pm to discuss Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Clifford Larson.

They were the most prominent American family of the twentieth century. The daughter they secreted away made all the difference.

Joe and Rose Kennedy’s strikingly beautiful daughter Rosemary attended exclusive schools, was presented as a debutante to the Queen of England, and traveled the world with her high-spirited sisters. And yet, Rosemary was intellectually disabled — a secret fiercely guarded by her powerful and glamorous family.

Kate Larson reveals both the sensitive care Rose and Joe gave to Rosemary and the often desperate and duplicitous arrangements the Kennedys made to keep her away from home as she became increasingly intractable in her early twenties. Finally, Larson illuminates Joe’s decision to have Rosemary lobotomized at age twenty-three, and the family’s complicity in keeping the secret.

Rosemary delivers a profoundly moving coda: JFK visited Rosemary for the first time while campaigning in the Midwest; she had been living isolated in a Wisconsin institution for nearly twenty years. Only then did the siblings understand what had happened to Rosemary and bring her home for loving family visits. It was a reckoning that inspired them to direct attention to the plight of the disabled, transforming the lives of millions.

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Summer Reading
Are you ready to “Build a Better World”? Summer Reading at the Mannington Branch begins June 5 with Joey Stepp magician/funny guy/balloon artist at 6:00 pm. Please contact the library for more information to register for programs for the whole family; 304.986.2803.

Blackshere Art Exhibit
Join us May 8-22 for a display by the talented artists from Mrs. Kabulski’s art classes at Blackshere Elementary School! Mrs. Kabulski always provides a large exhibit of interesting and various forms of visual art.

Story Time & Toddler Time
Miss Janet and Miss Carol have big plans for wrapping up the spring session of Toddler Time and Story Time this month. Llama, Llama Red Pajama (wear your PJs!) Mother’s Day celebration, and Graduation Day!!! Stories, crafts, games, and a Graduation picnic promise to be fun for all.

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Snacking on Books
Middle school students are invited to join us for a snack every Tuesday after school. We’ll discuss what you’re reading; include reading tips and fun activities to do before, during, and after reading.

WV Choice Training
West Virginia's Choice is holding training classes at the Mannington Public Library consisting of First Aid and CPR in order to be hired as Personal Attendant's (Direct Care Worker’s) for clients who need in-home assistance. Training for this month is scheduled for May 11, 12, 18, and 19, 9 am-5 pm. For information on this training, call West Virginia's Choice at 304.291.3345 ext. 235 or ask for Melissa.

Cover2Cover
May 18 at 1:30. This month’s title: The Memory of Old Jack by Wendell Berry.

In a rural Kentucky river town, "Old Jack" Beechum, a retired farmer, sees his life again through the sades of one burnished day in September 1952. Bringing the earthiness of America's past to mind, The Memory of Old Jack conveys the truth and integrity of the land and the people who live from it. Through the eyes of one man can be seen the values Americans strive to recapture as we arrive at the next century. –Amazon

Fiction Addiction
The Fiction Addiction Teen Book Club will meet Monday, May 8 at 3:30 pm. This month’s title is Sweet Venom by Tera Lynn Childs.

Three teenage descendants of Medusa, the once-beautiful Gorgon maligned in myth, must reunite and embrace their fates. Grace just moved to San Francisco and is excited to start over at a new school. The change is full of fresh possibilities, but it's also a tiny bit scary. It gets scarier when a minotaur walks in the door. And even more shocking when a girl who looks just like her shows up to fight the monster. Gretchen is tired of monsters pulling her out into the wee hours, but what can she do? Sending the minotaur back to his bleak home is just another notch on her combat belt. She never expected to run into this girl who could be her double, though. Greer has her life pretty well put together, thank you very much. But that all tilts sideways when two girls who look eerily like her appear on her doorstep and claim they're triplets, supernatural descendants of some hideous creature from Greek myth, destined to spend their lives hunting monsters. . . .

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Hello All!

May flowers are upon us! The library is in full bloom with spring materials. The joyous month of May brings us the renewal of spring and the promise of a fun filled summer. Summer reading is just around the corner and I’m so excited to see what fun awaits us!

May has several notable birthdays for children’s book authors including L Frank Baum (The Wizard of Oz), Mary Pope Osborne (The Magic Tree House series), and Margaret Wise Brown (Goodnight Moon). You can find all these titles and more in the children’s area of each branch.

Enjoy this merry month of May! We look forward to seeing you!

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**MCPLS Bookmobile**

**Monday**

- **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**

- **Rug Ratz**: 9:30-10:30. [1st & 3rd Week]
- **Boys & Girls Club**: 3:45-4:45. East Park Elementary [1st & 3rd Week]
- **Baptist Temple**: 9:15-10:15. Morgantown Avenue [2nd & 4th Week]
- **Heart Junction Child Care**: 10:30-11:30. Rivesville [2nd & 4th Week]
- **Disability Action Center**: 2:30-3:30. 102 Benoni Ave. [2nd & 4th Week]
- **Boys & Girls Club**: 2:45-3:45. Watson Elementary [2nd & 4th Week]

**Wednesday**

- **White Hall**: 8:45-9:45. Middletown Mall
- **Barrackville Preschool**: 10:30-11:30. [1st & 3rd Week]
- **NASA IV & V**: 12:00-1:00. Back Parking Lot [1st & 3rd Week]
- **Bunner Ridge**: 2:30-3:30. Sagebrush Roundup lot [1st & 3rd Week]

**Thursday**

- **Bright Beginnings Day Care**: 9:30-10:30. 22 Moran Circle, Rt 73
- **Sunbeam Child Care Center**: 11:00-12:00. Mary Lou Retton Drive
- **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]
Happy Mother’s Day!
**Fairmont**
- May 6: Friends of the Library Book Sale
- May 6: Free Comic Book Day
- May 6: Marion BOE Literacy Fair
- May 8-31: Bright Beginnings Art Exhibit
- May 15: Awesome Readers Club - Ashes by Isla Bick
- May 16: Book It – Thunderstruck by Erik Larson
- May 18: Readin’ & Kneadin’ - Rin Tin Tin by Susan Orlean
- My 20: Family History Day (Marion County Genealogical Club, sign up required)
- May 22: Adult Craft Class/ Western WV Rocks
- May 29: CLOSED: Memorial Day
- June 1: Summer Reading Sign Ups Begin

**Mannington**
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Snacking on Books
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Toddler Time
- May 3, 10: Story Time
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**Fairview**
- May 1, 8: Toddler Time
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Tuesday Nite Knitters
- May 2, 16: Circle Time 2
- May 3, 10: Wednesday Story Hour
- May 4, 11: Thursday Story Hour
- May 9: Circle Time 1
- May 16: Toddler Time/Story Hour Finale @ Fairview Fire Hall
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- May 23: Cook-a-Book: Dog Days
- May 25: What Do You Know About That? Trivia Contest
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Available at Free Comic Book Day: