Thanks to a man named Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard graduate, and minister Jesse E. Moorland, the lives and contributions of African Americans have taken their rightful place in our country’s history.

Black History month was begun as Negro History Week during the second week of February, 1926 by the Association for the Study of Negro Life, co-founded by Carter G. Woodson and Jesse E. Moorland. Woodson realized that history books predominantly featured the accomplishments of the white population, but there was very little mention of the African American population.

Over the next several decades, awareness of African American contributions increased. In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford officially named the month of February as Black History Month, encouraging everyone to honor the accomplishments of black Americans.

The Marion County Public Library will be honoring the accomplishments of two African American military groups this month with programs on the Wereth 11 and the Tuskegee Airmen. Check out the Fairmont page in this month’s newsletter for more information.

For some interesting videos and articles on Black History Month, check out this website [http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month](http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month).

Stop in at the library to visit our newest exhibit Let Freedom Ring: The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and stay to view our showing of Dr. Martin Luther King’s famous I Have a Dream speech, playing now in our theater.
**Best Sellers**

**Expected in February.**

- **Crash and Burn** by Lisa Gardner
- **Crazy Love You** by Lisa Unger
- **Death of a Liar** by M. C. Beaton
- **Funny Girl** by Nick Hornby
- **The Girls of Mischief Bay** by Susan Mallory
- **Hush Hush** by Laura Lippman
- ** Mightier than the Sword** by Jeffrey Archer
- **Motive** by Jonathan Kellerman

**Large Print**

- **The Assassination Option** by W.E.B. Griffin
- **A Dancer in the Dust** by Thomas Cook
- **The Gin & Chowder Club** by Nan Rossiter
- **Haunted** by Randy White
- **Inferno** by J. Johnstone
- **The Laws of Murder** by Charles Finch
- **Let Sleeping Dogs Lie** by Rita Mae Brown
- **Rain on the Dead** by Jack Higgins
- **Robert B. Parker’s The Bridge** by Robert Knott
- **Rumor Has It** by Tami Hoag

**DVDs**

- **Before I Go to Sleep**
- **The Boxtrolls**
- **Buck**
- **The Drop**
- **Get On Up**
- **The Homesman**
- **John Wick**
- **Lego Justice League**
- **Lucy**
- **My Old Lady**
- **Scooby-Doo Moon Monster**
- **The Song Solu Mate**
- **A Walk Among the Tombstones**

**Playaway**

- **Crash & Burn** by Lisa Gardner
- **Fear the Darkness** by Sherrilyn Kenyon
- **Motive** by Jonathan Kellerman
- **Obsession in Death** by J. D. Robb
- **Private Vegas** by James Patterson
- **Prodigal Son** by Danielle Steel

**Playaway View**

- **Care Bears: Wonderland Wishes**
- **Clifford the Big Red Dog #3**
- **Earth Day Stories**
- **Liberty’s Kids: Valley Forge**

**Ebooks**

- **The Americano** by Aran Shetterly
- **Architects of Ruin** by Peter Schweizer
- **Bear Naked** by Dana Marie Bell
- **Burn for Me** by Ilona Andrews
- **Deadly Vows** by Brenda Joyce
- **Gilt** by Katherine Longshore
- **How to Be Both** by Ali Smith
- **Last Ditch** by G. M. Ford
- **Mountain Wild** by Stacey Kayne
- **Out of Sight, Out of Time** by Ally Carter
- **Penmarric** by Susan Howatch
- **The Perilous Sea** by Sherry Thomas
- **The Queen** by Kiera Cass
- **Reese’s Bride** by Kat Martin
- **Run** by Blake Crouch
- **Stork Raving Mad** by Donna Andrews
- **Wicked Appetite** by Janet Evanovich

**E-Audio Books**

- **10% Happier** by Dan Harris
- **Addicted** by Zane
- **After the End** by Amy Plum
- **The Alchemist** by Paulo Coelho
- **All Jacked Up** by Lorelie James
- **Bird Box** by Josh Malerman
- **Birds of Prey** by J. A. Jance
- **Bite Club** by Rachel Caine
- **Breach of Duty** by J. A. Jance
- **Einstein** by Walter Isaacson
- **Factory Man** by Beth Macy
- **Gone, Baby, Gone** by Dennis Lehane
- **Horde** by Ann Aguirre
- **Not my Father’s Son** by Alan Cumming
- **Storm Prey** by John Sandford

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**Fine Free Week**

**Feb. 9-14**
Celebrate Black History Month

The library has several events to help celebrate Black History Month. Join us on Feb. 7 from 2:00-3:30 for The Tuskegee Airmen, hosted by Ed Hargro, whose father served with the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces.

Back by popular demand will be an encore showing of the Wereth Eleven, on Feb. 14th beginning at 1:00 p.m., with an update and introduction by Kip Price.

Special displays will be available for viewing, including our latest national exhibit, The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, on loan from the estate of Stanley Tetrick.

Events and exhibition are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. Please call the library at 304-366-1210 or visit our website at www.mcpls.org for more information.

Author Signing

The Marion County Public Library is proud to host local author Jesse Gerken on February 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Jesse Gerken (pen name Jesse James), is a product developer of US patents, recorded musician, and published author. He has traveled extensively writing and singing about comedic and horrifying experiences. From the unspoken underground to the perils and hysterically funny everyday life experiences a traveling musician/author would find themselves involved in.

A true up and coming novelist, he currently has eight novels. Referred to in some acclaimed reviews as the next Quintin T., Jesse James has been banned by some major publishers as a result of some of his books.

March on Washington: for Jobs and Freedom Exhibit

Marion County Public Library
January 2-March 31, 2015
Free admission
Groups welcome!

www.mcpls.org

Adult Craft Class

This month’s installment will take place Monday, February 23 @ 5:00. We will continue to practice our stitches by making a travel tissue cover. We will be going over materials needed for our quilt, beginning the actual project in March. No materials are needed for this month.

Book It

Book It will meet February 18 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Literacy Volunteers classroom on Locust Avenue. The title for this month’s discussion is Bold Spirit by Linda Lawrence Hunt.

In 1896, a Norwegian immigrant and mother of eight children named Helga Estby was behind on taxes and the mortgage when she learned that a mysterious sponsor would pay $10,000 to a woman who walked across America. ~ Amazon

Teens Crafternoon

Teens, join us Tuesday, February 17th @ 4:30. It’s Mardi Gras day, so join the festival by creating your own Mardi Gras mask! Supplies are provided, come ready to be creative!

Awesome Readers’ Club

The Awesome Readers’ Club will meet Tuesday, February 24th at 4:30. Contact Christian Cox at 304-366-1210 for more information on this month’s selection.

Be My Valentine

Stop by the library Saturday, February 14th during library hours and create your own valentine card for that special someone! Supplies will be available, so let your imagination run wild!
**Crafternoon and More**

To help our local teens get crafty in February, Mrs. Linda is offering an after school craft workshop on February 10, at 3:30 p.m. Participants will be creating personalized valentines out of decorative fleece. This workshop is available to patrons ages 10-18. Space is limited so registration is required.

On February 21, from 11-12 p.m., Stephanie LaDeaux will be presenting the program, Essential Oils 101. Get an overview of this currently trending topic in the uses of various essential oils as they pertain to the home, health, and body and mind. For additional information, contact the library.

Trivia buffs can join us on February 26 from 9-4 p.m. for our monthly contest. Patrons ages 14-up are eligible to participate, and the patron with the most correct answers wins a prize!

We are once again offering a Valentine Making Station for teens and adults. Between February 2-13, patrons can create their own personalized messages for their special someone.

Be sure to put in your best guess at the Circulation Desk for our featured drawing, Hearts on Fire. The patron who comes closes to guessing the number of cinnamon hearts in the jar without going over wins.

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**Page Turners Book Club**

Page Turners meets February 27 to discuss *The Devil’s Son* by Anne Black Gray.

You think you know who they were, why they fought, why they died. You know only the black-and-white version—now experience the feud in full color. Over 100 years ago the Hatfield-McCoy feud bloodied the West Virginia-Kentucky border and threatened the lives and fortunes of Cap Hatfield and his family. Encouraged by wealthy men who used courtrooms and political power to their advantage, the feud threatened to explode into a second War Between the States.

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**Speaking of Books Club**

Speaking of Books will meet February 24 to discuss *Red Helmet* by Homer Hickam.

Song Hawkins is a young, beautiful, and tough New York businesswoman who marries Cable Jordan, the manager of a West Virginia coal mine. When they move to Highcoal, Song is troubled by a people who love coal mining and mountains, can’t imagine a Sunday without church, and cling to the rough ways of their ancestors. Since she can’t live in Highcoal and he can’t live in New York, their marriage seems doomed.

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Huddle Time

Resuming February 9. Every other Monday, Jami will feature school-age stories and activities for K-4 graders. To register, call 304-986-2803. Space is limited.

Story Time

Resuming February 11. Story-time is a pre-school program instilling the love of reading into your 2-5 year old. The program is every Wednesday at 10:30. Space is limited, so call the library to register.

Pizza Party

We’re celebrating Blacksheire Elementary’s second grade class this month. Each time a second grader visits the library this month we will give them a pizza topping. The class with the most toppings will win a Pizza Party, compliments of the library.

Winter Hours End

We will be resuming our regular Monday operating hours on February 23. The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fiction Addiction Book Club

February 23 @ 4:30. This month’s selection: Switched by Amanda Hocking.

When Wendy Everly was six years old, her mother was convinced she was a monster and tried to kill her. Eleven years later, Wendy discovers her mother might have been right. She’s not the person she’s always believed herself to be, and her whole life begins to unravel—all because of Finn Holmes.

Cover2Cover

February 19 @ 1:30. This month’s title: Bel Canto by Ann Patchett.

In an unnamed South American country, a world-renowned soprano sings at a birthday party in honor of a visiting Japanese industrial titan. His hosts hope that Mr. Hosokawa can be persuaded to build a factory in their Third World backwater. Alas, just as the accompanist kisses the soprano, a ragtag band of 18 terrorists enter the vice-presidential mansion through the air conditioning ducts...

Jr. Fiction Addiction

New book discussion group for Mannington Middle students. Ask your reading teacher if they will be giving extra credit for reading this book selection.

March 2 @ 5:00. This month’s title: Shabanu by Suzanne Fisher Staples.

Life is both sweet and cruel to strong-willed young Shabanu, whose home is the windswept Cholistan Desert of Pakistan. The second daughter in a family with no sons, she’s been allowed freedoms forbidden to most Muslim girls. But when a wealthy landowner ruins the marriage plans of her older sister, Shabanu is called upon to sacrifice everything she’s dreamed of.
Marion Libearian, the town librarian

Hello All!
Wow, things are moving along in the children’s room! It’s so beautifully painted. We are looking forward to sharing our wonderful new space with you.

We appreciate your patience while we are working on the room. Many good things to come! I was told the theme is to be “Whimsical, Dreamlike, Fun”. I’m so excited to see the end result, aren’t you?

February is here again and love is in the air for Valentine’s Day. Be sure to check out all the library has to make the day special for your certain loved one. We have cook books for that perfect dinner, craft books for a delightful gift as well as movies and music to complete your evening.

Marion LiBearian, the Town Librarian

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**MCPLS Bookmobile**

**Monday**

- **Pierpont Lab. Preschool**: 9:30-10:30. FSU Campus
- **Monongah Park Trailhead**: 11:00-12:00. Monongah
- **Hutchinson**: 1:00-1:45. Woodlands Assisted Living
- **Stepping Stone, Inc**: 3:45-4:45. East Grafton Road

**Tuesday**

- **Grant Town**: 9:30-10:30. Community Center Lot
- **Heart Junction Child Care**: 10:30-11:30. Rivesville [2nd & 4th Week]
- **Disability Action Center**: 2:30-3:30. 102 Benoni Ave. [2nd Week]
- **Wishing Well/Genesis**: 2:30-3:30. Country Club Road [1st & 3rd Week]
- **Boys & Girls Club**: 3:45-4:45. Watson Elem: Mary Lou Retton Dr.

**Wednesday**

- **Whitehall**: 9:00-10:00. Middletown Mall
- **Pleasant Valley**: 10:30-11:30. Valley Chapel United Methodist Lot
- **NASA IV & V**: 12:00-1:00. Back Parking Lot [1st & 3rd Week]
- **Wonderland Learning**: 12:00-1:00. Mannington [2nd & 4th Week]
- **Bunner Ridge**: 2:30-3:30. Sagebrush Roundup lot [1st & 3rd Week]
- **Boys & Girls Club**: 3:45-4:45. Blacksheire Elementary [2nd & 4th Week]

**Thursday**

- **Bright Beginnings Day Care**: 9:30-10:30. 22 Moran Circle, Rt 7
- **Sunbeam Child Care Center**: 11:00-12:00. Mary Lou Retton Drive
- **Rock Lake**: 2:00-3:00. Community Center
- **Colfax**: 3:30-4:30. Community Center

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Children's Room Under Construction
Fairmont
- Feb 4, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26: Story Hour
- Feb 6: CLOSED
- Feb 7: Tuskegee Airmen
- Feb 9-14: Fine Free Week
- Feb 14: Wereth 11
- Feb 14: DIY Valentine Card
- Feb 16: CLOSED
- Feb 17: Winter Hours End
- Feb 17: Teen Crafternoon
- Feb 18: Book It
- Feb 23: Adult Craft Class
- Feb 24: ARC
- Feb 28: Author Signing

Mannington
- Feb 9: Huddle Time
- Feb 9-14: Fine Free Week
- Feb 11, 18, 25: Story Time Resumes
- Feb 16: CLOSED
- Feb 19: Cover2Cover
- Feb 23: Winter Hours End
- Feb 23: Fiction Addiction
- Feb 23: Huddle Time
- Feb 6, 13, 20, 27: Book Sale 10:00-4:00
- Feb 7, 14, 21, 28: Book Sale 9:00-1:00

Fairview
- Feb 2-13: Valentine Making Stations
- Feb 2-27: Coloring Workshop, Candy Guessing Game
- Feb 6: CLOSED
- Feb 9-14: Fine Free Week
- Feb 9: Toddler Time/Story Hour Registration begins
- Feb 10: Get Crafty! Teen Workshop
- Feb 16: CLOSED
- Feb 21: Essential Oils 101
- Feb 24: Speaking of Books
- Feb 26: What Do You Know about That?
- Feb 27: Page Turners