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Black History Month

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week evolved into Black History Week evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." <u>http://</u> www.history.com/topics/blackhistory-month

Some fun facts you might not know about famous African Americans:

- As a child, Mohammad Ali was refused an autograph by his boxing idol, Sugar Ray Robinson.
- Before Wally Amos became famous for his "Famous Amos" chocolate chip cookies, he was a talent agent at the William Morris Agency.
- Scientist and mathematician Benjamin Banneker is credited with helping to design the blueprints for Washington, D. C.

For more facts, visit <u>http://tinyurl.com/78yec6z</u>

Director's Spotlight



Erika Reed, Director



RECOMMENDED AWARD-WINNING FILMS SERIES, #4

While it's easy to curl up with a good book these cold winter days, you shouldn't miss the opportunity to grab a warm drink and a cozy chair before the television to watch these two Oscar film contenders. Both films shared nominations in several categories, and while one took home a few trophies and one did not, I highly recommend these films to chase away the winter blues. *Amélie* is a charming story of a young woman who's imagination and precociousness involves her in the lives of her friends and even strangers. From the artist neighbor in her apartment building, to a mean grocer, and to her own reclusive father who yearns to travel, *Amélie* employs her wit and new found belief to solve everyone's greatest problems to eventually find resolution in her life and true love. *Amélie* was nominated for several academy awards including best foreign language film, best writing, best art direction and best cinematography.

Gosford Park, nominated for two best actresses in a supporting roll, best art direction, and best costume design, took home the academy award for best writing. This film is more than a classic who-did-it mystery, based at the end of England's prosperous Edwardian Era. Upper crust English guests and their lower class servants are embroiled in a weekend stay at *Gosford Park* that leads to the host's murder. The film pays particular attention to the details of the daily lives of the servants "below stairs" and their employers, the fashionably wealthy aristocrats who are more irritated by the murder than horrified. Both films are engaging and entertaining and sure to brighten the doldrums of this gloomy mid-winter.

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app is available for download from iTunes & the Google Play Market. The service can be accessed from the Resources page on our website at www.mcpls.org.



WVREADs is Back!

It's starting again! Join MCPLS as we participate in WVREADs 150+. This year's challenge is to read more than 150 books in any format. No limit on the number of team members, and the team members who complete the challenge will be entered into our grand prize drawing! Pick up your registration packet at any Marion County Library location or call 304-366-1210 for more information. You don't have to

have a library card to participate, but only valid cardholders will be eligible for our prize drawing. Cards are free, stop by the library to apply!



Playaways

Audio

Concealed in Death by J. D. Robb Hopeful by Shelley Shepard Gray Killer by Jonathan Kellerman Private LA by James Patterson Still Life with Bread Crumbs by Anna Quindlen Vampire Most Wanted by Lyndsay Sands

Views

Get Active! If The World Were a Village Science Kid: Wanna be a scientist? Sesame Street Adventures with Elmo

Bestsellers Expected in February

Print

The Chase by Janet Evanovich Concealed in Death by J. D. Robb Confessions of a Wild Child by Jackie Collins Death of a Policeman by M. C. Beaton The Forever Girl by Alexander McCall Smith Hard Going by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles Killer by Jonathon Kellerman Kiss and Tell by Fern Michaels Private LA by James Patterson Moving Target by J. A. Jance The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman

Large Print

Cell by Robin Cook Command Authority by Tom Clancy The Death in Their Vaulted Arches by Alan Bradley The Death Trade by Jack Higgins Hazardous Duty by W. E. B. Griffin The Last Kiss Goodbye by Karen Robards Robert B. Parker's Bull River by Robert Knott Standup Guy by Stuart Woods

DVDs

All is Lost Austenland Bad Grandpa Baggage Claim Closed Circuit The Counselor Ender's GameLast MEscape PlanMacheFree BirdsRiddieGrace UnpluggedRomeInstructions Not IncludedRushThe JungleThor a

Last Vegas Machete Kills Riddick Romeo and Juliet Rush Thor the Dark World

Marion County Public Library

321 Monroe Street, Fairmont, WV 26554

304-366-1210

We 🗪 To Read!

Teens, this February the Marion County Public Library mustache you to read! All month we will have BINGO cards available at our special display in the lobby. Grab a card and read one book from the genre listed to mark off a square, do that five times in a row to make BINGO! Fill out the information on the back of your completed card and drop it into the drawing box. At the end of the month, we'll hold a drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card. The more BINGO cards you complete, the more chances you have to win!

Not sure what to read? We'll also have a recommended reading list available.

Crafty & Nerdtastic Fun @ Your Library

Since MCPL's January Teen Crafternoon was cancelled because of the weather, we will give Sharpie mugs another shot on February 3rd at 4:30 p.m. All materials will be provided. Call or visit the library to sign up. If you registered last month, your name will be added to the February class.

Nerd out with MCPL at our monthly Teen Chess Club meeting. February 8th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. You don't have to be a skilled chess player to attend. Other board games are offered and snacks are provided. Hope to see you there!

Go on a Blind Date with a Book

In honor of the sweetest month of the year, we're holding a blind date with a book drawing all month long. Stop in at the library in February and pick up one of our secret sweet selections wrapped up in valentine hearts. Take it home, unwrap it, read it, complete the review card inside and return it to the library for a chance to win our Date Nite basket at the end of the month! The more books you "go out with', the more chances you have to win!

Sweetheart Picture Frame

Our adult craft class will take place on Monday, February 10th at 4:00 p.m. This month we will be making a sweetheart frame for your valentine! All materials will be provided. The class is limited, so advanced sign-up is required. Call the library at 304-366-1210 for more information.

Winter Olympics Library Edition

Saturday, February 22nd, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., join the library for paper plate ice skating fun. There will be coloring and activity sheets and a craft will serve up some Olympic-sized family fun. A Wii game winter tournament will take place at 2:00 p.m. featuring the game 'Mountain Sports'. Children can sign up for the tournament starting at 12:00 p.m. that day. Join us for this family-friendly event as the 2014 Winter Olympics come to a close the next day.

MCPLS Bookmobile

ROUTE SCHEDULE Winter 2014* MONDAY

Bright Beginnings Daycare: 9:30-10:30 White Hall, 22 Moran Circle, Rt 73 [2nd & 4th Week] 1st United Methodist Daycare: 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 Fairmont Senior Center: 11:00-12:00 Maplewood Drive [1st & 3rd Week] Heart Junction Child Care: 10:30-11:30 Rivesville [2nd & 4th Week] Pierpont Laboratory Preschool: 1:30-2:30 **FSU** Campus [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] East Park Boys & Girls Club: 3:45-4:45 East Park Elementary [1st & 3rd Week] Watson Elem: Country Club Road [2nd & 4th Week] WEDNESDAY Whitehall: 9:00-10:00 Middletown Mall Pleasant Valley: 10:30-11:30

Valley Chapel United Meth. Lot NASA IV & V: 12:00-1:00

Back parking lot [1st & 3rd Week]

Wonderland Learning: 12:00-1:00 Mannington [2nd & 4th & 5th Week]

Bunner Ridge: 2:30-3:30 Sagebrush Roundup lot

[1st & 3rd Week]

Boys & Girls Club: 3:45-4:45 Blackshere Elementary [2nd & 4th Week]

THURSDAY Sunbeam Child Care: 11:00-12:00 Mary Lou Retton Drive Rock Lake: 2:00-3:00 **Community Center** Colfax: 3:30-4:30 **Community Center** *schedule subject to change, call 304-366-1210

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Mannington Public Library

109 Clarksburg Street, Mannington, WV 26582

304-986-2803

Tax Assistance

The VITA Program offers free tax help to people who make \$51,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers from FSU will provide free basic income tax preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals on Saturday, Fabruary 22, from 9:00-4:00, and Friday, March 21st from 10:00-5:00 at the library. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please call 304-986-2803.

Toddler Time and Story Hour Resume

Miss Melissa has BIG (Dino-Big) plans for the New Year. We will begin the spring session this month. Toddler Time is held on Mondays at 10:30, Story Hour is offered Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 10:30. Please call the library for more information.

Newly Remodeled

We're done remodeling our new meeting room and public restroom. The meeting room can be reserved for public use, subject to availability. It is limited to meetings and programs of an educational, cultural, or civic nature, and must be open to the general public. No meetings will be permitted which are designated for partisan politics, or a particular religious affiliation. All library equipment will be set up and maintained by library staff.

After-School Holiday Craft

Join us February 12, when we will be creating our own unique Chinese lanterns just in time to have a Lantern Festival. The Lantern Festival in China is celebrated on the fifteenth day of the first month in the lunisolar year in the lunar calendar marking the last day of the lunar New Year celebration. During the festival, children go out at night to temples carrying paper lanterns and solve riddles on the lanterns. Sign-up required.

Mannington Middle School Event

Books and Bowling Challenge. We're celebrating Mannington Middle's 5th and 6th grade class the month of February. Every time a fifth or sixth grader visits the library and checks out a book in any format or plays a game of Wii bowling, we will add 100 points for the book and their bowling score to their homeroom tally. The 5th and 6th grade homerooms with the highest scores at the end of the month win the pizza party!

Monday Knitters

Knitting isn't just hats and sweaters! The knitting group share fun patterns—toys, handbags, socks, etc. We knit all year long and welcome all from the novice to the advanced knitter. Join us on Mondays at the library starting at 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Public Library

500 Main Street, Fairview, WV 26570

304-449-1021

Loving the Library

With the new year in full swing, children's programming is gearing up for the spring semester. Mrs. Alicia is kicking off registration on February 11th at 9:00 a.m. Parents can register their children by calling or stopping by the library. Space is limited, and registration will continue until classes are filled. Mrs. Alicia is also offering a Valentine Making Station from February 1-14. Children can create their own Valentine's Day cards to share with family and friends. This month's coloring workshop is I Love My Library.

Blind Dates and Movie Mates

We're holding a Blind Date with a Book for February. For each Blind Date title you check out, read, and review, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket that will be awarded to one lucky winner drawn at random on February 28th. The more you read and review, the better your chances of winning!

Teen movies continue in February with *Breaking Dawn*, Part 1 on Feb. 10th at 12:30 pm. Viewing is available to patrons ages 12-18. Space is limited, so registration is required. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Trivia buffs can join us on February 27th from 9:00-4:00 for our monthly contest., What Do You Know About That? Patrons 14-up are eligible to participate, and the patron with the most correct answers wins a prize.

Teens and adults can also get in on the valentine making fun with their own station February 1-14. And be sure to put in your best guess at the Circulation Desk for our featured drawing, Cupid's Kisses. The patron who comes closest to guessing the number of Hershey's kisses in the canister without going over wins the prize!

Warm Hearts

The staff of the Fairview Public Library would like to thank everyone who contributed to our numerous outreach programs this fall and winter. From October through December, community members donated 129 articles of winter clothing to our Winter Wear Basket Drive, 226 nonperishable items to our Food Bank Donation Drive, and 50 personal care items and snacks to our Overseas Serviceman Care Package. We couldn't have done it without your overwhelming support. Thank You!





Marion County Public Library

- Feb 1-28: Teen Winter Reading Program
- Feb 1-28: Blind Date with a Book Contest
- Feb 3: Teen Crafternoon @ 4:30 p.m.
- Feb 4,11,18,25: ACA Assistance 9:30-5:30
- Feb 5,6,12,13,19,20,26,27: Story Hour @ 10:30 a.m.
- Feb 7: Closed
- Feb 8: Teen Chess Club @ 10:00 a.m.
- Feb 10: Adult Craft Class @ 4:00 p.m.
- Feb 17: Closed
- Feb 19: Book It! @ 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 22: Winter Olympics, Library Edition, 1:00-3:00
- Feb 24: Awesome Readers' Club @ 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Branch

- Feb 1-14: Valentine Making Station
- Feb 1-28: Blind Date with a Book
- Feb 1-28: Coloring Workshop
- Feb 1-28: Cupid's Kisses Guessing Game
- Feb 7: Closed
- Feb 10: Teen After School Movie
- Feb 11: Toddler Time/Story Hour Registration Begins
- Feb 17: Closed
- Feb 25: Speaking of Books
- Feb 27: What Do You Know About That? Trivia
- Feb 28: Page Turners

Mannington Branch

- Feb 3,10,24: Toddler Time @ 10:30 a.m.
- Feb 3,10,24: Kitting Group @ 4:30 p.m.
- Feb 4,5,11,12,18,19,25,26: Story Hour @ 10:30 a.m.
- Feb 7: Closed
- Feb 12: After School Craft
- Feb 14,21,28: Friends Book Sale 10:00-4:00
- Feb 1,8,15,22: Friends Book Sale 9:00-1:00
- Feb 17: Closed
- Feb 20: Cover2Cover
- Feb 22: VITA Income Tax Assistance 9:00-4:00

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New E-Books

All Out of Love by Lori Wilde American Gods by Neil Gaiman Any Duchess Will Do by Tessa Dare Blue by You by Rachel Gibson The Captive Maiden by Melanie Dickerson The Fairest Beauty by Melanie Dickerson In Love with a Wicked Man by Liz Carlyle Peace by Shelley Shepard Run to You by Rachel Gibson The School for Good and Evil by Soman Chainani See Jane Score by Rachel Gibson Someday Soon by Debbie Macomber Spellbound by Sylvia Day The Supreme Macaroni Company by Adriana Trigiani

New E-Audio Books

Big Girl Panties by Stephanie Evanovich The Cow in the Parking Lot by Leonard Scheff Dealing with People You Can't Stand

by Dr. Rick Brinkman *Final Touch* by Brandilyn Collins *Sapper Martin by Albert Martin Shades of Milk and Honey* by Mary Roninette *A Short Story of Africa* by Roland Oliver *Thrilling Days in Army Life* by George A. Forsyth *Vietnam* by Stanley Karnow *Warlord* by Carlo D'Este *Winter King* by Thomas Penn

New Audio Books

The Chase by Janet Evanovich Concealed in Death by J. D. Robb The Daring Ladies of Lowell by Kate Alcott Death of a Policeman by M. C. Beaton Do or Die by Suzanne Brockman Evening Stars by Susan Mallory Father of the Bride by Barbara Delinsky Moving Target by J. A. Jance Museum of Extraordinary Things

by Alice Hoffman

Private LA by James Patterson **The Undead Pool** by Kim Harrison

<u>Marion LiBearian</u> The Town Librarian Says...

Hello All!

February has arrived with a winter delight. There's that familiar chill in the air and charm February brings with it. It may still be brisk outside, but the library is aglow with materials to warm your heart.

Valentine's Day is in February and your library is the perfect place to visit to prepare for this special day. We have cook books for that special meal, craft books for that unique valentine's gift, music for your romantic evening or simply a good romance novel.

The library can keep you from the winter blues with all we have to offer!

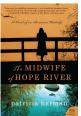
Marion LiBearian, the Town Librarian





Fairmont

Book It! will meet on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 to discuss *The Midwife of Hope River* by Patricia Harman



Patience Murphy, a midwife struggling against disease, poverty, and prejudice and her own haunting past—is a strong end endearing character that fans of the books

of Ami McKay and Diane Chamberlain will take into their hearts, as she courageously attempts to bring new light, and life, into an otherwise cruel world.~ Amazon

Book It! is excepting new members. Those interested can contact Julie at 304-366-1210 for more information.

The Awesome Readers' Club will meet February 24th at 4:30 p.m. to discuss *The Giver* by Lois Low-ry.

Jonas's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear or pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. When Jo-

nas turns 12 he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now, it is time for Jo-

nas to receive the truth. There is no turning back.

ARC is open to teens in grades 6-12. Sign-up at the MCPL circulation desk to join and receive a copy of this month's book.

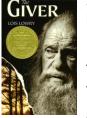
Fairview

Page Turners will meet February

28, to discuss *The Lifeboat* by Charlotte Rogan.

In the summer of 1914, the elegant ocean liner carrying Grace Winter and her husband Henry across the Atlantic suf-

fers a mysterious explosion. As the castaways battle the elements and each other, Grace recollects the unorthodox way she and Henry met, the new life she thought she'd found, and what price would she pay to keep it? ~Amazon



Speaking of Books will meet February 25th to discuss *The Bob-Haired Bandit* by Stephen Duncombe.

Ripped straight from the headlines of the Jazz Age, The Bobbed Haired Bandit is a tale of flappers and fast



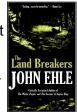
cars, of sex and morality. In the spring of 1924, a poor, 19-year-old laundress from Brooklyn robbed a string of New York grocery stores with a "baby automatic,' a fur coat, and a fashionable bobbed hairdo. ~Amazon

Mannington

Cover 2 Cover will meet Thursday, February 20th at 1:30 to discuss *The Land Breakers* by John Ehle.

The Land Breakers follows young Mooney and Imy Wright deep into the Appalachian wilderness where they become the first white pio-

neers to settle deep in the mountains of Western North Carolina. What ensues during the next six years is an often violent struggle: first merely to survive and then to create a viable settle-



ment, some human community that might last . ~Amazon

