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 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.”

http://www.history.com/topics/black-history-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 http://tinyurl.com/78yec6z

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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.
Features

Freegal Gives You More Than Great Music!

Our 24/7 music download site just got better! Now Freegal offers free streaming of select movies and TV shows!

Download up to three movies or shows per week, and view them as often as you like for 48 hours. The 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 Anna Quindlen

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 Game
Escape Plan
Free Birds
Grace Unplugged
Instructions Not Included
The Jungle

Last Vegas
Machete Kills
Riddick
Romeo and Juliet
Rush
Thor the Dark World
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 sweet-heart 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.
**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.

**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!

**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, February 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.
Marion County Public Library System

Calendar of Events

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

New E-Books

- All Out of Love by Lori Wilde
- 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 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

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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 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 accepting 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 Lowry.

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 Jonas 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 Jonas 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 suffers 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 pioneers 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 settlement, some human community that might last. ~Amazon
Happy Valentine's Day

Farris and Manny