Many exciting changes have been going on at our various branches this winter. Mannington Public Library has gone through a complete makeover, including a new children’s room complete with new furnishings. A brand new computer lab offers eight stations. The circulation area has been moved back and shelves have been rearranged and reorganized. Coupled with new carpeting and paint, the Mannington Public Library has a bright and inviting atmosphere.

The children’s room at the Marion County Public Library has also undergone an enormous transformation. Bright vibrant colors greet our young patrons as they enter this magical world of books, magazines, games, and coloring stations. Planned for the future are a new stage and early literacy interactive touch stations.

March has been designated as Music in Our Schools Month by the National Education Association for Music Education.

It’s the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. It began as a single statewide celebration in 1973, and became a month long celebration of school music in 1985. The purpose is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children—and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music.

The celebration continues to grow each year, reaching more and more students, teachers, musicians, and music supporters. Schools and communities throughout the country and overseas celebrate MIOSM with concerts and other activities based on the year’s theme.

The National Association for Music Education hopes that teachers, students, and music supporters alike will find ways to join in on the celebration through creative activities and advocacy. [http://musiced.nafme.org/events/music-in-our-schools-month/what-is-miosm/](http://musiced.nafme.org/events/music-in-our-schools-month/what-is-miosm/)

The library offers a large selection of CDs for every musical taste, from pop and rock to opera and movie soundtracks. We offer biographies on famous musical talents as well as DIY books to help you learn to play the guitar, piano, saxophone, etc. Stream today’s most popular hits with Freegal, our download site, or check out an e-book on the history of English Music, Music Theory for Dummies, Or Studies in Modern Music from our digital download site, WVDELI.
Best Sellers
Expected in February.

The Angel Court Affair by Anne Perry
The Assassin by Clive Cussler
The Cavendon Women by Barbara Taylor Bradford
Cold Betrayal by J. A. Jance
The Dream Lover by Elizabeth Berg
The Fifth Heart by Dan Simmons
The Harder They Come by T. Coraghessan Boyle
Host by Robin Cook

In Plain Sight by Fern Michaels
Inspector of the Dead by David Morrell
NYPD Red 3 by James Patterson
Someone Is Watching by Joy Fielding
Star Fall by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles
Vengeance of the Iron Dwarf by R. A. Salvatore
Wicked Charms by Janet Evanovich
World Gone By by Dennis LeHane

Large Print

The Betrayed by Heather Graham
The Bone Orchard by Paul Doiron
Die Again by Tess Gerritsen
In Your Dreams by Heather Graham
Host by Robin Cook
A Map of Betrayal by Jim Ha
NYPD Red 3 by James Patterson
Rose Gold by Walter Mosley
Saving Grace by Jane Green

DVDs

Beyond the Lights
Big Hero 6
Dumb and Dumber To
Foxcatcher
Horrible Bosses 2
The Hunger Games Mockingjay Part 1
Imitation Game
Interstellar
The Interview
Kill the Messenger
Nightcrawler
Ouija
Penguins of Madagascar
St. Vincent
Theory of Everything
Whiplash

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

Audio Books

The Assassin by Clive Cussler
Chasing Sunsets by Karen Kingsbury
Cold Betrayal by J. A. Jance
Cuba Straits by Randy White
The Dead Play On by Heath Graham
Double Fudge Brownie by Joanne Fluke
Endangered by C. J. Box
The Harder they Come by T. C. Boyle
Host by Robin Cook
Last One Home by Debbie Macomber
The Monogram Murders by Sophie Hannah
NYPD Red 3 by James Patterson
The Stranger by Harlan Coben
Wicked Charms by Janet Evanovich

Ebooks

The Alloy of Law by Brandon Sanderson
Beware a Scots Revenge by Sabrina Jeffries
Black Widow by Jennifer Estep
Bobby by Cat Johnson
Crave the Night by Lara Adrian
The Forgotten Girl by David Bell
Raging Star by Moira Young
Rose and the Lost Princess by Holly Webb
Sanctum by Madeleine Roux
Sour Grapes by G. A. McKevett
Think Twice by Lisa Scottoline
Winter Chill by Joanne Fluke

E-Audio Books

Betrayed by Lisa Scottoline
Bound by Flames by Jeaniene Frost
Cat & Mouse by James Patterson
The Chance by Karen Kingsbury
Emerald Green by Kerstin Gier
Finding Jake by Bryan Reardon
High Profile by Robert B. Parker
Irish Eyes by Mary Kay Andrews
Kissin’ Tell by Lorelei James
Not a Drill by Lee Child
Out to Canaan by Jan Karon
Sapphire Blue by Kerstin Gier
My Sunshine Away by M. O. Walsh

March on Washington: for Jobs and Freedom
Exhibit
Marion County Public Library
January 2-March 31, 2015
Free admission

www.mcplsl.org
Tall Tales & Legends Day

Join us March 14 at 3 p.m. for Tall Tales and Legends Day with a featured performance. The Fairmont State University Fine Arts Academy will present two short pieces, a reader’s theater piece and a theatrical skit production. The performers are all members of the FSU Fine Arts Academy, children ranging from 9 to 12 years old. They will be performing a reader’s theater entitled How Coyote Brought Fire to the People, and enacting Keelboat Annie.

The group includes Bella Smith, McKenzy Whinnie, Lydia Falkenstein, and Sofia Giada Lucente. Refreshments and activities will also be provided.

Caldecott Celebration

On March 21, the library will host a program with AmeriCorps Vista Rising Stars to celebrate the award-winning Caldecott books. At 2 p.m., volunteer readers will present various Caldecott books. Activities and coloring sheets will follow. Join us for a fun celebration of the many books that have won the prestigious award for best illustrations for each year. The event falls on the weekend of founder Randolph Caldecott’s birthday. Join us for birthday cake in honor of the occasion.

Adult Craft Class

February’s class was cancelled due to frigid temperatures and ‘iffy’ roads. We plan to hold two classes a month beginning March 9 and March 23. Both classes will begin at 5:00. Bring your own scraps and scissors. Thread, templates, and needles will be provided. Also if you would like to bring your own iron, that would be great! There are only a couple spaces still available, so please call to sign up before they’re gone!

Book It

Book It will meet March 18 at 6:00 to discuss Town Smokes by Pinckney Benedict.

In these nine stories, Benedict evokes the world of hard-bitten Southern men who live in shabby weather-beaten houses or rickety trailers, who work in tire factories or slaughterhouses, who are slow to speak but quick to explode in anger, and whose women are tangential figures. ~ Amazon

Teen Crafternoon

Awesome Readers’ Club

Teen Crafternoon will be held Monday, March 23 at 4:30. We’re wishing Houdini a happy birthday with a special craft. 12-17 year olds are invited to come create some magic!

The Awesome Readers’ Club will meet Monday, March 30 at 4:30 to discuss Better Nate than Ever by Tim Federle.

His whole life Nate has wanted to star in a Broadway show. But how is Nate supposed to make his dreams come true when he’s stuck in Jankburg, PA, where no one appreciated a good show tune? ~ Bookjacket
Green Thumbs and Blue Moods

If you’re looking to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty this spring, Fairview local Dorothy Hood will share her vast knowledge of plants, gardening, and even soil richness in her now popular gardening Q&A program on March 14th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. No registration is required, so be sure to come in and find out how your garden can grow!

For our teen audience, Mrs. Linda will be showing the box office tearjerker, *If I Stay* on March 17th at 3:30 p.m. and will create a St. Patrick’s Day themed craft. Space is limited, so registration is required and is available to patrons ages 12-18.

Our monthly trivia competition, What Do You Know about That? Continues on March 26 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with even more pop culture, sports, and current events topics to tease your brain. A prize will be awarded to the individual with the top score. Patrons ages 14-up are eligible to participate.

Throughout the month be sure to put in your best guess at the Circulation Desk during our You Should Be so Lucky guessing game. Guess how many mint M&Ms are in the jar, be the closest without going over, and win!

Check out our March Madness entryway display, featuring all things basketball.

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**Ice Cream for Books!**

As March gets underway, so does Toddler Time, Circle Time, and Story Hour. Beginning the week of March 2, Mrs. Alicia will be offering themed stories, crafts, games, and snacks. Circle Time kids will be competing for top honors in the Circle Time Reading Club. Our Juvenile Patron Appreciation monthly drawing resumes, giving children an opportunity to win a prize bag each time they use their library card.

**Speaking of Books Club**

Speaking of Books will meet March 24 to discuss *Stardust* by Neil Gaiman.

*Stardust* is the story of Tristran Thorn, who has fallen in love with the beautiful Victoria. As the two stargaze one night, a star falls from the sky. Victoria promises Tristran she will marry him if he finds the star and brings it to her. What follows is the biggest adventure in Tristran’s life as he sets off through the only opening in the wall that surrounds their village and travels into the unknown facing untold dangers all in the name of love.

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**Page Turners Book Club**

Page Turners meets March 27 to discuss *Dogwood* by Chris Fabry.

In the small town of Dogwood, WV, Karin has buried her shattered dreams by settling for a faithful husband whose emotional distance from her deep passions and conflicts leaves her isolated. Loaded with guilt, she tries to raise three small children and “do life” the best she can. Will returns to Dogwood intent on pursuing the only woman he has ever loved—only to find there is far more standing in his way than lost years I prison…~Amazon.
**Read Across America**

Oh, the Places You’ll Go when you read! March 2, 2015 is NEA’s Read Across America Day and this year, the book is the Seuss classic, *Oh, The Places You’ll Go*. Please plan to visit the library during this event; as we bring reading excitement to children of all ages. Treats and prizes for all who attend.

**Story Time**

Celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday, get a little luck of the Irish, and Spring into books with Miss Jami this month. Story-time is a pre-school program for 2-5 year olds, that meets each Wednesday at 10:30. Space is limited, so call the library at 304-986-2803 to sign up.

**Huddle Time**

Every other Monday, Jami features school-age stories and activities for K-4 grades. Those interested should contact the library to sign up.

**Pizza Party**

Celebrating Blacksheere Elementary’s third grade class. Third graders who check out items receive a pizza topping. The class with the most toppings wins a Pizza Party.

**Fiction Addiction Book Club**

March 16 @ 4:00. 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**

March 19 @ 1:30. This month’s title: *Memphis Tennessee Garrison* by Joe W. Trotter

The daughter of former slaves, *Memphis Tennessee Garrison* moved with her family to McDowell County, WV at an early age. Garrison’s oral history portrays African American life in WV in an era when she and other courageous community members overcame great obstacles to improve their working conditions, to send their children to school, and to enlarge and enrich their lives.~ Book jacket.

**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 16 @ 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.

**Renovation:**

Our library has a fresh new look. We reorganized and repurposed every room. Visit us: we’ll be happy to give you a tour!
Marion Libearian, the town librarian

Hello All!

Well, the lion and the lamb are waiting to play their parts. Who will be in first and who will be last to leave?

March is always a conflicting month weatherwise, but the library is always there for you with the newest selections to curl up with on a chilly evening or to enjoy in the sunshine.

March has the luck of the Irish! Perhaps a hidden treasure awaits you in the library. Be sure to check back often for all the new releases.

Have you seen the children’s room? It is coming along splendidly. So colorful, just coming to life, and the best part is there is more to come! We also appreciate you bearing (no pun intended) with us as we go through these changes to make the children’s room a new and improved special space.

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
**Fairview**

- Mar 2-31: Coloring Workshop
- Mar 2-31: Guessing Game
- Mar 2-31: Juvenile Patron Appreciation Giveaway
- Mar 2,9,16,23: Toddler Time
- Mar 3,17: Circle Time 1
- Mar 4,5,11,12,18,19,25,26: Story Hour
- Mar 10,24: Circle Time 2
- Mar 14: Gardening Q & A
- Mar 17: Teen After School Movie
- Mar 24: Speaking of Books
- Mar 26: Trivia Contest
- Mar 27: Page Turners

**Mannington**

- Mar 2: Read Across America Day
- Mar 9, 23: Huddle Time
- Mar 16: Fiction Addiction Book Club
- Mar 16: Jr. Fiction Addiction Book Club
- Mar 19: Cover2Cover
- Mar 23: Friends of the Library Meeting
- Mar 4,11,18,25: Story Time
- Mar 6,13,20,27: Book Sale 10:00-4:00
- Mar 7,14,21,28: Book Sale 9:00-1:00