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 7.

Crafts and activities will accompany the day. Every year we have a special guest superhero visit the library, but this year there are **TWO**! That’s right- Captain America will be here alongside Spiderman! Be sure to bring your camera for great photos with these popular superheroes.

Comic Books will available starting at 12 pm and the heroes and activities will be from 2-3:30 pm. Swing on by for an action packed annual family fun event! Look at the back of this newsletter to see which comics will be available! Costumes are welcome.
Best Sellers

Expected in May

**The 14th Colony** by Steve Barry
**15th Affair** by James Patterson
**The Apartment** by Danielle Steel
**As Time Goes By** by Mary Higgins Clark
**Blood Flag** by Steve Martini
**Boar Island** by Nevada Barr
**Cape Hell** by Loren D. Estleman
**The City of Mirrors** by Justin Crohn
**The Doll-Master and Other Tales of Terror** by Joyce Carol Oates

**The 14th Colony**

**The 15th Affair** by James Patterson

**The Apartment** by Danielle Steel

**The House of Daniel** by Harry Turtledove

**The Island House** by Nancy Thayer

**Night Shift** by Charlaina Harris

**Prayers the Devil Answers** by Sharyn McCrumb

**Sorcerer’s Daughters** by Terry Brooks

**Tall Tail** by Rita Mae Brown

**Two if by Sea** by Jacquelyn Mitchard

**Wedding Cake Murder** by Joanne Fluke

**Wild and Wonderful: West Virginia** by Janet Dailey

Audio Books

**The 15th Affair** by James Patterson

**The Apartment** by Danielle Steel

**Aunt Dimity and the Buried Treasure** by Nancy Atherton

**Beyond the Ice Limit** by Douglas Preston

**A Daughter’s Dream** by Shelley Shepard Gray

**The Emperor’s Revenge** by Clive Cussler

**Family Jewels** by Stuart Woods

**The Girl From Summer Hill** by Jude Deveraux

**The Obsession** by Nora Roberts

**One With You** by Sylvia Day

**Til Death Do Us Part** by Amanda Quick

Playaway

**Launchpad**

**On The Move** (ages 3-5)
**Pretend With Me** (ages 3-5)
**Mind Missions** (ages 5-7)
**Super Math Minds** (ages 5-7)
**Science Explosion** (ages 8-10)

**View**

**Lots & Lots of Toy Trains: Vol 1**
**Lots & Lots of Toy Trains: Vol 2**
**We Sign Animals Wild Animal Orphans Vol 1**

Non-Fiction

**Because They Hate** by Brigitte Gabriel

**Dark Money** by Jane Mayer

**Eat Dirt** by Josh Axe

**Hippie, INC** by Michael Klassen

**I am N** by Voice of the Martyrs

**In This Together** by Ann Romney

**My Year of Flops** by Nathan Rabin

**A Problem From Hell** by Samantha Power

**Silent Cry** by Dorothy Newton

Picture Books

**The Airport Book** by Lisa Brown

**The Animal’s Ark** by Marianne Dubuc

**Have a Look, Says Book** by Richard Jackson

**Pigs and a Blanket** by James Burks

**The Popcorn Astronauts** by Deborah Ruddell

**Squirrel Me Timbers** by Louise Pigott

**The Apprentice’s Quest** by Erin Hunter

**The Fog Diver** by Joel Ross

**Darth Vader and the Lost Command** by Haden Blackman

**Wonder Woman at Super Hero High** by Lisa Yee

**The 15th Affair**

**The Apartment** by Danielle Steel

**At the Edge of the Orchard** by Tracy Chevalier

**Fool Me Once** by Harlan Coben

**Lightning Lingers** by Barbara Freethy

**No Safe Secret** by Fern Michaels

**Off the Grid** by CJ Box

**The Passenger** by Lisa Lutz

**Rustler’s Moon** by Jodi Thomas

**Treachery at Lancaster Gate** by Anne Perry

**Wagon Train West** by Lauran Paine

**Your Heart’s Desire** by Melody Carlson

Young Adult

**Ask Me How I Got Here** by Christine Heppermann

**The Boy at the Top of the Mountain** by John Boyne

**Dime** by E.R. Frank

**Paper Hearts** by Meg Wivott

**Promposal** by Rhonda Helms

**On the Edge of Gone** by Corinne Duyvis

**The Raven King** by Maggie Stiefvater

**Spirit Level** by Sarah Harvey

Graphical Novels

**Deadpool Kills the Marvel Universe**

**The Walking Dead, Volume 25** by Robert Kirkland

**The Witch**

**The 5th Wave**

**Dirty Grandpa**

**Fifty Shades of Black**

**The Finest Hours**

**The Forest**

**Jane Got a Gun**

**Joy**

**Krampus**

**Lady in the Van**

**Norm of the North**

**Revenant**

**Ride Along 2**

**Daddy’s Home**

**Star Wars Episode VII**

**Star Wars Episode VII Bu-Ray**

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Books on Tap
Our new book club, Books on Tap, will be starting on Friday, May 13. The first meeting will take place at El Rey Mexican restaurant at the Middletown Mall at 6 pm. We will be discussing *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.

Order your own appetizers and/or drinks and have a great time. Discussing the book, playing trivia, and socializing. There are still several spots available; and the books are now available for pickup! Call or stop in at the library to register today!

Color Me Crazy
Do you like to color? Do you love to socialize? Do you like food? Most importantly, are you over 20? Then grab your crayons, markers, or colored pencils and join us at the library for our new adult coloring club! No sign up required, stop by Color Me Crazy on May 26 at 5 pm.

Awesome Readers Teen Book Club
Our teen book club will be meeting Monday, May 23 at 5 pm to discuss *The Murder Complex* by Lindsay Cummings

The book can be picked up at the circulation desk. Games, snacks and discussions will take place. Join us for a fun filled hour with fellow book lovers!

“Meadow Woodson, a fifteen-year-old girl who has been trained by her father to fight, to kill, and to survive in any situation, lives with her family on a houseboat in Florida.

The state is controlled by The Murder Complex, an organization that tracks the population with precision. The plot starts to thicken when Meadow meets Zephyr James, who is—although he doesn’t know it—one of the MC’s programmed assassins.

Is their meeting a coincidence? Destiny? Or part of a terrifying strategy? And will Zephyr keep Meadow from discovering the haunting truth about her family? Action-packed, blood-soaked, and chilling, this is a dark and compelling debut novel by Lindsay Cummings.” -Amazon

Book Sale
The May Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place Saturday, May 7 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Paperbacks are free, all other books are a $3 per bag. Donations arrive weekly, so every sale has something new to offer.

Adult Craft Class
Join us on Tuesday, May 17, at 5 pm for our Adult Craft Class. This month we will be doing some beginning painting. We will create a beautiful mountain scene. Bring your own acrylic paints and a flat 1/2-3/4" brush.

Paper and instruction will be provided. This is the beginning in a series of learn to paint classes that will be spaced out this year. Class is limited to 10, so call or stop by the library today to register.

Book It
Book It will meet Thursday, May 19 at the library starting at 6 pm to discuss *The Buccaneers* by Edith Wharton

Set in the 1870s, the same period as Wharton’s *The Age of Innocence*, *The Buccaneers* is about five wealthy American girls denied entry into New York Society because their parents’ money is too new. At the suggestion of their clever governess, the girls sail to London, where they marry lords, earls, and dukes who find their beauty charming—and their wealth extremely useful.” -Amazon

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Patrons ages 14 and up are eligible to participate in our monthly trivia competition, “What Do You Know about That?,” on May 26 from 9 am - 4 pm. Be sure to stop in to tease and test your brain on even more pop culture, current events, and sports topics. A prize will be awarded to the individual with the top score.

Don’t forget to stop by the circulation desk and give us your best guess for our monthly guessing game, “When Life Gives You Lemons...” Guess the number of Lemonhead candies in the jar before May 27, be the closest without going over, and you’ll be the lucky winner.

This month’s entryway display continues from “April Showers...” to “Bring May Flowers.”

Featured titles of the display include Living Nature: Flowers by Angela Royston, Where the Wild Rose Blooms by Lori Wick, and Wedding Flowers by Cynthia Rylant.

Summer Reading Sign Ups
Summer Reading registration for children, teens, and adults begins on May 23 and will continue through June 13, or until classes are filled. You may register in person or call in by phone. Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis; contact the library for more information.

Speaking of Books Club
Speaking of Books will meet May 24 at 4 pm to discuss The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier.

Ohio 1850. For a modest English Quaker stranded far from home, life is a trial. Untethered from the moment she leaves England, fleeing personal disappointment, Honor Bright is forced by family tragedy to rely on strangers in an alien, untamed landscape.

Drawn into the clandestine activities of the Underground Railroad, a network helping runaway slaves escape to freedom, Honor befriends two exceptional people who embody the startling power of defiance.

Eventually she must decide if she too can act on what she believes in, whatever the personal cost.

- Amazon

Light up the Night Teen Crafternoon
We will be hosting our “Light up the Night” teen craft program on May 17 at 3:30 pm. With the help of Daybrook resident Mary Mason, Ms. Linda will be providing participants the opportunity to create their very own beaded night lights works of art.

This program will be available to patrons ages 12-18, and refreshments will be served. Registration is required, so call or stop by the library to sign up!

Going Out With a “Bang”
Toddler Time and Story Hour will be finishing up with “Love You, Mama!” and “Mother’s Day in Bloom” themes. Then, on May 10th at 10 am we will be holding our “Jammin’ Jammies Pajama Party” as the combined finale for all of our Toddler Time and Story Hour classes.

Circle Time will also conclude on May 3rd, and the winners of the Circle Time Reading Club will be treated to an Ice Cream Social later in the month! Our coloring workshop for the month of May will be “Reading is Delicious.”

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Blacksheere Elementary Art Exhibit (May 16-18)  
Mrs. Kabulski will be exhibiting the always creative and beautiful artwork of the Blacksheere Elementary students May 16-28. Please visit and enjoy!

Story Time & Toddler Time  
Moving forward and wrapping up our spring sessions. Miss Janet has planned an end-of-the-year party for Toddler Time on May 17 at 11 am.

Story Time will have their annual graduation, with hats, tassels, and a party on May 18 at 10:30 am. We would like to thank all of our preschoolers, their parents and grandparents for making our programs a wonder success. Please continue to patronize the library, we always enjoy seeing you.

Friends Book Sale  
Donations arrive weekly, so there’s always something new at the Friends Book Sale, Fridays 10:00-4:30 and Saturdays 9:00-1:00.

Citywide Yard Sale  
Visit the Citywide Yard Sale on May 7! Our Book sale will be OPEN!

Cover2Cover  
May 19 @ 1:30. This month’s title: A Lucky Life Interrupted by Tom Brokaw

“Tom Brokaw has led a fortunate life. But in the summer of 2013, he received shocking news: He had multiple myeloma, a treatable but incurable blood cancer. Friends had always referred to Brokaw’s “lucky star,” but as he writes in this inspiring memoir, “Turns out that star has a dimmer switch.”

Brokaw takes us through all the seasons and stages of this surprising year, the emotions, discoveries, setbacks, and struggles—times of denial, acceptance, turning points, and courage. Brokaw also pauses to look back on some of the important moments in his career: memories of Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the morning of September 11, 2001, in New York City, and more.” -Amazon

Burlap Flowers  
Make-It-Yourself project featuring a step by step lesson in creating your own burlap flowers. These adorable fabric flowers can liven up any vase, candle, gift bag, you name it! Not only are they a cute addition to a natural table top design, but they are actually pretty simple to make as well.

Carol Higgins will be teaching a class on May 23 at 5:00 p.m. Classes are open to all adults. Please call 304-986-2803 to register.

Fiction Addiction Book Club: YA Book Club  
May 17 @ 4:00. This month: What I Thought Was True by Huntley Fitzpatrick.

“Gwen Castle has never so badly wanted to say good-bye to her island home till now: the summer her Biggest Mistake Ever, Cassidy Somers, takes a job there as the local yard boy. He’s a rich kid from across the bridge in Stony Bay, and she hails from a family of fishermen and housecleaners who keep the island’s summer people happy.

Gwen worries a life of cleaning houses will be her fate too, but just when it looks like she’ll never escape her past—or the island—Gwen’s dad gives her some shocking advice. Sparks fly and secret histories unspool as Gwen spends a summer struggling to resolve what she thought was true—about the place she lives, the people she loves, and even herself—with what really is.” —Amazon

First Aid and CPR Training  
West Virginia’s Choice is holding First Aid and CPR training classes in order to be hired as Personal Attendants (Direct Care Workers) for clients who need in-home assistance. Training for this month is scheduled for May 19 & 20 from 9 am - 5 pm and again May 26 & 27. To sign up for training, call West Virginia’s Choice at 304.291.3345 ext. 235 or ask for Cindy.

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Hello All!

The Merry Month of May has begun! May is the official welcome of warmer weather, promise of vacations times and summer fun ahead. The flowers are in full bloom, full of life and wonder.

May is yet another time to see what is blossoming in your library. The library flourishes with monthly new releases. You’ll always find new budding delights on our shelves. Our ever expanding collections add to the array of colors to our eclectic gardens.

The library is blooming with changes, and we appreciate your patience as we start using our new system. We think you’ll be delighted with all it has to offer. Visit http://marion.tlcdelivers.com:8080/kids for a tool that will allow kids to search our collection by series or category!

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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:** 1:30-2:00. Woodlands Assisted Living
- **Stepping Stone, Inc:** 3:45-4:45. East Grafton Road

**Tuesday**
- **White School:** 10:30-11:30. Locust Ave. (Adult Learning Center) [1st & 3rd Week]
- **Heart Junction Child Care:** 10:30-11:30. Rivesville [2nd & 4th Week]
- **Fairmont Area Homeschoolers Together:** 12:30-1:30.
  - 3221 Fairmont Avenue [1st & 3rd week]
- **Disability Action Center:** 2:30-3:30. 102 Benoni Ave. [2nd Week]
- **Boys & Girls Club:** 3:45-4:45. East Park Elementary [1st & 3rd Week]
- **Boys & Girls Club:** 3:45-4:45. Watson Elementary [2nd & 4th Week]

**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]
- **Fairmont Health & Rehab:** 2:30-3:30. Kaufman Drive [2nd & 4th 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
- **Learning Options, Inc.:** 1:00-2:00. Songbird Lane [2nd Week]
- **Rock Lake:** 2:00-3:00. Community Center
- **Colfax:** 3:30-4:30. Community Center
- **Kidz Connection:** 3:30-4:30. Bellview Blvd. [2nd & 4th Week]
Manny says: May the 4th be with you!
Fairview
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- May 7: Friends Book Sale
- May 13: Books on Tap
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- May 17: Adult Craft Class
  Beginning painting – Landscape
- May 19: Book It:
  *The Buccaneers* by Edith Wharton
- May 23: Awesome Readers Club:
  *The Murder Complex* by Lindsay Cummings
- May 29: Color Me Crazy
- May 30: CLOSED (Memorial Day)
- June 1: Summer Reading Sign Ups Begin

Mannington
- May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Toddler Time – 11 am
- May 4, 11, 18, 25: Story Time – 10:30 am
- May 6, 13, 20, 27: Friends Book Sale
- May 7, 14, 21, 28: Friends Book Sale
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Available at Free Comic Book Day: