Established in 1919, Children’s Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country.

Children’s Book Week both celebrates and encourages the joy of reading. Each year bookstores, schools and libraries participate in events that help instill a lifelong love of reading in children.

The Mannington branch in particular is celebrating: they hope to present each child who visits the library May 4-10 with a book, while supplies last.

The kick-off for Children’s Book Week each year is Free Comic Book Day, which is always the first Saturday in May. Visit the main branch in Fairmont on May 2 from 10-3:30 to color, do a craft, and GET FREE COMICS!

Batman will also be making an appearance and will be available for pictures 2-3:30.

**Sign up for Summer Reading programs!**

Sign-ups for summer reading programs at the Fairview and Mannington branches begin this month! Learn about how “Every Hero Has a Story” (kids), what happens when you’re “Unmasked” (teens), and how to “Escape the Ordinary” (adults).

The main branch in Fairmont will start their summer reading sign-ups June 1st. Contact your branch to sign up!
Best Sellers
Expected in May

14th Deadly Sin by James Patterson
Born of Defiance by Sherrilyn Kenyon
Day Shift by Charlaine Harris
Don’t Go Home by Carolyn Hart
The Enemy Inside by Steve Martini
The Fall by John T. Lescroart
Gathering Prey by John Sandford
The Guest Cottage by Nancy Thayer
I, Ripper by Stephen Hunter

Large Print

14th Deadly Sin by James Patterson
The Cavendon Women by Barbara Taylor Bradford
Cover Your Eyes by Mary Burton
Day Shift by Charlaine Harris
Death Wears a Beauty Mask and other Stories by Mary Higgins Clark
Endangered by CJ Box
Every Fifteen Minutes by Lisa Scottoline
Kingbird’s Pursuit by Max Brand
One True Heart by Jodi Thomas
The Patriot Threat by Steve Berry
The Rebellion of Miss Lucy Ann Lobdell by Mary Burton
Silver Thaw by Catherine Anderson
Someone is Watching by Jo Fielding
Taken In by Elizabeth Lynn Casey
The Wedding Circle by Ashton Lee

Playaway

Get Your Hopes Up! by Joyce Meyer
Miracle at Augusta by James Patterson
Memory Man by David Baldacci
Hot Pursuit by Stuart Woods
Chasing Sunsets by Karen Kingsbury
Last One Home by Debbie Macomber

Young Adult

Raging Star by Moira Young
The Heir by Kiera Cass
Star Cursed by Jessica Spotswood
The Messenger by Edward Hogan
Undertow by Michael Buckley
All the Rage by Courtney Summers
Little Peach by Peggy Kern
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
Rogue by Julie Kagawa
Talon by Julie Kagawa

Audio Books

14th Deadly Sin by James Patterson
The Fall by John Lescroart
And Sometimes I Wonder About You by Walter Mosley
Don’t Go Home by Carolyn Hart
Gina & Emma by Sherryl Woods
Proposal at Siesta Key by Shelly Shepard Gray

E-Books

A Monstrous Regiment of Women by Laurie R. King
The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway by James E. Castro
You Are Destined to Be Together Forever by Dean Koontz
Ladder of Years by Anne Tyler
Hot Spell by Emma Holly
Glass Sentence by S.E. Grove
The Trap by Steven Arston
Make Good Art by Neil Gaiman
Burn Factor by Kyle Mills
The Same Sky by Amanda Eyre Ward
Four: The Son by Veronica Roth

DVDs

Black or White
The Boy Next Door
Hot Tub Time Machine II
Mortdecai
Paddington
Penny Dreadful: Season One
Selma
Still Alice
The Wedding Ringer

Streaming Video

Fraggle Rock Season 1
George A. Romero’s Survival of the Dead
Paris Je T’aime
All Dark Places
Max Lucado’s The Christmas Candle
Night of the Living Dead
The Answer Man
Abbott & Costello: Africa Screams
Once again it’s that time of year, the day that you can pick up FREE COMIC BOOKS!

Every year the 1st Saturday of May is Free Comic Book Day. Each year comic publishers provide select titles for comic book stores and, in conjunction with the stores, the library participates too!

From 10-3:30 you can stop in the library, get free comic books, make a cool superhero mask, get some coloring pages, and MEET BATMAN! Batman will visit the library from 2-3:30 and be available to meet and take pictures.

You can dress as your favorite comic hero to join in on the celebration!

May the Fourth Be With You

Each year Star Wars fans celebrate May 4 as Star Wars Day! Check out our display of Star Wars books and movies for all ages! May the Fourth Be with you!

Free Comic Book Day

Food for Fines

The Fairmont branch is running a Food For Fines campaign to benefit Scott Place and the Union Mission.

1 unexpired can of food equals $1 in fines waived from your account!

The cans cannot be used toward billed items or collections charges.

Fairmont Photography Club Exhibit

The Fairmont Photography Club exhibit will continue through the month of May! Come see the world through someone else’s lens.

Summer Reading

Sign ups for our adult, teen, and child summer reading programs will begin June 1. Enjoy an action-packed summer as we learn how “Every Hero has a Story” and to “Escape the Ordinary”.

Contact us at 304-366-1210 for more information!

Adult Craft Class

We will meet twice in May to work on our Wonky Log Cabin quilt. All those members who can make Monday, May 11, and Monday, May 18 at 5:00 are welcome to stop by, do some sewing and some visiting. We’ll be here till 7:00, so stay as long as you can, and enjoy some good company!

Book It

Book It will meet May 20 at 6:00 to discuss Desert God by Wilbur Smith at the Literacy Volunteers of America office on Locust Avenue.

Game of Thrones meets Ancient Egypt in this magnificent, action-packed epic. On the gleaming banks of the Nile, the brilliant Taita—slave and advisor to the Pharaoh—finds himself at the center of a vortex of passion, intrigue, and danger.

His quest to destroy the Hyksos army and form an alliance with Crete takes him on an epic journey up the Nile, through Arabia and the magical city of Babylon, and across the open seas.

With the future of Egypt itself on his shoulders, Taita enters a world where the line between loyalty and betrayal shifts like the desert sands, evil enemies await in the shadows, and death lingers on the edges of darkness.

–Amazon

Teen Crafts & ARC

Teen Crafternoon and the Awesome Readers Club will be taking a break for the month of May as we get ready for the summer for the summer reading program.

Book Sale

Our Friends of the Library Monthly Book Sale will take place Saturday, May 2 from 9-1:00. Take home a good book!
It’s Mayhem at Fairview!

Our spotlight this month is murder! The entryway display features murder mystery stories by authors such as James Patterson, J.D. Robb, M.C. Beaton, Joanne Fluke, and, of course, Agatha Christie.

And, it wouldn’t be May without mentioning Mother’s Day. We have a variety of poetry volumes dedicated to Mom as well as various children’s books that celebrate the bond between a mother and a child: Clifford’s Happy Mother’s Day, I Like Noisy– Mom Likes Quiet, and A Present for Mom.

We encourage our juvenile patrons to participate in our monthly coloring workshop. This month’s theme is “Mother, May I? (Check out Books).

The winners of the “Fairview Elementary Circle Time Readers Club” will be treated to the reward movie of their choice at the end of the month. In addition, Circle Time participants will be treated to a special end of semester finale—stay posted for details!

Our monthly trivia competition continues on May 28 from 9:00-4:00 with more pop culture, sports, and history topics to test your brain power. A prize will be awarded to the individual with the top score. Patrons ages 14-up are eligible to participate.

The featured guessing game at the Circulation Desk is “May the 4th Be With You” with Jelly Belly Star Wars Jelly Beans in a jar.

Springing Forward

The spring semesters of Toddler Time and Story hour are winding down this month! Children will spend their final class time at the park, where we will have games, stories, and an ice cream treat!

Our final Juvenile Patron Appreciation Basket Giveaway takes place this month; children who present their library card when checking out can fill out a ticket for the drawing.

Speaking of Books Club

Speaking of Books will meet May 26 to discuss The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards.

On a winter night in 1964, Dr. David Henry is forced by a blizzard to deliver his own twins. His son, born first, is perfectly healthy. Yet when his daughter is born, he sees immediately that she has Down’s syndrome. Rationalizing it as a need to protect Norah, he asks his nurse to take the baby away to an Institution and never to reveal the secret. But Caroline, the nurse, cannot leave the infant. Instead, she disappears into another city to raise the child herself.

-Amazon

Page Turners Book Club

Page Turners meets May 28 to discuss The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier

Ohio 1850. For a modest English Quaker stranded far from home, life is a trial. Honor Bright is forced by family tragedy to rely on strangers in an alien, untamed landscape. She is drawn into the clandestine activities of the Underground Railroad, a network helping runaway slaves escape to freedom. Eventually she must decide if she too can act on what she believes in, whatever the personal cost.

-Amazon

Summer Reading & Cook-A-Book

Registration for Summer Reading and Cook-A-Book begins on May 17! Sign-up is required for these programs so register early as space is limited!
Blackshere Art Exhibit
Mannington’s next Picasso or Rembrandt may be on display May 18-30. The display, compliments of Mrs. Kabulski, features the work of gifted art students from Blackshere Elementary.

Children’s Book Week
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Story Time Graduation
We proudly announce the graduation of our 2015 story-time children! The ceremony will take place May 5 at 10:30 am.

These children will likely: have a lifetime passion for reading, a mastery of language, and do very well in school. Great things happen when we read to our children!

Fiction Addiction
Book Club: Grades 5-8
May 11 @ 4:00. This month’s selection: Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd.

Digging for peat in the mountain with his Uncle Tally, Fergus finds the body of a child, and it looks like she’s been murdered.

As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him, a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the Bog child unfurls.

–Amazon

Cover2Cover
May 21 @ 1:30. This month’s title: The Problem with Murmur Lee by Connie May Fowler

As a new year dawns over the island of Iris Haven, Murmur Lee Harp and her lover, Billy, go for a romantic sail without a care in the world. The evening comes to an abrupt halt when Murmur Lee discovers that she has drowned in the Iris Haven river.

Murmur Lee’s circle of friends sets out to discover what really happened to her, and in the process they learn as much about her failings and triumphs as their own.

–Amazon

Summer Reading For the Whole Family
From the youngest child to the strongest, mightiest crusader, each and every hero has his or her own story to tell. We all have the potential to be heroes through words and actions; families are encouraged to discover the superheroes within themselves as they dress up, explore art projects and games, complete a variety of feats and deeds, and —of course— READ!

Sign up today for our programs in June by visiting the library or calling 304-986-2803.
Hello All!
May is here and Spring has sprung!

Flowers are blossoming everywhere you look, just like all of the new materials that appear in the library for you to check out!

Comic Book day is such a delightful day! I look forward to seeing what superhero will visit the library each year. I enjoy the fact that you can get free comic books just by stopping in the library that day!

Spring also means that summer is around the corner, and summer around the corner means **SUMMER READING**! This year’s theme is going to be an action packed adventure full of heroes, reading fun and surprises! Be sure to visit us this summer for all the many fun activities for kids, teens and adults!

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
May Flowers
**Fairmont**

- May 1-30:Fmt. Photography Club Exhibit
- May 2: Free Comic Book Day
- May 2: Friends of the Library Book Sale
- May 6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28: Story Hour
- May 11, 18: Adult Craft Class
- May 20: Book It
- May 25: CLOSED– Memorial Day

**Mannington**

- May 4-10: Children’s Book Week
- May 5: Huddle Time @ 5:00
- May 6: Story Time Graduation
- May 11: Fiction Addiction
- May 18-30: Blackshere Art Exhibit
- May 21: Cover2Cover
- May 25: CLOSED– Memorial Day
- May 1,8,15,22,29: Friday book sale 10:00-4:00
- May 2,9,16,23,30: Saturday book sale 9:00-1:00

**Fairview**

- May 1-30: Monthly programs and contests
- May 4, 11 Toddler Time
- May 5, 12,: Tuesday Nite Knitters
- May 5: Circle Time 2
- May 6, 7, 13, 14: Story Hour
- May 12: Circle Time 1
- May 17: Summer Reading/Cook-A-Book Registration Begins
- May 25: CLOSED– Memorial Day
- May 26: Speaking of Books
- May 28: Page Turners
- May 28: What Do You Know About That? Trivia