The Joy of Picture Books

Branch Manager’s Spotlight
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When I was 5 years old, kindergarten was optional—I opted out. So, “everything I ever needed to know, I learned from picture books.”

November is National Picture Book Month. Celebrating the greatest books ever written; repetitive, rhyming verse still recited today. Illustrated by the greatest artists; sharing wonderful stories with bright, colorful pictures.

Revisit your favorite classic picture books at any branch of MCPLS and WVDeli (ebooks)
A few of my pre-school favorites:
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

And of course, any publication of Mother Goose nursery rhymes.

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER ALERT!

Due to the rising costs of postage, this monthly newsletter will soon be moving to a primarily electronic version.

We will still be printing this format for pick up at each branch, but the mailed versions will be printed in brochure format starting in December 2015.

To view a PDF version, or to sign up for our email newsletter, please visit www.mcpls.org and click on “Newsletter” on the menu bar! You can also sign up for email newsletters by texting MCPLS to 22828 and following the instructions. Message and data rates may apply.

You can also find us on social media! Check Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, and Tumblr for updated events, photos, and more!
**Best Sellers**

- *About a Vampire* by Lynsay Sands
- *All Dressed in White* by Mary Higgins Clark
- *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* by Stephen King
- *Born of Betrayal* by Sherrilyn Kenyon
- *Buried Secrets* by Irene Hannon
- *Career of Evil* by Robert Galbraith
- *A Christmas Escape* by Anne Perry
- *The Crossing* by Michael Connelly
- *The Guilty* by David Baldacci
- *Pharaoh’s Secret* by Clive Cussler
- *The Promise* by Robert Crais
- *Shopaholic to the Rescue* by Sophie Kinsella
- *The Sundown Speech* by Loren D. Estleman
- *Born of Betrayal* by Sherrilyn Kenyon
- *Depraved Heart* by Patricia Cornwell
- *The Golem of Paris* by Jonathan Kellerman
- *The Guilty* by David Baldacci
- *No Honor Among Thieves* by J.A. Jance
- *Pharaoh’s Secret* by Clive Cussler
- *Stars of Fortune* by Nora Roberts
- *Tricky Twenty-two* by Janet Evanovich
- *Wyoming Rugged* by Diana Palmer

**Large Print**

- *After You* by JoJo Moyes
- *Big Magic* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- *Cross Justice* by James Patterson
- *The End Game* by Catherine Coulter and T.J. Ellison
- *Eve* by William Paul Young
- *Fear the Dark* by Kay Hooper
- *Foreign Affairs* by Stuart Woods
- *Host* by Robin Cook
- *Nine Lives* by Wendy Corsi Staub
- *The Outsider* by Frederick Forsyth
- *Pretending to Dance* by Diane Chamberlain
- *Tricky Twenty Two* by Janet Evanovich

**DVDs**

- *American Ultra*
- *Dope*
- *The Gift*
- *Inside Out*
- *Jurassic World*
- *Mr. Holmes*
- *Ricki And The Flash*
- *Shaun the Sheep*
- *Terminator Genisys*
- *Vacation*

**Playaway**

- *A Christmas Bride in Pinecraft* by Shelley Shepard Gray
- *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber
- *The Hidden* by Heather Graham
- *Marry Me at Christmas* by Susan Mallery
- *Rogue Lawyer* by John Grisham
- *A Wedding at the Orange Blossom Inn* by Shelley Shepard Gray
- *Willow Brook Road* by Sherryl Woods

**Playaway Launchpad**

- *Letters, Letters Everywhere* ages 3-5
- *Flocks of Fun* ages 5-7
- *That’s Life* ages 5-7
- *Uno! Dos! Tres!* ages 5-7
- *What a Find* ages 8-10

**Easy Books**

- *Big Brother Daniel* (Board Book)
- *The Bizarre Life Cycle of a Cicada* by Greg Roza
- *Daniel Visits the Library* by Maggie Testa
- *Fancy Nancy Candy Bonanza* by Robin Preiss Glasser
- *Fright Club* by Ethan Long
- *Mixed Me* by Taye Diggs
- *Mousetropolis* by Gregory Christie

**Audio Books**

- *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* by Stephen King
- *Born of Betrayal* by Sherrilyn Kenyon
- *Cross Justice* by James Patterson
- *The Golem of Paris* by Jonathan Kellerman
- *The Guilty* by David Baldacci
- *No Honor Among Thieves* by J.A. Jance
- *Pharaoh’s Secret* by Clive Cussler
- *Stars of Fortune* by Nora Roberts
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- *Wyoming Rugged* by Diana Palmer

**Young Adult**

- *The Cydonian Pyramid* by Pete Hautman
- *Deadly Class, Vol 3 (GN)*
- *Fall for Anything* by Courtney Summers
- *The Ruby Circle* by Richelle Mead
- *Some Girls Are* by Courtney Summers
- *This Is Not a Test* by Courtney Summers
- *Winter* by Marissa Meyer

**Juvenile Fiction**

- *Adventures in Flatfrost* by Jordan Quinn
- *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer* by Rick Riordan
- *The Marvels* by Brian Selznick

**Nonfiction**

- *Before Amen: the Power of a Simple Prayer* by Max Lucado
- *Beneath the Surface* by John Hargrove
- *The Complete Cooking for Two Cookbook* for Two Cookbook
- *Killing Reagan* by Bill O’Reilly
- *Let Me Off at the Top* by Ron Burgundy
- *You’re Never Weird on the Internet* by Felicia Day
- *The Wild Oats Project* by Ronin Rinaldi

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**Lunch with author Denise Giardina**

Prolific West Virginian author Denise Giardina will be making a stop at MCPLS Friday, November 13 from 12—1:30 pm for a lunch party.

Join Giardina to learn about her writing process and routine, the publishing process, and more! Space is limited, so advance sign-up is required!

Denise Giardina is the author of *Saints and Villians*, a fictionalized account of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Storming Heaven, The Unquiet Earth*, and more!

**Awesome Readers Club**

All teens are invited to participate in the fun game afternoon with *Spot It* and other fun games.

The group will discuss upcoming programs and book clubs on Monday, November 16 at 4:30 pm. See you then!

**Thanks for Reading Day!**

Join us Saturday, November 21 from 2-3:00 pm for a day full of fun Thanksgiving activities!

Gobble up good stories and create Thanksgiving crafts on this fall fun day!

**Sharon Linn Art Exhibit**

MCPLS is pleased to announce the return of West Virginia artist Sharon Linn to our exhibit space!

Sharon is an award winning artist who specializes in western style art work. She was the American Bald Eagle Foundation’s 2015 artist of the year.

The exhibit will be open throughout the month of November during library hours.

**Coming Soon**

Look for our family fun Christmas event coming in December: *‘A Christmas Carol’* presented by the Hampstead Stage Company. The event will take place December 19 at 2pm. More details coming soon!

**Book Sale**

The Friends of the Library will be holding their monthly book sale Saturday, November 7 from 9 am – 1 pm. Fall in love with a good book!

**Adult Scrapbooking**

Sign up at the front desk or contact Raina at 304-366-1210 (extension 126) for more information!

**Adult Craft Class**

The adult craft class will meet November 19 at 6:30 pm! Please contact the front desk to sign up!

**Book It**

Book It will meet Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 pm in the Literacy Volunteers of America office on Locust Avenue to discuss *The Yiddish Policeman’s Union* by Michael Chabon.

For sixty years Jewish refugees and their descendants have prospered in the Federal District of Sitka, a “temporary” safe haven in Alaska created in the wake of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. But now the District is set to revert to Alaskan control, and their dream is coming to an end.

Homicide detective Meyer Landsman of the District Police has enough problems without worrying about the upcoming Reversion. When he begins to investigate the killing of his neighbor, Landsman finds himself contending with all the powerful forces of faith, obsession, evil, and salvation that are his heritage.

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Feast Your Minds on This

There’s more fun to be found at the library for the whole family in November. Family Fun Night returns every Tuesday in November from 4—6 pm. We invite families to play board games, work puzzles, and do some holiday crafting while they’re here so be sure to get in on the fun! Registration is required so call or stop by the library to sign up.

Hungry for trivia? Join us on November 19 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm for our monthly contest, “What Do You Know about That?” Patrons ages 14-up are eligible to participate, and the patron with the most correct answers wins a prize!

Our entryway will be host to the “Gobble Up Some Good Books” display which will spotlight all things Thanksgiving. And, of course, the Circulation Desk will be home to our monthly guessing game, “Found a Peanut.” Guess how many Peanut M&Ms are in the jar, be the closest without going over, and win!

Our Juvenile Appreciation Grab Bag Giveaway makes its return this month. Children who present their library card when checking out can fill out a ticket for the drawing, and one entry will be randomly chosen as the winner. The featured coloring workshop for the month is “Reading Is a Feast!”

Giving Thanks
Ms. Julie’s Toddler Time and Story Hour themes in November are all about fall. Leaves, pilgrims, and Native Americans will be the order of the month. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with crafts and treats on November 16 for our toddlers and on November 19 for our preschoolers.

And, remember, during the week of November 23, there will be no classes due to Thanksgiving Break.

Speaking of Books Club
Speaking of Books will meet November 24 to discuss Nothing to Do but Stay by Carrie Young.

In 1904, her Norwegian-born mother, Carrine Gafkjen, age 25, set out alone from Minnesota and staked a 160-acre claim; in those early days she walked five miles to a creek to wash her clothes and fetch drinking water.

At 34, when she married homesteader Sever Berg and he moved onto her property (which was larger than his own), she became a prairie housewife, turning out five meals a day and preparing Norwegian specialties. Young and her siblings endured their own trials, notably their efforts to herd their mother’s flock of turkeys--animals, she wryly notes, that are "congenitally indisposed to the principle of herding."

-Good Reads of the Week

- Publishers Weekly

Giving Back
Focusing on the needs of those in our community, the library will be sponsoring Food Pantry and Mitten Tree drives. For the local Food Pantry, we will be accepting non-perishable food items from November 16 through December 14.

The Mitten Tree Drive will run from November 2 through December 7 and will collect various items of children’s winter clothing (underwear, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, earmuffs, etc.) to be donated to Fairview Elementary.

After School Movie
The After School Movie will be held on November 17, and Inside Out will be the feature.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed over the phone or in person. A light snack will be provided, and those coming directly from school will be able to walk to the library with a member of the library staff.

Teen Tuesday
What’s a smashbook? It’s a lot of cool memories smashed together into a book! You will have the chance to start your own smashbook on Teen Tuesday, November 10 at 4 pm. Patrons ages 12-17 are invited to bring photos, tickets, or any other special mementos to create a one-of-a-kind keepsake. All materials are provided – except the memories!
Monday Movie
Join the Mannington Public Library on November 9 at 4:00 p.m. when we will be showing San Andreas, rated PG-13. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. The movie is open to all ages with parental supervision for those under 13.

SaturGanza
Our fall SaturGanza will be held November 21 from 10-12 with Autumn fun for all ages.

Leaf paintings, candy corn, Wii games and more will be the order of the day as we celebrate Thanksgiving and all things fall!

Blackshore Pizza Party
We’re celebrating Blackshore Elementary’s second grade class in the month of November! Each time a second grade student visits the library during the month of November, we will give them a pizza topping representing their homeroom for each item they check out.

The class with the most toppings will win a Little Ceasars’ Pizza Party and a special story read by Ms. Julie, compliments of the library.

Fiction Addiction Book Club: Grades 5-8
November 16 @ 4:00. This month: Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs.

As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children.

As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason.

And somehow—impossible though it seems—they may still be alive.

Teen Tuesday
Teen Tuesday will be on hiatus due to the holidays, and through the winter months. Check back in March for awesome new activities for ages 12-17!
Hello All!

We’re headed into the final stretch of fall! There is still time to enjoy the crisp autumn warmth with a nip in the air of winter’s promise. Be sure to check out our fall selections of new releases—every week there’s something new!

Most bears hibernate, but since I live in the library I’m just as busy as any other time. I so enjoy the smells of the season: turkeys, pumpkin pies and the other delicious delights that await us for Thanksgiving Day.

On your list of things to be thankful for, please keep the library in mind. We depend on the support of our patrons and we really appreciate each and every one of you.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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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**
- Grant Town: 9:30-10:00. Community Center Lot
- Head Start: 10:30-11:30. Locust Avenue (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]
- Boys & Girls Club: 3:45-4:45. Blackshere Elementary [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]
Happy Turkey Day!
**Fairview**
- November 2-30: Monthly programs and contests / Mitten Tree Drive
- November 2-7: FINE FREE WEEK
- November 3, 10, 17, 24: Family Fun Night / Tuesday Nite Knitters
- November 9-10, 12-25, 30: Friends of the Library Book Sale
- November 10: Teen Tuesday
- November 11: CLOSED for Veteran’s Day
- November 16-30: Food Pantry Drive
- November 17: After School Movie, *Inside Out*
- November 19: What Do You Know About That? Trivia
- November 23-27: NO Toddler time or Story Hour
- November 24: Speaking of Books: *Nothing to Do but Stay*
- November 26-28: CLOSED for Thanksgiving

**Mannington**
- November 2-7: FINE FREE WEEK
- November 4, 11, 18, 25: Toddler Time @ 10:30
- November 5, 12, 19: Story time @ 10:30
- November 9: Monday Movie @ the Library
- November 11: CLOSED for Veteran’s Day
- November 16: Fiction Addiction
- November 19: Cover2Cover
- November 21: SaturGanza
- November 26-28: CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- November 6, 13, 20: Friday book sale 10-4
- November 7, 14, 21: Sat. book sale 9-1

Fine Free Week is Nov. 2-7!