Dr. Raymond Alvarez to speak at Annual Friends of Library Meeting!

The Friends of the Marion County Public Library are pleased to announce their annual meeting, to be held on Saturday, September 19, at 2 pm.

Local author and historian Dr. Raymond Alvarez will be Speaking on the history of the Fairmont Normal School, 1893-1916.

Fairmont Normal School, established as a teaching school in downtown Fairmont, eventually moved to Locust Avenue and became Fairmont State University.

Our Lives, Our Stories: America’s Greatest Generation Exhibit comes to Fairmont Branch this September and October.

Who speaks for the experiences of a generation and their impact on the world around them? What experiences help to create a sense of shared identity?

Our Lives, Our Stories: America’s Greatest Generation, a new exhibition opening September 1, explores the life arc of the World War II generation—as told in their own words. Born in the 1910s and 1920s, these people were decisively shaped by the Depression and World War II.

They went on to make the “baby boom” and shape the economic boom of the postwar era. Today—well into the 21st century—we are all living with their legacy. But who are these people upon whom the title of “greatest” has been bestowed?

To find out about their lives, visit the interactive exhibit, open during library hours.
Best Sellers
Expected in September

Archmage by R.A. Salvatore
Come Rain or Come Shine by Jan Karon
The Darling Dahlias and the Eleven O’Clock Lady by Susan Wittig Albert
Devoted in Death by J.D. Robb
Dishing the Dirt by M.C. Beaton
Dragon Heart by Cecelia Holland
The End Game by Catherine Coulter
The English Spy by Daniel Silva

The Girl with the Deep Blue Eyes by Lawrence Block
In the Unlikely Event by Judy Blume
The Murder House by James Patterson
The Photograph by Beverly Lewis
Robert B. Parker’s The Devil Wins by Reed Coleman
The Scam by Janet Evanovich
Shadow Play by Iris Johansen
The Solomon Curse by Clive Cussler
Someday Home by Lauraine Snelling
Ties that Bind by Cindy Woodsmall
Two Years Eight Months and Twenty Eight Nights by Salman Rushdie
Undercover by Danielle Steel
When Love Returns by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Large Print

Badlands by CJ Box
Brush Back by Sara Paretsky
Deadly Assets by W.E.B. Griffin
Devoted in Death by J.D. Robb
The Insider Threat by Brad Taylor
The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman
Naked Greed by Stuart Woods
Robert B. Parker’s The Devil Wins by Reed Coleman
The Summer’s End by Mary Alice Monroe
X by Sue Grafton

Playaway

Brush Back by Sara Paretsky
Friction by Sandra Brown
Grey by E.L. James
Never Die Alone by Lisa Jackson
Silver Lining by Debbie Macomber
Wired by Julie Garwood

Playaway View

Lots & lots of fire safety tips and songs
Heathcliff: May the best cat win
Lots & lots of monster trucks vol. 1
Stories for Halloween vol. 2

Young Adult

Alive by Scott Sigler
All We Have is Now by Lisa Schroeder
Damage Done by Amanda Panitch
Deceptive by Emily Lloyd-Jones
Don’t Ever Change by Beth M. Bloom
Heart of Betrayal by Mary E. Pearson
Illusive by Emily Lloyd-Jones
Ink and Bone by Rachel Caine
Library of Souls by Ransom Riggs
Paperweight by Meg Haston
Ruthless by Carolyn Lee Adams
Silver in the Blood by Jessica Day George
Suicide Notes From Beautiful Girls by Lynn Weingarten

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Story Hour Begins!

It’s that time again: Story Hour starts this month! The yearly Story Hour program starts September 16 and 17. Sign-up is ongoing.

The program meets once a week on either Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:30am.

Story Hour is open to pre-school age children, generally 3-5 years of age. Contact the library to sign up.

Pirate Day

ARRRRR! Ahoy there matey! Join us for a pirate adventure! The library will have “Pirate Day” on Saturday September 19.

Pirate themed activities will take place 2-3:30pm.

Themed crafts, activities, treats, and surprises await you on this swashbuckling family fun day.

Set sail with us to discover hidden treasures of the library!

Awesome Readers Club

The library will resume the teen reading program Awesome Readers with a fantastic fall kick off.

In conjunction with the exhibit “Our Lives: Our Stories: The Greatest Generation”, a special themed program will start the teen reading group on Monday September 28 4:30-5:30 pm.

Root Beer floats will be a treat to enjoy while learning some history of what life was like for teens in the pre and post World War II era with games and activities in the exhibit.

The teens will also ‘discuss the upcoming books for the fall teen reading meetings.

Movies in the Park

MCPLS and MCPARC are teaming up to offer another family friendly movie night at Palatine Park!

September 5: Peter Pan (2003 version)
September 26: Big Hero 6

Movies play at dark!

Adult Craft Class

We will meet once (possibly twice) in September to work on our Wonky Log Cabin quilt. All those members who can make Monday, September 14 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!

Adult Scrapbooking Class

Sign up at the front desk if you’re interested in joining a scrapbooking class that’s just for adults!

The first meeting will be September 24 from 4 – 6pm, advanced sign up required. Contact Raina at 304-366-1210 x 126 for more information!

Book It

Book It will meet September 16 at 6:00 pm in the Literacy Volunteers of America office on Locust Avenue to discuss Sky of Stone by Homer Hickam.

In the summer of ’61, Homer “Sonny” Hickam, a year of college behind him, was dreaming of sandy beaches and rocket ships. But before Sonny could reach the seaside fixer-upper where his mother was spending the summer, a telephone call sends him back to the place he thought he had escaped, the gritty coal-mining town of Coalwood, West Virginia.

And as the days of summer grow shorter, Sonny finds himself changing in surprising ways, taking the first real steps toward adulthood. But it’s a journey he can make only by peering into the mysterious heart of Coalwood itself, and most of all, by unraveling the story of a man’s death and a father’s secret.

–Amazon
Back to School, Back to Basics
"Back to School" is the featured entryway display this month.

This is a "Kids, Only" theme showcasing such titles as I've Got the Back-to-School Blues, Back-to-School Fright from the Black Lagoon, and Back to School for Rotten Ralph.

Adults can test their knowledge on September 24th from 9 am-4 pm with our monthly trivia contest, "What Do You Know about That?" and win a prize.

Don’t forget to make a guess on how many Fruit Bowl Jelly Bellies are in the jar at the Circulation Desk in our “Fruit Loot” guessing game. Entries will be collected between September 1 - 30, and the person who guesses closest without going over wins the jar!

Rounding out the month is our coloring workshop, "Reading Really Takes You Places."

Speaking of Books Club
Speaking of Books will meet Sep. 22 to discuss Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand.

Seabiscuit was one of the most electrifying and popular attractions in sports history and the single biggest newsmaker in the world in 1938, receiving more coverage than FDR, Hitler, or Mussolini. But his success was a surprise to the racing establishment, which had written off the crooked-legged racehorse with the sad tail. Three men changed Seabiscuit’s fortunes. Over four years, these unlikely partners survived a phenomenal run of bad fortune, conspiracy, and severe injury to transform Seabiscuit from neurotic & pathologically indolent into an American sports icon.

—Amazon

Get to Know Your Library
School is back in session, and another fall semester of children’s programming is ready to roll. Ms. Julie’s “Story Hour” sessions begin on September 10th, and “Toddler Time” kicks off on September 14th.

Throughout the month, children will be treated to crafts, games, and stories featuring the theme of “Getting to Know Your Library.” Stop in the library for more details!

Fairview Elementary “Circle Time”
Fairview Elementary’s “Circle Time” visits also begin in September with the first one set for the 15th.

This also means the “Circle Time Reading Club” reward movie will be awarded to the class that checks out the most books by the end of the month!

After School Movie
The “After School Movie” returns in September. This month’s feature is Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2; it will be shown on September 15 at 3:30 pm at the library. Because space is limited, registration is required.

Teen Tuesday
Our teen patrons can also get in on the fun in September with “Teen Tuesday.”

On September 8 at 4 pm, patrons ages 12-17 are invited to create a glued picture craft, and at 4:30 pm they can brainstorm events and programs for the year during our Teen Advisory Board meeting.
National Library Card Month

What better way to celebrate National Library Card Month than a trip to your local library? Stop in, get a library card if you don’t have one or update the one in your pocket, stay for a program, ask library clerks for great reading suggestions, use your library card to take home some great books, and register to win a $30 gas card.

Reading Makes You Brighter

“Reading Makes You Brighter!” Join Miss Julie September 2 at 10:30 to register and sample story-time.

Story-time is a pre-school program instilling the love of reading into our 2-5 year olds. The program is every Wednesday, beginning September 9 at 10:30 with the theme “Get to Know Your Library”. To register call 304-986-2803 (space is limited)

Monday Movie Night

September’s feature presentation is Paul Blart, Mall Cop 2, starring Kevin James, Raini Rodriguez, and Eduardo Verástegui; rated PG.

Kids 12-17 are welcome. September 14 at 4:00; we’ll provide the popcorn!

Fiction Addiction Book Club: Grades 5-8

September selection TBA!

Cover2Cover

September 17 @ 1:30. This month’s title: Tidewater Blood by William Hoffman.

The secret was buried deep within the high mountains of West Virginia. It spiraled down to a devastating legacy of betrayal, revenge, and rage that was destined to destroy a dynasty.

Charley LeBlanc is the black sheep, a disgrace to the family name — a name steeped in tradition, wealth, privilege, and prestige. But when Charley is hauled out of his shanty hideaway in a Chesapeake inlet by the sheriff, he’s up against more than he had ever faced in Vietnam, prison, or the rest of his miserable past.

Presumed guilty of setting a charge that blew his family to kingdom come, Charley becomes a fugitive, running deep into the mountains — and into the past. Unless he can find out who did it and why, he's going to pay with his life, and that suddenly seems too precious to lose.

SaturGanza

New Program! Geared for pre-school and elementary age children, Miss Julie will have stories, crafts, games, snacks, and activities, cartoons, and movies once a month. Come early and stay as long as you can Sat., September 19 from 10 -12.

Blackshore Pizza Party

We’re celebrating Blackshore Elementary’s fourth grade class during the month of September!

Each time a fourth grade student visits the library in September, 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 Pizza Party and a special story read by Miss Julie, compliments of the library.

Friends’ Book Sale

Good reads, slightly used. Visit the Friends’ Book Sale Fridays 10-4:30 and Saturdays 9-1.
Hello All!

Well, it’s September again! All the kids are back in school and the library is in full preparations for all the fun programs coming up!

Be sure to be on the lookout for our upcoming Pirate Day and other family fun monthly events.

If you don’t have a library card already, this is the perfect month to get one. The library is here for all your school projects, reading lists, and more, as well as fun leisure reading.

We’re off to another great school year!

Remember to visit our vast collection of online resources that will assist you with many of your schoolwork endeavors!

Marion Librarian, the town librarian

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Fairmont

- Sept. 1-30: Our Lives, Our Stories: America’s Greatest Generation Exhibit
- Sept. 5: Friends Book Sale 9 - 1 pm
- Sept. 5: Movie in the Park: Peter Pan
- Sept. 16: Book It: Sky of Stone
- Sept. 16, 23, 30: Story Hour Group 1
- Sept. 17, 24: Story Hour Group 2
- Sept. 19: Friends of the Library Annual Meeting: Raymond Alvarez
- Sept. 19: Pirate Day
- Sept. 24: Adult Scrapbooking Club
- Sept. 26: Movie in the Park: Big Hero 6
- Sept. 28: Awesome Readers Club

Mannington

- Sept. 2: Story-time registration @ 10:30
- Sept. 14: Monday Movie Night
- Sept. 17: Cover2Cover: Tidewater Blood
- Sept. 19: SaturGanza
- Sept. 22: Teen Tuesday
- Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Story-time
- Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25: Friday book sale 10-4
- Sept. 5, 12, 15, 19, 26: Sat. book sale 9-1

Fairview

- Sept. 1-30: Monthly programs and contests
- Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Tuesday Nite Knitters
- Sept. 8: Teen Tuesday/Teen Advisory Board
- Sept. 10, 17, 24: Story Hour 1 & 2
- Sept. 14, 21, 28: Toddler Time
- Sept. 15: After School Movie
- Sept. 15, 29: Circle Time 1
- Sept. 22: Circle Time 2
- Sept. 24: What Do You Know About That? Trivia