Learn a New Language in 2020!

Do you have a New Year’s Resolution to learn a new language? MCPLS is here to help you make that goal a reality! Read on for some different options.

Transparent Language
Transparent Language is an online tool to learn and practice foreign languages. Courses are offered for over 100 languages, and features 24 English as a second language (ESL) options.

Visit www.mcpls.org/education to get started!

Kanopy & Hoopla
Kanopy and Hoopla both offer language learning videos for kids and adults! Hoopla also has eBooks and audiobooks, all for free with your library card.

Visit www.mcpls.org/streaming to get started!

Books on CD
Don’t have a smart device? We have books on CD that can help you, such as Spanish, Italian, and Japanese that will walk you through a new language!

2019 Top Titles
We ran the data*, and here are the most checked out titles in 2019!

Fiction
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Large Print
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Non Fiction
The Telltale Lilac Bush by Ruth Ann Musick

Book on CD
Never Tell by Lisa Gardner

DVD
Game of Thrones Season 1

Music CD
The Hits by Garth Brooks

Young Adult
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Juvenile Fiction
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley’s Journal by Jeff Kinney

Picture Book
Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes by Kim Dean

*Information up to date as of Saturday, December 28 at 9:50 am. Does not include statistics about our digital items.
January New Releases

Find more new releases at http://bit.ly/2z8HAbe

DVDs
Ad Astra
Adopt a Highway
After the Wedding
An Acceptable Loss
The Addams Family
Ballers Season 5
Bennett’s War
Big Little Lies Season 2
Black and Blue
Christmas Everlasting
Countdown
El Coyote
Gemini Man
The Goldfinch
Harriet
Jexi
Joker
Krypton Complete Series
The Lighthouse
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil
Veer Season 7
War (Hindi)
Zombieland: Double Tap

CDs
2020 Grammy Nominees
Fire & Brimstone
by Brantley Gilbert
I’m Him
by Kevin Gates
Later Years: 1987-2019
by Pink Floyd
Life is a Flower
by Angie Aparo
Manic
by Halsey
Nightfall
by Little Big Town

BOCD
The Andromeda Evolution
by Michael Crichton
The Confession Club
by Elizabeth Berg
Hindsight
by Iris Johansen
Lost
by James Patterson
The Lost Colony
by A.G Riddle
Into the Fire
by Gregg Hurwitz
A Long Petal of the Sea
by Isabel Allende
Moral Compass
by Danielle Steel
The Protective One
by Shelley Shepard Gray
The River Murders
by James Patterson
Treason
by Stuart Woods

Bestsellers
The Country Guesthouse
by Robyn Carr
Highfire
by Eoin Colfer
Hindsight
by Iris Johansen
House on Fire
by Joseph Finder
Huckleberry Lake
by Catherine Anderson
A Longer Fall
by Charlaine Harris
A Long Petal of the Sea
by Isabel Allende
Lost
by James Patterson
Moral Compass
by Danielle Steel
The Peppermint Tea Chronicles
by Alexander McCall Smith
The River Murders
by James Patterson
Treason
by Stuart Woods
The Vanishing
by Jayne Ann Kretz
When Old Midnight Comes Along
by Loren D. Estleman
When You See Me
by Lisa Gardner
Witch’s Oath
by Terry Goodkind

Fiction
The Blossom Twins
by Carol Wyer
The Book of Science and Antiquities
by Thomas Keneally
Cham-pain
by SoLomon
Cleaning the Gold
by Karin Slaughter
Country Strong
by Linda Lael Miller
Dragon Night
by Donna Grant
Good Girls Lie
by J.T. Ellison
The Innkeeper’s Bride
by Kathleen Fuller
Invitation Only Murder
by Leslie Meier
The Kiss Thief
by L.J. Shen
Supernova Era
by Cixin Liu
The Way of the Brave
by Susan May Warren
The Wild One
by Nick Petrie

Twins & Teens
The Brotherband Chronicles #8:
Return of the Temujai
by John Flanagan (JF)
Dangerous Alliance
by Jennieke Cohen
Hearts, Strings, and other Breakable Things
by Jacqueline Firkins
Killing November
by Adriana Mather
The Lost Princesses: Books 1-3
by Jody Hedlund
The Princess in Black and the Bathtime Battle
by Shannon Hale (JF)
Reverie
by Ryan La Sala
Song of the Crimson Flower
by Julie C. Dao
Tangled in Time 2: The Burning Queen
by Kathryn Lasky (JF)
Three Things I Know Are True
by Betty Culley
The Toll
by Neal Shusterman
The Vicious Cure
by Emily Suvada

Large Print
All the Forgivenesses
by Elizabeth Hardinger
The Country Guesthouse
by Robyn Carr
Fatal Strike
by DiAnn Mills
The Fifth Column
by Andrew Gross
Forever Hidden
by Tracie Peterson
The Gryphon Heist
by James R. Hannibal
Have You Seen Luis Velez? A Novel
by Catherine Ryan Hyde
Hindsight
by Iris Johansen
Invitation Only Murder
by Leslie Meier
A Long Petal of the Sea
by Isabel Allende
Lost
by James Patterson
Moral Compass
by Danielle Steel
The River Murders
by James Patterson
Treason
by Stuart Woods
True Believer
by Jack Carr
The Vanishing
by Jayne Ann Kretz
When You See Me
by Lisa Gardner
The World That We Knew
by Alice Hoffman

Non-Fiction
The Business of the 21st Century
by Robert T. Klyosaki
God’s Hand on America
by Michael Madved
Half Baked Harvest: Super Simple:
More Than 125 Recipes for Instant, Overnight, Meal-Prepped, and Easy Comfort Foods
by Tieghan Gerard
How to Not Diet
by Michael Greger, MD
Mascara Boy: Bullied, Assaulted & Near Death: Surviving Trauma and Addiction
by Brandon Lee
Revolutionary Brothers
by Tom Chaffin
The Ultimate Guide to the 2020 Election
by Ryan Clancy
The Way I Heard It
by Mike Rowe

Graphic Novels
Adventures of the Super Sons #2:
Little Monsters
by Peter J. Tomasi
Amazing Spider-Man Volume 6:
Absolute Carnage
by Nick Spencer
Black Cat Volume 17: Coming Through!
by Kentaro Yabuki
Boruto: Naruto Next Generations
by Ukyo Kodachi
I Know What I Am: The Life and Times of Artemisia Gentileschi
by Gina Siciliano (MGN)
The Lone Ranger: The Devil’s Rope
by Mark Russell
Once Upon a Time in France
by Fabien Nury (MGN)
Sewing:
Fairmont
Join us to make a soup bowl cozy to protect your hands this winter! Each attendee will need two Fat Quarters of 100% cotton material and two 10 inch square pieces of batting. Make sure the materials have no aluminum, glitter, metallic details, or pearl finish as those metals will not be microwave safe! We recommend cotton quilting fabric and standard blanket batting. All other supplies, including the sewing machines, will be provided.

Limited to 6 people per class, call 304-366-1210 or visit our website to sign up.

Wednesday, January 8: 4 pm, 6 pm
Thursday, January 9: 2 pm, 4 pm

Lego WeDo: 
Fairmont
Milo the Science Rover
Thursday, January 16: 4:30 pm
Join us to experiment with using Lego robotics. Suitable for children in grades 3 through 8, or for families to do together. We will be using Lego WeDo's! This is a great introductory lesson for those who have not done Lego Robotics before, but may be a repeat class for those who have. Registration is required.

Homeschooling Resources
Exploration+ Fairmont
Bi-weekly sessions that offer a variety of supplemental activities in areas such as: storytelling, language, art, and STEM. These sessions are held on every other Tuesday from 1-2 pm for children in grades K-4 and from 2-3 pm for grades 5+. Please use our online registration or call us at 304-366-1210.

Exploration+ Fairview
NEW! Weekly sessions that will offer a variety of supplemental activities in areas such as: storytelling, language, art, and STEM. These sessions are held on Mondays from 1-2 pm for children in grades K-4 and from 2-3 pm for grades 5+. Stop by our open house on Monday, February 10 at 1 pm or call 304-449-1021 for more information.

Homeschool Story Adventure
A weekly program for homeschooled children 5-10 years of age. These sessions meet on Tuesdays at 1 pm at the Mannington Public Library. Please use our online registration or call us at 304-986-2803.

1-on-1 Tech Help
Adults can get hands on help during our 1-on-1 Technology Time! Meeting at the Mannington Public library every Thursday at 2:00 pm: this is a designated time for adults to get help with their mobile devices.

Scholastic Teachables
Scholastic Teachables has materials for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the 100th Day of School, and more!

Download printable lesson plans, reading passages, games and puzzles, clip art, and skills sheets for kids in pre-K through 8th grade -- FREE with your library card!

Head to www.mcpls.org/education and click on Scholastic Teachables to get started!

The Great Courses
Sci-Phi: Science Fiction as Philosophy
Join Professor of Philosophy David Kyle Johnson on a 24-lecture exploration of the final frontiers of philosophy across several decades of science fiction in film and television. See how science fiction allows us to consider immense, vital - and sometimes controversial - ideas with a rare combination of engagement and critical distance.

You can find the Great Courses on Kanopy! Kanopy is available on most devices, including Roku, Chromecast, and FireTV.
Celebrations Around the World
Saturday, January 11
2 pm – 3 pm

It’s celebration time! This year Story Hour and Toddler Time will kick off with a fun filled event for everyone! The event is open to all children, but geared mostly for 2-5 year olds.

Celebrations Around the World will explore the various celebrations happening this time of year. From Chinese New Year to Mardi Gras, have a great time finding out how different people celebrate for the new year! Lots of fun stories and activities to ring in 2020 with a bang!

Maple Tree Tapping and Sugaring
Saturday, January 11
11 am – 12 pm

The sugar maple is our state tree, so why not tap it! Come out and also learn from Keith Hubbard how to make maple syrup, a process known as sugaring. This demonstration will include waffles with pure maple syrup sampling, YUM! Space is limited and registration is required.

Beyond the Book
Saturday, January 18: 10 am

What’s your idea of a great book club? When would it meet and what would you read and do?

The name we selected for our new book club is “Beyond the Book”. Our vision is that we do more than read books. We will also enjoy movies or other activities relating to the book we pick to read.

Join us on January 18 for an open house starting at 10 am for cookies, coffee and conversation; as we collect ideas for books and more in 2020. If you cannot join us, please fill out our survey at the front desk starting January 18.

Local Author Diana Johnson
Saturday, January 18: 12 pm - 2 pm

Cold Daughters is the debut book of local author Diane Johnson.

Come learn the story behind this futuristic fiction as well other works that Johnson has planned. The author will also be sharing some tips on self-publishing, for those who might be interested, in her presentation at 1 pm.

Wise & Wonderful
Friday, January 17: 1 pm - 2 pm

You know that you can check out books with your library card, but do you know what else your library card can do for you? You may be surprised by all the services and resources that are available to you with your Marion County Public Library card. Come learn about other resources that your library card gives you free access to-from music and movies to legal documents!

Part of our Wise & Wonderful Program Series for ages 55+.

Book Binding: Saddle Stitch
Friday, January 10: 3 pm - 4 pm

For those of you who loved it or missed it before….we are revisiting the art of bookbinding. Come join us in learning the saddle stitch bind and take home a small journal you bind yourself.

All supplies are included, registration is required.

Teen Crafternoon
Monday, January 13: 4:30 pm

This program is designed for tweens and teens in Middle and High School. Come to create a colorful yarn tapestry to decorate your space!

All supplies will be provided.

Friends Book Sale
Saturday, January 18: 10 am - 1 pm

Lots of new donations! Join us for this month’s $3 per bag sale in the Book Cave. Side door with gradual stairs available. Next book sale will be February 15, weather permitting.

2020 Murder Mystery: Best Laid Plans
Friday, January 31, 6 pm

Join us for a night of murder and mayhem! This installment of our murder mystery dinner will take place on Friday, January 31 at 6 pm at the Elks Club in Fairmont.

The price for this year’s event is $20 per person. Reserve your ticket online starting Monday, December 30 at 9 am. Ticket pick up and payment begins Monday, January 6 at 9 am.

Note: This will be the ONLY MCPLS Murder Mystery Dinner of 2020, so please plan accordingly.

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Comming Soon

Some plans for the new year: cake decorating, storm tracking, Lego club, movies in the park, Minecraft tournaments, 3D printing classes, sewing classes, craft classes. If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Julie at 304-449-1021. The more interest we have, the sooner we can start these great programs!

Homeschoolers Welcome

Exploration+, our homeschool program, begins February 10 at 1:00 pm with a meet and greet/idea exchange for homeschool and homebound families. All families will attend this information gathering meeting. These classes are a supplement to homeschool curriculum.

We will have classes in art, language, math, and science. Registration is recommended. Weekly classes will begin February 24. K-4th grades will meet at 1:00 pm, 5th-8th grade will meet at 2:00 pm.

We will be celebrating Black History Month with a short movie and discussing some important African Americans and their contributions. March will bring some experiments with leprechauns and some kite construction and flying! To register, visit our website or call the library at 304-449-1021.

Weekly Classes

The New Year is bringing great changes to the Fairview Public Library!

Baby Time:
Sign up now for our brand new Baby Time that begins February 3 at 10:15 am. Miss Megan will present 30 minutes of songs, rhymes, stories and fingerplays for babies up to 18 months of age and their grownups. This is a completely interactive story time that gives parents and babies to socialize and learn in a safe fun environment.

Toddler Time:
Registration for the spring semester of Toddler Time is going on now for ages 18-36 months. Toddler Time resumes Monday, February 3 at 11:00 am and February 5 at 10:00 am.

Story Time:
Story Time resumes Wednesday, February 5 at 11:30, and Thursday February 6 at 11:00. To register for any of these events, please visit our website, click on the class of your choice and complete the registration. Or call the library at 304-449-1021 for assistance.

Speaking of Books

Our book club resumes January 21 at 4:00 pm. We will be discussing Mother of Rain by Karen Spears Zacharias. Copies are available now to check out. Stop in at the library to pick up your copy today.

Wise & Wonderful Movie Matinees

We are kicking off the new year with our Wise and Wonderful cinema series.

This month we are offering four Emmy nominated classic movies.

Thursday, January 9
2:00 pm: His Girl Friday

Thursday, January 16
2:00 pm: Murder on the Orient Express

Thursday, January 23
2:00 pm: Alfie

Thursday, January 30
2:00 pm: Paper Moon

These movies are geared to our wonderful senior population, but anyone is welcome. Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon with free food, and some classic cinema!

Registration is encouraged, but not necessary.
Crafty Creations with Carol
String Art Dandelions! Join Carol on Monday, January 27, come between 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm. Bring a hammer and pliers if you have them; we'll supply the nails and string. No sign up required!

Tech Time with Keith
3D PRINTING, LEGO ROBOTICS, SAUTERING, AND MORE!

Tech Time with Keith is a free STEAM program series for Middle Schoolers every Thursday at 3:00 pm! No sign up required!

1-on-1 Tech Help
Adults can get hands on help during our 1-on-1 Technology Time! Meeting at the library every Thursday at 2:00 pm: this is a designated time for adults to get help with their mobile devices. No sign up required!

Book Worms
Book Worms Book Club for tweens, recommended for ages 10-12.

Pick up a copy of The White Stallion by Elizabeth Shub and join us January 14 at 2:30 pm to discuss the book, share a snack and book related activity.

"Long ago, in 1845, a young girl named Gretchen and her family were on their way west. One day, the horse Gretchen was riding strayed far away from the wagon train. Gretchen was lost and all alone.

But then a magnificent white stallion appeared, and Gretchen knew she didn't have to be afraid, because the beautiful horse would show her the way back home."

Cover 2 Cover
Pick up your copy of The Girls at 17 Swann Street by Yara Zgheib and join the “Cover 2 Cover” book club on Thursday, January 16 at 1:30 p.m.

"The chocolate went first, then the cheese, the fries, the ice cream. The bread was more difficult, but if she could just lose a little more weight, perhaps she would make the soloists’ list. Perhaps if she were lighter, danced better, tried harder, she would be good enough. Perhaps if she just ran for one more mile, lost just one more pound.

Anna Roux was a professional dancer who followed the man of her dreams from Paris to Missouri. There, alone with her biggest fears – imperfection, failure, loneliness – she spirals down anorexia and depression till she weighs a mere eighty-eight pounds.

Forced to seek treatment, she is admitted as a patient at 17 Swann Street, a peach pink house where pale, fragile women with life-threatening eating disorders live. Women like Emm, the veteran; quiet Valerie; Julia, always hungry. Together, they must fight their diseases and face six meals a day.

Every bite causes anxiety. Every flavor induces guilt. And every step Anna takes toward recovery will require strength, endurance, and the support of the girls at 17 Swann Street."

Friends Book Sale
Friends Book Sale is taking a Winter Break this year.

We plan to reopen on Friday, March 20 restocked, reorganized, and ready for Spring! We will continue to accept donations during regular library hours.

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Hello All!

It’s 2020! A brand new year, a new decade, a fresh new start…. what better place to start than at the library?

Many of you got new gadgets and toys this past Christmas. Phones, tablets, computers, and more that you can use to fully utilize the library. You can download books and comics, stream movies, and so much more with your library card! As the winter months’ chill approaches, remember to look ahead at the weather, and stock up on books and movies to entertain you as you snuggle up to stay warm.

May the New Year bring you great joy and many wonderful things!

Marion Librarian, the town librarian

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**MCPLS Bookmobile**

For the most up-to-date calendar of Bookmobile events, please visit [www.mcpls.org/bookmobiles](http://www.mcpls.org/bookmobiles)

**Monday**

- Pleasant Valley: 9:45-10:30. Valley Chapel United Methodist. [1st & 3rd Week]
- Carolina: 1:45-2:45. Post Office. [1st & 3rd Week]
- Monongah: 10:00-11:00. Family Dollar. [2nd & 4th Week]
- Gabriel Brothers: 1:30-2:30. 302 Meadowdale Road. [2nd & 4th Week]
- Quiet Dell Community Center: 3:00-3:45. E. Grafton Road. [2nd & 4th Week]

**Tuesday**

- Teleperformance: 12:00-1:00. Bellview [1st & 3rd Week]
- Arbors: 2:30-3:30. Cleveland Avenue [1st & 3rd Week]
- PACE: 11:30-12:30 Big Lots Plaza (Country Club Road) [2nd & 4th Week]
- Disability Action Center: 2:30-3:30. 102 Benoni Ave. [2nd & 4th Week]

**Wednesday**

- Middletown Commons: 9:00-10:00. [1st & 3rd Week]
- I-79 Technology Park: 12:00-1:00 5000 NASA Blvd. [1st & 3rd Week]
- Unity Terrace: 3:00-4:00. Leonard Avenue Ext. [1st & 3rd Week]
- Middletown Commons: 10:30-11:30. [2nd & 4th Week]
- Farmington: 2:00-2:45. Fire Department. [2nd & 4th Week]
- Farmington: 2:45-3:45. BCBank. [2nd & 4th Week]

**Thursday**

- Rock Lake: 2:00-3:00. Community Center [1st & 3rd Week]
- Colfax: 3:30-4:30. Community Center [1st & 3rd Week]
- Marion County Senior Center: 11:30-12:30. Maplewood Drive. [2nd & 4th Week]
- Barrackville: 2:30-3:30. Dollar General. [2nd & 4th Week]

**Friday**

- Woodlands Assisted Living: 10:00-11:00. Hutchinson. [1st & 3rd Week]
- Miller School Apartments: 12:00-1:00. 2 Pennsylvania Avenue [1st & 3rd Week]

The Bookmobile also visits a number of outreach locations county wide: Sunbeam Early Learning Center, Stepping Stone Inc., and Kidz Connection, as well as a variety of head starts, day cares, Boys and Girls Club locations, and more
**Fairmont**
- January 1: CLOSED
- January 4, 11, 18: Tabletop Game Group (5 pm)
- January 8: Sewing—Soup Bowl Cozy* (4 pm, 6 pm: grades 4-up)
- January 9: Sewing—Soup Bowl Cozy* (2 pm, 4 pm: grades 4-up)
- January 9, 16, 23, 30: Marion County Genealogy Club presents “The Celtic World” (Great Courses, 2 pm)
- January 10: Saddle Stitch Bookbinding* Class (3 pm)
- January 11: Maple Tree Tapping & Sugaring Hands on Class* (11 am)
- January 11: Celebrations Around the World Kids Event (2 pm—3 pm)
- January 13: Teen Crafternoon* Yarn Tapestry (4:30 pm)
- January 16: Lego WeDo Class* (4:30 pm)
- January 17: Getting the Most From YOUR Public Library (1 pm)
- January 18: Friends Sale (10 am-1 pm)
- January 18: Beyond the Book: Book Club Open House (10 am—11 am)
- January 18: Author Diana Johnson (12 pm—2 pm)
- January 20: CLOSED
- January 27: Crafty Creations with Carol Dandelion String Art

* = Registration Required

**Mannington**
- January 1: CLOSED
- January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 1-on-1 Tech help for adults (2 pm)
- January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Middle School Tech Time with Keith (3 pm)
- January 14: Book Worm Book Club Matinee (2:30 pm) The White Stallion by Elizabeth Shub
- January 16: Cover2Cover Book Club Matinee (1:30 pm) The Girls at 17 Swann Street by Yara Zgheib
- January 20: CLOSED
- January 27: Crafty Creations with Carol Dandelion String Art

**Fairview**
- January 1: CLOSED
- January 9: Wise & Wonderful Movie Matinee (2 pm): His Girl Friday
- January 17: Getting the Most From YOUR Public Library (1 pm)
- January 18: Friends Sale (10 am-1 pm)
- January 18: Beyond the Book: Book Club Open House (10 am—11 am)
- January 18: Author Diana Johnson (12 pm—2 pm)
- January 20: CLOSED
- January 21: Speaking of Books (4 pm) Mother Rain by Karen Spears Zacharias
- January 30: Wise & Wonderful Movie Matinee (2 pm): Paper Moon

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- **B I G N A T E**
  - HUG IT OUT!

**YOUNG ADULT**
- **BLACKBIRD**

**POP CULTURE**
- **STRANGER THINGS**

**AWARD WINNERS**
- **WATCHMEN**

**NON-FICTION**
- **WAVES**

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