National Family Literacy Month is an annual designation observed in November. This month, get the whole family snuggled up on the couch and open up a good book. Studies show that reading aloud with mom or dad is the most important activity when it comes to preparing children to read on their own. And if you raise a good reader, pretty much anything is possible!

Reading helps with vocabulary, writing skills, attention span, memory, and teaches us about other times and places. Even if your child is just a baby, you should still sit down and read with them every once in a while. An infant can look at pictures and listen to your voice as you read stories to them, and believe it or not, studies show that that alone can have a profound effect on your child when it comes to learning later on in life.

Grab a few books, gather the fam, snuggle up, and let a book take you all to another place together.

Source: nationaldaycalendar.com
November New Releases
Find more new releases, complete with links, at www.mcplis.org/new

DVDs
Pig
Nine Days
Paw Patrol: The Movie
Jungle Cruise
Respect
Eyes of Tammy Faye
Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings
Soul Food Sunday

BOCD
The Black Order by Jeff Rovin
The Forbidden by Heather Graham
The Night She Disappeared by Lisa Jewell
False Witness by Karin Slaughter
State of Terror by Louise Penny
The Romanov Prophecy by Steve Berry
The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Letter Keeper by Charles Martin
High Stakes by Iris Johansen
The Newcomer by Mary Kay Andrews
The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave
Of Fire and Night by Kevin J. Anderson
The Paper Palace by Miranda Hel ler Cowley

Video Games
Nintendo Switch:
Zumba Burn It Up
Keywe
Great Ace Attorney Chronicles
Shadowverse: Champion’s Battle
Taxi Chaos
DC Super Hero Girls: Teen Power

PS4:
Infamous Second Son
Madden NFL 22

PS5:
Ratchet and Clank: Rift Apart
Monster Truck Championship

Bestsellers
Flying Angels by Danielle Steel
Out of the Rain by VC Andrews
Mercy by David Baldacci
Game On by Janet Evanovich
Fear No Evil by James Patterson
The Becoming by Nora Roberts
Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult
Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone by Diana Gabaldon
The Christmas Promise by Richard Paul Evans
The Midnight Lock by Jeffrey Deaver
The Stranger in the Life Boat by Mitch Albom
Never by Ken Follet
Dark Hours by Michael Connolly

Inspirational
A Christmas Courtship by Shelley Shepard Gray
First Christmas in Huckleberry Hill by Jennifer Beckstrand
Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan
A Season of Change by Beth Wiseman
Waiting for Love by Tracie Peterson
Forgiving Paris by Karen Kingsbury
Shadows of Swanford Abbey by Julie Klassen

Misc. Fiction
Dear Santa by Debbie Macomber
Twisted Tea Christmas by Laura Childs
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
Sleigh Bells Ring by Raeanne Thayne
The Santa Suit by Mary Kay Andrews
Best in Snow by David Rosenfelt
Santa Cruise by Fern Michaels
The Twelve Days of Christmas by Donna Andrews
God Rest Ye Royal Gentlemen by Rhys Bowen
The Christmas Wedding Dress by Susan Mallery
All These Ashes by James Quailey
The Apollo Murders by Chris Hadfield
The Ice Coven by Max Seck
Last Girl Ghosted by Lisa Unger

Large Print
The Butler by Danielle Steel
Fear No Evil by James Patterson
The Judge’s List by John Grisham
The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom
A Christmas Courtship by Shelley Shepard Gray
The Christmas Wedding Guest by Susan Mallery
Better Off Dead by Lee Child
Dear Santa by Debbie Macomber
Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead
An Irish Country Yuletide by Patrick Taylor
The Book of Magic by Alice Hoffman
Claws for Alarm by Rita Mae Brown
Down the Hatch by MC Beaton

Graphic Novels
The Dark Secret by Tui T. Sutherland
Loki: Mistress of Mischief by J. Michael Straczynski
Teen Titans: Beast Boy Loves Raven by Kami Garcia
King’s Ransom 13 by Nick Spencer
Batman: Last Knight of Earth by Scott Snyder
Constructionary Tales by Paul Tobin
Global Guardian Vol. 1 by Amanda Conner
Avengers Enter the Phoenix Vol. 8 by Jason Aaron
Boruto Naruto Next Generations Vol. 12 by Masashi Kishimoto

Young Adult
The Last Graduate by Naomi Novik
City of the Dead by James Patterson
As Good as Dead by Holly Jackson
You’ll be the Death of Me by Karen M. McManus
Cytonic by Brandon Sanderson
All of Us Villians by Amanda Foody
Our Violent Ends by Chloe Gong
The Nobleman’s Guide to Scandal and Shipwrecks by Mackenzi Lee
Into the Bloodred Woods by Martha Brockenbrough
Freedom Swimmer by Wai Chim

Children
The Christmas Pig by J.K. Rowling
What Is Love by Mac Barnett
Bulldozer’s Christmas Dig by Candace Fleming
Pete the Cat Making New Friends by James Dean
Opposite Abstract by Mo Willems
Our Table by Peter H. Reynolds
Green is for Christmas by Drew Daywalt
The Bedtime Book by Todd Parr
Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan
I Survived the Galveston Hurricane 1900 by Lauren Tarshis
Mrs. Barr Has Gone Too Far by Dan Gutman
Motor Mouse and Valentino by Cynthia Rylant
Friendly Frenzy by Tedd Arnold
Guess What by Mo Willems
Stick Dog Comes to Town by Tom Watson
The Chicken House by Doreen Cronin
Get in the Game by Daniel Hayes
The Beekeeper Mystery by Gertrude Chandler Warner
The Fast Pitch by Nic Stone
Howl of the Wind Dragon by Tracey West

Readalongs
Dams by Chris Bowman
Dump Trucks by Amy McDonalds
A Midsummer Night’s Dream by Georginia Ellinas
Crow and Snow by Robert Broder
Looking for Smile by Ellen Tarlow
My Day with Gong Gong by Sennah Yee

Audiobooks
The Judge’s List by John Grisham
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Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult
Clive Cussler’s The Devil’s Sea by Dirk Cussler
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Fairmont Friends of the Library Book Sale
The Book Cave is Open! The Friends of the Marion County Public Library (Fairmont) will be taking walk-ins to browse the book sale room. The book sale room is open every Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. The Book Sale will also be open Saturday, November 6 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

T(w)een Crafternoon: Mini Tapestries
Join us to make miniature tapestries. You'll learn how to make a tiny loom and then weave a tapestry to take home with you on Thursday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m.

This program is designed for 4th grade children and up. Participants will be contacted to pick up their 3D printed objects in the weeks following this program.

Registration is required and limited to 12 people. Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Featured WV Author: Henry A. Davis
Join Henry A. Davis for a short reading of his book Gambling with Your Soul on Monday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. The reading will be followed by a Q&A and a book signing.

If you've ever wondered "What will happen to me when I die?" this book is for you. I first considered the question at eight years of age staring down the barrel of a thirty-eight-caliber revolver under a white-knuckled death grip in my father's hand—the same gun used on him by my older brother years earlier. Drawing on religion, science, philosophy, mathematics, near-death experiences (NDE), out-of-body experiences (OBE), spirit encounters, hundreds of interviews across the globe, and good old-fashioned common sense, Gambling With Your Soul tackles the controversial topic of life after death by standing on two fundamental truths. First, everyone is going to die. Second, no one knows what will happen to them after they die.

Henry Arnold Davis is the senior quality manager with Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation in Bridgeport, West Virginia, a subsidiary of the Boeing Company. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Yale University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Henry lives in Bridgeport, West Virginia, and Chandler, Arizona, with his wife of twenty years, Tanya. Combined, they have five children and nine grandchildren.

Teen Anime Club
Come hang out for an after-hours anime viewing! Each week we will watch an anime or animated show. Bring your friends, socialize, and maybe find a new favorite series! Every other Wednesday (the 3rd and the 17th) at 5:45 p.m.

Discover 3D Printing: Your Design Day
This 3D Printing class is ideal for participants who have been to one or more 3D Design classes in the past. You will get the chance to flex your creative muscles and design something from your imagination on Tuesday, November 9 at 4:30 p.m.

www.mcpls.org
Beyond the Book Club: *All Quiet on the Western Front* (Adult)

Beyond the Book Club will honor Veterans this month by reading the classic novel, *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque, on Saturday, November 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Often called one of the greatest war novels, it was adapted to film multiple times, including the Academy Award winning movie by the same name in 1930.

We will discuss the book and the 1930 film adaptation immediately after a viewing of the movie, Saturday, November 13. The movie will begin at 12:30 p.m., and discussion will begin after a brief intermission, about 3:00 p.m. Snacks will be served. All are welcome! Please note that the MPAA did not exist in 1930, so the film is NOT rated.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Adult Craft Class: Terra Cotta Scarecrow (Adult)

Join us to create a cute rustic scarecrow with pots and paint on Monday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m. The library will provide the supplies needed to create this craft, but feel free to bring any additional supplies that you might like to use.

Please be sure to register for this event in advance! Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Discover Sewing: Mug Cozy (Adult)

Join us to create a cute Mug Cozy! Come and socialize while creating something wonderful to take home with you on Monday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m.

You will need to bring some medium to heavy-weight cotton. You will need no more than one fat quarter of fabric for one cozy. All other materials are provided.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Artible: Winter Candle Holder (Adult)

Get into the Holiday spirit and create these adorable wine glass candle holders on Monday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m. Choose either a penguin or a snowman. One wine glass and candle will be provided for each participant. If you would like to make an additional one, please bring your own wine glass.

Sign up and view materials at mcpls.org/events.

**NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program**

NaNoWriMo is National Novel Writing Month, which is the month of November. During that month, participants write—or attempt to write—a novel! At MCPL, we will be participating in the NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program (YWP), which is a version of NaNoWriMo for students.

Anyone can participate in NaNoWriMo. Our NaNoWriMo YWP group at MCPL will be open to students in grades 4 through 12 (up to age 17).

**Write-In Sessions**
Monday, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Write-In sessions (every Monday in November). During this time you can sit with other participants to write your novel. There will also be some optional fun writing activities!

**Tabletop Game Group (Teens & Adults)**

Wednesday Night Games is back—**IN PERSON**!

**November 3, 10, 17, 24: 5:00 p.m.**
Alternative, advanced and imaginative games will be featured. Browse our collection of over 150 games, or bring your own to share! This event is open to adults and mature teens. Refreshments will be provided! Get your game on!

Contact Dan Ward at 304-366-1210 extension 128 for more Information.

**Exploration+**

Come join the Marion County Public Library and other home school families for weekly activities, crafts, lessons, adventures, and fun on Tuesdays starting November 2 at 1:30 p.m! There are fall session of Exploration+ for home-schooled children in grades K-4 and grades 5+.

In the event of a public school weather delay or closing, Exploration+ will be canceled.

Registration is required for this series, as supplies and space are limited. Sign up at mcpls.org/events.
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Fairview Book Sale
Stop in daily during regular business hours to shop our book sale. Books and DVDs are available for all ages. Buy one item or fill a whole bag for only $3.00! New donations coming in all the time. Stop in for some great reads and fantastic movies!

Little Rembrandts (8-12 years old)
Join us in person for this fun tissue paper painting on Saturday, November 6 at 12:00 p.m. Draw designs of your choice, then add tissue paper and water to create a one of a kind original masterpiece!

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All materials provided for this class. Open to all children 8-12 years. Registration is required. Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Brick Builders’ Club (8-12 years old)
Do you love building with LEGO®s? Do you want some fun competition? Join Megan on Saturday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m. as we have awesome fun creating unique designs with LEGO®s!

Registration is required, all materials provided! Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

The Teen Alley
Teens take over our meeting room starting Wednesday, November 3 at 1:00 p.m. Play games, discuss books, or just hang out! We will offer different programs each week for teens aged 13-17. We'll read some awesome books and do some cool activities!

Space is limited, so sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Speaking of Books: Hidden Figures (Adult)
This month we will be discussing Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly. The book is available at all three branches and online. Pick up a copy today and register to join us to discuss the book on Tuesday, November 2 at 4:00 p.m.

Synopsis: "Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Originally relegated to teaching math in the South's segregated public schools, they were called into service during the labor shortages of World War II, when America's aeronautics industry was in dire need of anyone who had the right stuff". - Thriftbooks

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**For the Love of Books: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**  
Join us as we read *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett. Then, we will watch the movie that was inspired by the book. We will talk about how the movie and the book are the same and how they are different. Bring the whole family in celebration of Family Literacy Month on Saturday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m.

**Book Pack: Doll Bones by Holly Black (Tween, Teen)**  
*Doll Bones* is the story of Zachary “Zach” Barlow, Alice Magnaye, and Poppy Bell's quest to return a haunted doll to its proper grave site in another town. Zach, Alice, and Poppy play a role-playing game with Horrific action figures and metal cut-outs.  
*Doll Bones* is the Newbery Medal Honor book for 2014, is the recipient of six starred reviews, and was on five Best Book lists.

Pick up a copy of *Doll Bones* and register to join us to discuss the book and create your own Clothes Pin Doll on Tuesday, November 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**My Hero Bibliotheca! Anime Club (Teen)**  
Come relax after school and watch anime movies and shows on Friday, November 12 at 3:30 p.m. We'll hang out, talk about what we're watching, and what to watch next. Bring your friends, socialize, and maybe find a new favorite series!

**Novel Ideas: Teen Group**  
Come and join us for an afternoon of fun games including Headbands, What the Meme: Family edition and more on Thursday, November 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**Carol’s Crafty Creations: Holiday Swags (Adult)**  
Are you ready for the holidays? Would you like something new for home? We are creating Holiday Swags this month on Monday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m. All needed supplies will be provided by the library.

If you would like, you can bring your own ribbon, ornaments, and/or pine cones to add an even more personal touch to your design.

Register early. Space is limited. Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**Cover2Cover Book Club: The Last Ballard by Wiley Cash (Adult)**  
*The Last Ballard* is a moving tale of courage in the face of oppression and injustice, with the emotional power of Ron Rash’s *Serena*, Dennis Lehane’s *The Given Day*, and the unforgettable films *Norma Rae* and *Silkwood*. Pick up a copy of *The Last Ballard* by Wiley Cash and register to join us to discuss the book on Thursday, November 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.
# Bookmobile Schedule

For more information on our homebound and outreach services or bookmobiles, contact MCPLS Outreach Services Manager Abby Haught at 304-366-1210, extension 129, or at ahaught@mcpls.org.

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Staff Picks

Here are just a few recommendations by MCPLS staff members!
For more recommendations, feel free to ask staff what they suggest.

- *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty
- *CARNIVAL of SNACKERY* by David Sedaris
- *Meet Me in Another Life* by Catriona Silvey
- *Once and for All* by Sarah Dessen
- *Always a Woman* by Madeline Miller
- *The Library of the Unwritten* by A.J. Hackwith
- *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
- *The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny
- *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

⭐️ also available on Hoopla or Libby as e-book and/or e-audiobook, as well as our physical collection
Mysteries Solved at the Library

West Virginia Family Read Week 2021
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### Fairmont
- Baby Time
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- Toddler Time
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- Story Hour
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### Fairview
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Check out our online calendar to register for events and get the most up-to-date Information! Follow the QR code, or visit: [http://bit.ly/2uydBHl](http://bit.ly/2uydBHl)