Black History Month is observed each February in the United States of America as a time of special awareness of African Americans’ contributions to the nation throughout its history and the contributions of Africans to world history.

Check out our displays at our main branch that celebrate black history month to try out some new media, such as the book *Hidden Figures* or the movie *Marshall*.

Here are some ways to celebrate black history month:
- Support black-owned businesses
- Read and share books by black authors
- Learn about noteworthy black figures and their contributions
- Listen to podcasts such as *Code Switch*
- Participate in online events that celebrate black history month

National Library Lovers’ Month is celebrated for the entire month of February! That’s right, love is in the air not just because of Valentine’s Day, but also for library lovers all around the world. The month honors libraries and the amazing books they hold within their walls.

Libraries house books, but they also offer so much more such as:
- Libraries provide classes and entertainment for all ages—from sewing, to 3D printing, to story hour.
- Many communities rely on their libraries for meeting spaces and internet access.
- Libraries provide resources to learn a new skill, prepare for exams, find reliable facts, and much more!

What should you do for National Library Lovers’ Month, you ask? Well, you can:
- Read a book
- Write a book
- Give your library a shout-out
- Help someone get a library card
February New Releases
Find more new releases, complete with links, at www.mcpls.org/new

**DVs**
Strange World
The Menu
Armageddon Time
Till
She Said

**Children’s DVDS**
Bluey Season 2
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
Jonah: A Veggietales Movie
Pokémon Pikachu & Friends: Starring Eevee
Baby Shark’s Big Show: The Seaweed Sway

**Book on CD**
Encore in Death by J.D. Robb
More Than Meets the Eye by Iris Johansen
Someone Else’s Shoes by Jojo Moyes
Sycamore Circle by Shelley Shepard Gray
Three Days to Live by James Patterson
Dune: The Heir of Caladan by Brian Herbert

**Board Games**
Fun Facts Party Game | Strategy Game | Cooperative Trivia
Stella—Dixit Universe Board Game
Fun Family Board Game | Creative Kids Game
Parks Board Game—A Family & Strategy Game About National Parks
Wingspan Board Game—A Bird-Collection, Engine-Building Stonemaier Game
Ransom Notes—The Ridiculous Word Magnet Party Game
Stare Board Game
Trekking Through History: The Board Game

**Video Games**
Dragon Quest Treasure (Switch)
Axle City Racers (Switch)

**Bestsellers**
Encore in Death by J.D. Robb
Unnatural History by Jonathan Kellerman
3 Days to Live by James Patterson
A Calder Heart by Janet Dailey
Death of a Traitor by M.C. Beaton
Little Paula by V.C. Andrews
Storm Watch by C.J. Box
More Than Meets the Eye by Iris Johansen
Burner by Mark Greaney
Heart Bones by Colleen Hoover
The Last Orphan by Gregg Hurwitz
The Maltese Iguana by Tim Dorsey

**Inspirational**
Forged in Love by Mary Connealy
Something Old Something New by Amy Clipston
Dark of Night by Colleen Coble
Then You Came Along by Debbie Macomber
The Headmaster’s List by Melissa de la Cruz
Sycamore Circle by Shelley Shepard Gray

**Misc. Fiction**
The Scarlet Circus by Jane Yolen
Home of the Heart by Carolyn Brown
Recovery Road by Christine Feehan
Arch Conspirator by Veronica Roth
Irish Coffee Murder by Leslie Meier
I Have Questions for You by Rebecca Makkai
The Devil’s Ransom by Brad Taylor
Someone Else’s Shoes by Jojo Moyes
Murder at Haven’s Rock by Kelley Armstrong
The Last Kingdom by Steve Berry
The Cradle of Ice by James Rollins
Blue Moon Haven by Janet Dailey
The Cliff’s Edge by Charles Todd

**Large Print**
3 Days to Live by James Patterson
Coming Home by Shelley Shepard Gray
Storm Watch by C.J. Box
Unnatural History by Jonathan Kellerman
The Devil’s Ransom by Brad Taylor
More Than Meets the Eye by Iris Johansen
Burner by Mark Greaney
The Cliff’s Edge by Charles Todd
Oath of Loyalty by Vinve Flynn
Someone Else’s Shoes by Jojo Moyes
The Maltese Iguana by Tim Dorsey

**Non-Fiction**
Nero by Anthony Everett
Good Boundaries and Goodbye by Lysa Terkerust
The Great Air Race by John Lancaster
The Wind at My Back by Misty Copeland
Superspy Science by Kathryn Harkup
A Book of Days by Patti Smith
The Swedish Art of Aging Exuberantly by Margareta Magnusson
Myth America by Kevin M. Kurse
Coding for Beginners by Mike McGrath

**Graphic Novels**
Star Trek: Aliens by Jackson Larizing
X-Men by Gerry Duggan Vol. 3 by Gerry Dungan
Pokémon Adventures XY 4 by Hidenori Kusaka
Another by Yukito Ayatsuji
I Want to Eat Your Pancreas: The Complete Manga Collection by Yoru Sumino
Minecraft: Open World—Into the Nether by Stephanie Ramirez
Black Clover Vol. 31 by Yūki Tabata
Colorless Vol. 3 by Kent
Batgirls: One Way or Another Vol. 1 by Becky Cloonan
Fruits Basket Vol. 10 Collector’s Edition by Natsuki Takaya
Cardcaptor Sakura Vol. 8 by CLAMP
The Fox & Little Tanuki Vol. 3 by Tagawa Mi
Puella Magi Madoka Magica: The Complete Omnibus Edition by Magica Quartet

Teen/Young Adult

Nick and Charlie: A Heartstopper Novella by Alice Oseman
Hex You by P.C. Cast
Creep: A Love Story by Lygia Day Peñaflor
The Epic Story of Every Living Thing by Deb Caletti
The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas
The Broken Mirror by Melissa de la Cruz
We Deserve Monuments by Jas Hammonds
Belittled Women by Amanda Sellet
How to Excavate a Heart by Jake Maria Arlow
Chain of Thorns by Cassandra Clare
Begin Again by Emma Lord

Salt and Sugar by Rebecca Carvalho
The Witch Hunt by Sasha Peyton Smith

Children

Coyote vs Dingo by Jerry Pallotta
Rhinos at Recess by Mary Poe Osborne
How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Be Kind? by Jane Yolen
An American Story by Kwame Alexander
The Hungry Caterpillar’s Easter Egg Hunt by Eric Carle
Geronimo Stilton Reporter #13 by Geronimo Stilton
Berenstain Bears Blast Off by Mike Berenstain
Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce
Drawn to Trouble by Nick Bruel
Meet the Pups by Marret Rey
Miss Kitty is Lost by Greg Pizzoli
Investigators: Agents of Suit by John Patrick Green
Miss Banks Pulls Lots of Pranks by Dan Gutman
Fiona Gets the Sniffles by Richard Crowder
Barkley by Ellen Miles
Everyday Lessons

Readalongs

Over the Meadow by Jane Cabrera
Rock-A-Bye Baby by Jane Cabrera
Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa by Anna Dewdney
How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? by Jane Yolen
The Wheels on the Bus (Sing-Along) by Jane Cabrera

Board Books

Dr. Seuss Discovers Spaces by Astrid Holm
A Person’s A Person No Matter How Small by Binge Productions
Little Languages by Mikala Carpenter
Leo, Rise and Shine by Anna McQuinn
Ocean Life by Jill McDonald
You Are Getting Sleepy by Lori Alexander
Our World: Japan by Emily Satoko Seo
Our World: France by Evelyne Holingue
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Fairmont Friends of the Library Book Sale
NO THURSDAYS THIS MONTH
Saturday, February 11 | 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
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.

Discover 3D Printing: Love Heart Tea Light Holders (Tween, Teen)
Monday, February 13 | 4:00 p.m.
Learn about 3D Printing while creating a functional tea light holder for Valentine’s Day!
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.
Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Girls Who Code: Websites (Teen)
Wednesday, February 8 & 22 | 6:00 p.m.
This program works to inspire, educate, and equip 6-12 graders with the computing skills to pursue 21st century opportunities. Learn to code, improve your problem solving and critical thinking skills, and build a community at the Marion County Public Library Girls Who Code Club! All genders welcome!
Learn more and sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Teen Hangout: After Hours
Wednesday, February 1 & 15 | 5:45 p.m.
Come to the Fairmont location for an after-hours hangout! We have lots of activities, such as watching anime, playing games, and more! Bring your friends, socialize, and maybe find a new favorite game or show!
Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Discover Sewing: Hand-Sewn Star and Moon Garland (Adult)
Thursday, February 16 | 4:00 p.m.
Join Liz to make a beautiful celestial-themed garland! Please be sure to register each participant individually.
All materials and supplies for this project will be provided by the library.
Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Spice of Life Cookbook Club: French Cooking (Adult)
Thursday, February 2 | 4:30 p.m.
Welcome to the Spice of Life! In February we will be discussing French cooking and finding our inner Julia Child! Please bring a cookbook or recipe that you have tried or want to try that has a French flair for us to chat about. The spice of the month in February will be Rosemary.
Sponsored by Friends of the Marion County Public Library.
Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Craftastic: Bullet Journaling Basics (Teen & Adult)
Monday, February 6 | 4:00 p.m.
Learn how to create your own custom journal to fit all your needs. Join Liz Butta for an afternoon of brainstorming and creating as you learn how to create the perfect journal for you. Ditch your store-bought planner, and make your own. Flex your creative muscles while making each page, or keep it simple and structured. You can create your own pages for your budget, your plans, and so much more! This program is

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suitable for teens and adults.

All supplies will be provided to create this craft, but feel free to bring any additional supplies that you might like to use. We will supply loose journal pages (both lined and dotted!), but feel free to bring your own blank notebook if you’d like.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Crafty Connections (Adult)
Thursday, February 9 & 23 | 3:30 p.m.
Do you knit, crochet, sew, paint, sketch, embroider, cross-stitch, or do any other craft? Want to meet some new people and have conversations while crafting? If that sounds great to you, bring your current project to the library!

Make sure to bring everything you think you'll need. We may have some supplies available, but they will be limited.

If you have questions, please let us know by calling the library at 304-366-1210 and ask for Liz.

Beyond the Book Club: French Braid (Adult)
Monday, February 27 | 7:00 p.m.
Full of heartbreak and hilarity, French Braid is classic Anne Tyler: a stirring, uncannily insightful novel of tremendous warmth and humor that illuminates the kindnesses and cruelties of our daily lives, the impossibility of breaking free from those who love us, and how close--yet how unknowable--every family is to itself.

The Garretts take their first and last family vacation in the summer of 1959. They hardly ever leave home, but in some ways they have never been farther apart. Mercy has trouble resisting the siren call of her aspirations to be a painter, which means less time keeping house for her husband, Robin. Their teenage daughters, steady Alice and boy-crazy Lily, could not have less in common. Their youngest, David, is already intent on escaping his family's orbit, for reasons none of them understand. Yet, as these lives advance across decades, the Garretts' influences on one another ripple ineffably but unmistakably through each generation.

This book is available to be checked out from the Fairmont branch of the library. The e-book is available from Libby and Hoopla, and the audiobook is available from Libby.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Tabletop Game Group (Teen & Adult)
Wednesdays | 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! Contact Dan Ward at 304-366-1210 extension 128 for more information.

Learn a NEW craft!
Creativebug offers an all-access, no-boundaries pass to explore 1000+ craft classes. People of all skill levels can work alongside instructors to learn craft techniques, FREE with your library card! New videos are added every day.

Some of the classes offered include:
- Painting
- Quilt Making
- Cricut
- Clothing
- Crocheting
- Drawing Manga
...and much more!

Don’t forget to make the switch to Libby!
In early 2023, the OverDrive app will be discontinued. We encourage you to make the switch to Libby, the newer reading app. Libby is made by the same people, with the same goal of connecting you to the library and to your favorite books, audiobooks, and magazines. Download Libby or visit libbyapp.com to get started.
Just Craftin’ Around: Robins on a Branch (Adult)
Tuesday, February 7 | 5:00 p.m.
Come make these adorable robins on a branch at the Fairview Public Library! Spring is just around the corner, and these little birds will help herald the new season! All materials are provided.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Speaking of Books: *Bunny Lake is Missing* (Adult)
Tuesday, February 7 | 4:00 p.m.
This month, Speaking of Books will discuss *Bunny Lake is Missing* by Evelyn Piper.

Synopsis: Bunny Lake is Missing...or was she? No one at school remembered seeing her. There were no records of her registration...no clothes in the apartment where she was supposed to have lived...nothing at all to convince the police that there ever really was a Bunny Lake...

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Carol's Crafty Creations: Pocket Posies (Adult)
Monday, February 13 | 4:00 p.m.
A craft class for beginners and experts alike! Each month, Carol picks a new craft. Join us to make interesting personalized decor! Celebrate love this month by making a cute pocket full of posies! All needed supplies will be provided by the library.
Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Cover2Cover Book Club: Touch the Top of the World (Adult)
Thursday, February 16 | 1:00 p.m.
This month, Cover2Cover will be discussing Touch the Top of the World: A Blind Man’s Journey to Climb Farther than the Eye Can See. Erik Weihenmayer was born with retinoschisis, a degenerative eye disorder that would leave him blind by the age of thirteen. But Erik was determined to rise above this devastating disability and lead a fulfilling and exciting life.
Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Shapeshifters 3D Printing:
Heart-Shaped Container (All Ages)
Thursday, February 9 | 3:00 p.m.
Learn about 3D Printing while creating an object that you can keep. Join Collins to create a heart-shaped container for all of your Valentine’s Day goodies!
This program is designed for 4th grade and up. All of the participants will be contacted to pick up their 3D-printed objects following this program.
Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Overbooked (Teen)
Tuesday, February 28 | 3:00 p.m.
Overbooked Teen Time is an hour-long program during which teens and tweens can explore different educational activities. Join Megan this month to build an egg drop container that everyone can test together! Will your egg survive the fall? The egg drop project will introduce you to physics, materials science, and fluid dynamics.
This program is suitable for Teens and Tweens aged 12 and up.
Sign up at mcpls.org/events.
For more information on our homebound and outreach services or bookmobiles, contact MCPLS Outreach Services Manager Eva Bragonje at 304-366-1210, extension 129, or at ebragonje@mcplsp.org.
Staff Picks

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

**Staff Picks**

- *milk and honey*
  - By Rupi Kaur
  - #1 New York Times Bestseller

- *The Costume Making Guide*
  - By Svetlana Quindt
  - For Cosplay

- *Board Game*
  - *Stella*
  - Also available on Hoopla or Libby as e-book and/or e-audiobook, as well as our physical collection
West Virginia LibShare is a library consortium in North Central West Virginia featuring the Marion County Public Library System, Bridgeport Public Library, and the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library. A library consortium is a group of libraries who partner to combine resources, share expertise, and broaden the amount of materials available to their patrons.

Marion County Public Library wants to highlight some of the events that are being hosted by the Bridgeport Public Library and the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library to encourage patrons to attend events at the other LibShare locations.

Family Matinee (All Ages)
Friday, February 3 | 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
Enjoy watching Gnomeo and Juliet with your family! Refreshments provided! Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Reading to Dogs (All Ages)
Tuesday, February 28 | 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
The Mountaineer Therapy Dogs will be at the library! Come read with these wonderful teams! Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Doodling for Relaxation (Adult)
Tuesday, February 7 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Do you want to draw but can only manage stick figures? Come create a piece of art with us—no skill necessary! We will be learning the basics of doodling basic, repeating patterns to fill a small canvas. All supplies are provided in this free art class. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Book Page Candle (Adult)
Monday, February 13 | 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Learn how to cut and fold an old paperback book into the shape of a candle! You'll be able to put a battery-operated tea light into the top of your candle. All supplies are included in this free class. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Celtic Knotwork Heart Keychain (Adult)
Thursday, February 28 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Learn how to weave macramé cord into the shape of a knotwork heart! Then embellish your heart with wooden beads and keychain hardware so you can take your heart with you wherever you go. All supplies are provided in this free class. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Yarn Nerds: Rainbow Keychain (Age 11—Adult)
Wednesday, February 8 | 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Join us in making some adorable rainbow keychains! This group meets twice a month, normally the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Learn and share how to complete yarn projects together. Program in-person in the upstairs meeting room. For ages 11 - adults. Register at www.clarksburglibrary.org/calendar.

Hobby Hunters: Fabric and Craft Supply Swap (Adult)
Tuesday, February 14 | 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Bring your extra fabric and craft supplies to swap! Registration required. Program held in the 2nd floor meeting room. Register at www.clarksburglibrary.org/calendar.

Art with Emily: Fine Art with Crayons (Adult)
Tuesday, February 21 | 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
When we think of crayons, we think only of kids drawings and coloring books. However, you can make fine art with anything, and this children's art staple is no different! Emily will show you how to use a box of crayola crayons and some baby oil to create something beautiful that you'll find worthy of hanging up on your fridge, perhaps even frame on your wall. All skill levels welcome! Materials provided, but feel free to bring your own materials if you choose. Register at www.clarksburglibrary.org/calendar.

POUND Fitness (Adult)
Monday, February 27 | 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movements. Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Designed for all fitness levels, POUND® provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rockin’ out! Workout equipment provided or can you bring your own. Register at www.clarksburglibrary.org/calendar.
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

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