All gardeners know the innumerable benefits that gardening brings to people and their communities, and this is a month where we can spread that message to those who aren’t directly involved. All around the country, educational activities, public events, government proclamations, local plant sales and swaps, and garden center seminars, are all occurring this month, building excitement and increasing participation in gardening.

The bottom line is it’s not how you garden that matters. Large or small, organic or conventional, filled with heirloom varieties or the latest hybrids matters not. The important thing is to garden. If you are an avid gardening, relish the growing season ahead. Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years. If you don't garden, you might want to heed the advice of an ancient Chinese proverb that states "Life begins the day you start a garden." There is no better time than National Gardening Month to begin!

Get your garden started by joining us for our Seed Vault Unveiling at the Fairmont branch this month on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!
April New Releases
Find more new releases, complete with links, at www.mcpl.org/new

DVDs
Magic Mike’s Last Dance
Marlowe
Sandition Season 3

Children's DVDs
Mother Goose World
Thomas and Friends: All Engines Go—The Mystery of Look out Mountain
Monster Class: Witchers vs. Aliens
Barbie: It Takes Two: Star Are Born
The Last Kids on Earth Book 3
Scooby-Doo: 10 Film Collection

DVDs You Might Have Missed
Missing Plane
The Walking Dead Season 11
Father Stu Reborn
Alice Darling
Doc Martin Series 10
Rick and Morty Season 6
Jerry and Marge Go Large
Bandit
Father of the Bride
Rock Dog 3: Battle the Beat
The Smurfs Springtime
Easter Dance Season 1
Women Talking
A Man Called Otto
Babylon
The Whale
Empire of Light
Devotion

Book on CD
Where Are the Children Now? by Mary Higgins Clark
Dark Angel by John Sandford
Simply Lies by David Baldacci
Encore in Death by J.D. Robb

Video Games
Dungeon Munchies (Switch)
Mario + Rabbids Spark of Hope (Switch)
Hogwarts Legacy Deluxe Edition (PS5)

Bestsellers
Simply Lies by David Baldacci
The House in the Pines by Ana Reyes
Hang the Moon by Jeannette Walls
Her Deadly Game by Robert Dugeoni
Love, Honor, Betray by Mary Monroe
Stars and Smoke by Marie Lu
Dark Angel by John Sandford
The Fourth Enemy by Anne Perry
My Heart Will Find You by Jude Deveraux
Lassiter by J.R. Ward
The Soul Mate by Sally Hepworth
Homecoming by Kate Morton
The Enigma of Garlic by Alexander McCall Smith
Where Are the Children Now? by Mary Higgins Clark
Shadow of Death by Heather Graham
Only the Beautiful by Susan Meissner
The Way of the Bear by Anne Hillerman
The Last Remains by Elly Griffins

Inspirational
A Brighter Dawn by Leslie Gould
Break of Day by Colleen Coble
The Weaving of Life by Linda Byler Break
Breaking New Ground by Amy Clipston
The Golden Doves by Martha Hall Kelly
Shell Beach by Davis T. Bunn

Misc. Fiction
The Sisters We Were by Wendi Willis Baldwin
Death by Chocolate Marshmallow Pie by Sarah Graves
Murder on Bedford Street by Victoria Thompson
The Only Survivors by Megan Miranda
Ledge: The Glacian Trilogy Book 1 by Stacey McEwan
The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar

Just Over the Mountain by Robyn Carr
The Brooklyn North Murder by Erica Obey
Invitation to a Killer by G.M. Maliet
Exes and O’s by May Lea
Vamps: Fresh Blood by NicoleArend
The Beach Reads Bookshop by Lee Tobin McClain
Small Mercies by Dennis Lehane

Large Print
Second Chance at Sunflower Ranch by Carolyn Brown
Loyalty by Lisa Scottoline
I Will Find You by Harlan Coben
Dark Angel by John Sandford
Simply Lies by David Baldacci
The Way of the Bear by Anne Hillerman
Homecoming by Kate Morton

Non-Fiction
The Good Life Lessons from the World’s Longest Scientific Study of my Happiness by Robert Waldinger
When Women Stood: The Untold History of Females Who Changed Sport and the World by Alexandra Alford
Timothy Keller: His Spiritual and Intellectual Formation by Collin Hansen
One by Jamie Oliver
Saving Our Seeds by Bevin Cohen
Seed to Seed: Seed Saving and Growing Techniques for Vegetable Gardeners by Suzanne Ashworth
Old Farmer’s Almanac Vegetable Gardener’s Handbook
Organic Gardener’s Handbook of Natural Pest and Disease Control by Marshall Bradley

Graphic Novels
X-Men 2 by Al Ewing
Bleach Vol. 2 by Tite Kubo
Overlord Vol. 8 by Kugane Maruyama
The Golden Sheep by Kaori Ozaki
X-Men Red by Al Ewing
Komi Can’t Communicate Vol. 4  
by Tomohito Oda
To Your Eternity  
by Yoshitoki Ohtsuki
Wandering Witch Vol. 1  
by Jouji Shiraishi
Attack on Titan Vol. 31  
by Hajime Isayama
Batman Detective Comics The Neighborhood Vol. 1  
by Mariko Tamaki
The Beginning After the End Vol. 2  
by TurtleMe
Macbeth  
by Crystal S. Chan

Teen/Young Adult
Kill Joy  
by Holly Jackson
Chaos Theory  
by Nic Stone
Our Year in Love and Parties  
by Karen Hattrup
Wild Blue Wonder  
by Carlie Sorosiak
A Constellation of Roses  
by Miranda Asebedo
A Dangerous Alliance  
by Jeeieke Cohen
These Witches Don’t Burn  
by Isabel Sterling
The Grief Keeper  
by Alexandra Villasante
A River of Royal Blood  
by Amanda Joy

Children
The Code Breaking Mystery  
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
The Horseback Librarians  
by Jane Yolen
School Trip  
by Jerry Craft
Shadow  
by Erin Hunter
Punk Rock Unicorn  
by Dana Simpson
Big Top Bonanza  
by James Patterson
The Searchers  
by Kathryn Lasky
Welcome to Sparklegrove  
by Rebecca Elliot
Carnival Quest  
by Brandon Mull
Too Small Tola Gets Tough  
by Atinuke
It’s Tummy Time  
by Elise Parsley
The Great Truck Switcheroo  
by Bob Shea
Earth Magnet  
by Margaret McNamara
Leeva at Last  
by Sara Pennypacker
Palace of Books  
by Patricia Polacco
The Sister Switch  
by Sarah Mynowski
We Don’t Lose Our Class Goldfish  
by Ryan Higgins

Readalongs
Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa  
by Anna Dewdney
Over in the Meadow  
by Jane Cabrera
Rock-A-Bye Baby  
by Jane Cabrera
There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Book  
by Jomike Tejido

Board Books
100 First Words: Nature  
by Edward Underwood
Follow Me, Little One!  
by Agnese Baruzzi
From Day to Night  
by Agnese Baruzzi
Let’s Go to the Library!  
by Joe Rhatigan
Fairmont Friends of the Library Book Sale
NO THURSDAYS THIS MONTH
Saturday, April 15 | 10:00 a.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.

April Fool’s Day Kid-Prov Improv Show (All Ages)
Saturday, April 1 | 2:00 p.m.
The Fairmont State University Academy of the Arts Kid-Prov Improv team will be providing a fun afternoon of improv comedy at the Fairmont branch of the library! All the entertainment is created on the spot and will surely tickle your funny bone! The senior team is made up of students in the 6th through 12th grades.

The show will feature various short-form improv games such as on the show "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

Spring Break at the Library (Children, Tween)
Tuesday, April 11 | 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12 | 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 13 | 2:30 p.m.
Spend your spring break at the Library! Tuesday we will be playing various games with a parachute. Wednesday we will be pulling out our LEGOs. And Thursday, we will go to the beach to play with our kinetic sand boxes!

Bunny Day (All Ages)
Saturday, April 8 | 2:00 p.m.
Hippity Hoppity all the way to the library to meet the Easter Bunny! Crafts, games, and other Easter delights await you at the library for this ‘hoppening’ event! Fun activities and the Easter Bunny will be at the library from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Discover 3D Printing: Spring Cookie Cutter (Tween, Teen)
Tuesday, April 4 | 4:30 p.m.
Learn about 3D Printing while creating a real cookie cutter! Draw your favorite spring shape like a flower, egg, bunny, or anything else that you can think of, and we’ll turn it into a cookie cutter together!

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

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Girls Who Code: Websites (Teen)
Wednesday, April 12 & 26 | 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, April 5 & 19 | 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: Roll-Up Picnic Placemats (Adult)
Monday, April 17 | 4:00 p.m.
Join Liz to make a beautiful and functional picnic placemat with a pocket for your napkin or cutlery!

Each attendee will need one yard of 100% cotton fabric for two placemats. You can also bring a coordinating fat quarter to make a contrasting pocket.

Some festive fabric and all other supplies, including the sewing machines and sewing patterns, will be provided. Please be sure to register each participant individually.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.
Artible: Lamp Post in Spring (Adult)
Tuesday, April 11 | 5:00 p.m.
Join Julie at the Marion County Public Library online or in person for great company and some tasty treats as we create a one of a kind work of art! This month's painting is of a lamp post in the springtime.

Bring your own acrylic paints and brushes; painting canvas and instructions will be provided. This class is open to everyone 17 and over. Space is limited, so register early.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Spice of Life Cookbook Club: Nutrition (Adult)
Thursday, April 6 | 4:30 p.m.
This month the Spice of Life group will have a guest from WVU Extension joining us to teach a lesson on nutrition. She will also be doing a great cooking demo. Spice of the month is Nutmeg

Sponsored by Friends of the Marion County Public Library.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Craftastic: Yarn Painting (Teen & Adult)
Monday, April 10 | 4:00 p.m.
Create a textured "painting" using yarn instead of paint! Make a seascape, flower, geometric design, or even an abstract piece that will look great in your home.

All supplies will be provided for this event, but feel free to bring any additional materials that you might like to use. If you have a 5mm crochet hook or yarn you'd like to use, please bring it along! Please be sure to register for this event in advance!

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Beyond the Book Club: The Four Winds (Adult)
Monday, April 24 | 7:00 p.m.
From Kristin Hannah, the number-one bestselling author of The Nightingale and The Great Alone comes a powerful American epic about love, heroism, and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them.

In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli — like so many of her neighbors — must make an agonizing choice: Fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life.

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.

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Copies of this month’s book are available at the Fairview Public Library or digitally on Hoopla and Libby. Also, for your convenience, you may also request to pick up a copy in Fairmont or Mannington.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**Just Craftin’ Around: Flower Candle Jar (Adult)**
**Tuesday, April 4 | 5:00 p.m.**
Join us at the Fairview Public Library as we create unique pressed flower candle jars! These adorable crafts are as easy as they are pretty! All materials are provided. Space is limited, so register today!

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**Cricut Critter Club (Adult)**
**Tuesday, April 18 | 5:00 p.m.**
Do you have a Cricut machine? Are you thinking about buying one? Do you have projects in mind but don’t know where to start? You’re in luck! Join us at the Fairview Public Library as Jessica shows you how to make the most of your Cricut machine. We will start with the basics and build from there! Bring your own machine if you have one for more creative options! This class is suitable for ages 18-up. Space is limited, so register early.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**Speaking of Books: The Light Between Oceans (Adult)**
**Tuesday, April 4 | 4:00 p.m.**
Join us at the Fairview Public Library as we discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman.
Mannington Book Sale
Wednesdays | 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
First Saturday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Time to clean your book shelves? We accept donations; and while you’re visiting, fill up your shelves with new reading material. Step into spring with some new books

Crafty Kid’s Club: Watercolor Gardens
Tuesday, April 11 | 3:00 p.m.
Come to Mannington for Crafty Kid’s Club, a child’s size version of Crafty Creations. Carol will teach you to make new and exciting art and craft projects each month. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Let’s create a garden filled with color together! All materials will be provided by the Mannington Public Library.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Shapeshifters 3D Printing: Rainy Day Umbrella (All Ages)
Friday, April 14 | 3:00 p.m.
Learn about 3D Printing while creating an object that you can keep. Collins will show you how to create a rainy day umbrella complete with free hanging raindrops!

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.

Artastic: Teen Painting Class
Tuesday, April 25 | 3:00 p.m.
An art class just for tweens and teens! Please join Megan after school once a month at the Mannington Library! We will work together from start to finish to create a beautiful masterpiece. A different design will be chosen every month!

Materials will be provided. This class is for those ages 11 and up. Please register as spots may fill fast!

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Carol’s Crafty Creations:
Watercolor Pictures (Adult)
Monday, April 17 | 5:00 p.m.
A craft class for beginners and experts alike! Join us to make interesting personalized decor! This month, we will wash away our cares by making watercolor art. This technique can be used in many ways for many projects once you know how to do it! All needed supplies will be provided by the library.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Cricut Crash Course: T-Shirt Graphics (Adult)
Monday, April 24 | 4:30 p.m.
Have you purchased a Cricut but not sure how to use it? Are you a master in the craft world? Are you interested in gathering and sharing information with other people who love all things Cricut? If any of these apply to you, please join us for Cricut Crash Course. We will share our knowledge with each other and create something new at every class.

This month we will show you how to create your own graphic for a shirt design!

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Cover2Cover Book Club: Storming Heaven (Adult)
Thursday, April 20 | 1:00 p.m.
This month, Cover2Cover will be discussing Storming Heaven by Denise Giardina.

Annadel, West Virginia, was a small town rich in coal, farms, and close-knit families, all destroyed when the coal company came in. It stole everything it hadn't bothered to buy - land deeds, private homes, and ultimately, the souls of its men and women.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

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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@mcpls.org.

The Arbors
410 Cleveland Ave., Fairmont
Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM
April 11, 25

Barrackville Dollar Store
210 Pike St., Barrackville
Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM
April 5, 19

Baxter Fire Hall
2741 Paw Paw Creek Rd.
Tuesday 10:30-11:30 AM
April 4, 18

Carolina
33 Main St., Carolina
Tuesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM
April 11, 25

Colfax Community
1735 Colfax Rd., Colfax
Friday 2:30 – 3:30 PM
April 7, 21

Disability Action Center
448 Leonard Ave., Fairmont
Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM
April 4, 18

Eastview Unity Apts.
200 Jefferson St., Fairmont
Friday 11:30 – 12:30 PM
April 7, 21

Farmington Fire Dept.
Railroad St., Farmington
Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM
April 12, 26

Middletown Commons
2600 Middletown Rd.
Thursday 12:00 – 1:00 PM
April 13, 27

Miller School Apts.
2 Pennsylvania Ave.
Friday 12:00 – 1:00 PM
April 14, 28

Monongah Dollar Store
539 Camden Ave., Monongah
Tuesday 10:30 – 11:30 AM
April 4, 18

PACE / Big Lots
1224 Country Club Rd.
Wednesday 12:30 – 1:30 PM
April 12, 26

Rock Lake
Rock Lake Rd., Fairmont
Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM
April 5, 19

Sagebrush Round-Up
2580 Bunner Ridge Rd.
Thursday 2:30 – 3:30 PM
April 6, 28

Teleperformance
609 Bellview Blvd., Fairmont
Tuesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM
April 11, 25

Woodlands Asst. Living
211 Care St., Worthington
Friday 10:00 – 11:00 AM
April 14, 28
Here are just a few recommendations by MCPLS staff members! For more recommendations, feel free to ask staff what they suggest.

Staff Picks

Lydia Rolley

THE FATIGUE BOOK
Chronic fatigue syndrome and long COVID fatigue: practical tips for recovery

Sadeqa Johnson

The House of Eve
a novel
Author of Yellow Wife

Board Game

Splendor Duel

also available on Hoopla or Libby as e-book and/or e-audiobook, as well as our physical collection
Egg Hunt (All Ages)
Monday, April 3 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Patrons between the ages of 0-18 are invited to come and spend time with the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs throughout the library!
Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Family Matinee (All Ages)
Friday, April 7 | 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
Enjoy watching Peter Rabbit with your family! Refreshments provided! Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Blacout/Found Poetry Night (Ages 13-18)
Tuesday, April 11 | 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
April is National Poetry Month! Come celebrate by creating your own unique work using discarded book, newspaper, and magazine pages! Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Shakespeareaoke with the Rustic Mechanicals (Adult)
Friday, April 14 | 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Experience Shakespeare like never before! Shakespeareaoke is like a karaoke party, but instead of music, the actors bring monologues, scenes, and sonnets from the immortal Bard and the audience gets to perform as well. Live musicians will keep the energy and party going throughout the event. This event will also be enhanced with snacks! This event will be put on by the Rustic Mechanicals, West Virginia’s only professional Shakespeare Troupe. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Learn CSS (Adult)
Friday, April 28 | 5:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Learn how to use the CSS computer coding language. This is a great beginners class for people wanting to learn how to code. CSS is the language used to style HTML. A basic knowledge of HTML is helpful but not necessarily required. All you need to join is a valid email address and basic computer skills. Once the class starts, we will not be able to accept new members until the course is complete. Please contact Angela Spatafore at aspatafore@bridgeportwv.com or 304-842-8248 for more information. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Yarn Nerds: Spring Birds (Age 11—Adult)
Wednesday, April 12 | 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Come join us in making an adorable and colorful yarn bird! Super simple and fun to make, this craft is a great way to welcome spring.
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: Crafting with Cricut (Adult)
Tuesday, April 11 | 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Let us show you how much fun you can have with our Cricut machines! Watch us demonstrate how to use the Cricut Maker 3.
Participants will get a chance to design and make their own sticker. Register at www.clarksburglibrary.org/calendar

Grown-Up Gamers (Adult)
Thursday, April 20 | 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Play the Oculus Quest 2 with over 20 games! Newest virtual reality games added include: I Expect You To Die 2, Traffic Jams, A Township Tale, Moss, Fail Factory!, and Star Wars: Tales from the Galaxy’s Edge. Favorites also available to play: Beat Saber, Five Nights at Freddy’s, Job Simulator, The Climb 2, Super Hot, Legendary Hunter, Creed: Rise To Glory, Legendary Hunter VR, Real VR Fishing, Wander, and more! Play together on the XBOX One console with games that include Minecraft, Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order, Stardew Valley, EA Sports UFC, and more. Come for a whole night of fun or stop in throughout the evening. 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/2uydBH1