Set Realistic Goals
Support your child on their academic journey by helping them set achievable goals that align with their ambitions, following the SMART criteria (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, Timely).

Establish a Daily Routine
A well-structured daily schedule is key to a fulfilling school life. Create a structured daily routine that includes study time, recreation, proper meals, and sufficient rest to reduce stress and promote better mental health.

Stay Organized
Keep your child’s study area clutter-free and organized, making lists of pending assignments and tests to stay on top of their studies.

Develop Good Study Habits
Start building strong study habits early on. Encourage the development of good study habits by creating a designated study area, planning study sessions, taking comprehensive notes, and teaching concepts to reinforce their understanding.

Take Care of Mental and Physical Health
Prioritize their mental and physical health with regular exercise, balanced meals, and limiting caffeinated drinks. Practice gratitude, foster positivity, and set manageable daily goals to maintain a healthy mindset.

PREPARE FOR SCHOOL WITH SCHOLASTIC TEACHABLES
During the summer break, kids often miss out on opportunities to engage in mathematical thinking. While conceptual ideas may stay intact, the specific procedures tend to fade away. For instance, a fifth grader may remember that division means separating things into equal groups but might forget the steps to solve a long division problem.

Here’s where Scholastic Teachables comes to the rescue! With thousands of printable educational materials covering various subjects, including math, for Pre-K to 8th grade, your child can get ready for the upcoming school year with confidence. Before the school term begins, make use of their printables to help your child brush up on essential skills. Let them start the year prepared and ready to excel!

Check it out at teachables.scholastic.com or scan the QR code.
August
New Releases
Find more new releases, complete with links, at www.mcpl.org/new

 DVDs
About My Father
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3
Blackberry
The Machine
Nefarious
You Hurt My Feelings
1923: A Yellowstone Origin Story Season 1
Brokenwood Mysteries Series 9
The Flash Season 9

Childrens DVDs
Are You Afraid of the Dark?
Heroes of the Golden Mask
Barbie Double Feature: Barbie Mermaid Power / Barbie: Skipper and the Big Babysitting Adventure
Monster High: The Movie
Hotel Transylvania: Transformia

Book on CD
The Maid's Diary
by Loreth Anne White
A Good Family
by Matth Goldman
Good Dog, Bad Cop
by David Rosenfelt
The Family Bones
by Elle Marr
The Levee
by William Kent Krueger
Dark Angel
by John Sandford
All the Days of Summer
by Nancy Thayer
The Direction of the Wind
by Mansi Shah
The Running Girls
by Matt Brolly
Love at On Deck Café
by Leah Dobrinska

Bestsellers
Lion & Lamb
by James Patterson
Happiness
by Danielle Steel
Out of Nowhere
by Sandra Brown
The Breakaway
by Jennifer Weiner
Tom Lake
by Ann Pratchett
The Invisible Hour
by Alice Hoffman
Rock Bottom
by Fern Michaels
After the Night
by Karin Slaughter
Canary Girls
by Jennifer Chiaverini
The Bone Hacker
by Kathy Reichs
Dead Mountain
by Douglas Preston
None of This Is True
by Lisa Jewell
Tides of Fire
by James Rollins
The Discreet Charm
of the Big Bad Wolf
by Alexander McCall Smith
Cursed the Dawn
by Heather Graham
Flags of the Bayou
by James Lee Burke

Inspirational
Letters of Comfort
by Wanda Brunstetter
The Heirloom
by Beverly Lewis
Until Then
by Cindy Woodsmall
Christmas Every Day
by Linda Byler
This Passing Hour
by Leslie Gould

Misc. Fiction
Learned by Heart
by Danielle Steel
Honey Drop Dead
by Laura Childs
Good Bad Girl
by Alice Feeney
California Golden
by Melanie Benjamin
The Paris Assignment
by Rhys Bowen
Birder, She Wrote
by Donna Andrews
Just Another Missing Person
by Gillam McAllister
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride
North of Nowhere
by Allison Brennan
Gone Tonight
by Sarah Pekkanen
The Trade Off
by Sandie Jones
Talulah’s Back in Town
by Brenda Novak

Large Print
Lion & Lamb
by James Patterson
Happiness
by Danielle Steel
The Collector
by Daniel Silva

Dead Mountain
by Douglas Preston
Tides of Fire
by James Rollins
Zero Days
by Ruth Ware
Out of Nowhere
by Sandra Brown
Lady Tan’s Circle of Women
by Liss See
Dead Fall
by Brad Thor
Canary Girls
by Jennifer Chiaverini
Blessing of the Lost Girls
by Judith A. Jance
Flags on the Bayou
by James Lee Burke
Everyone Here Is Lying
by Shari Lapena

Non- Fiction
Everybody’s Favorite: Tales from the World’s Worst Perfectionist
by Lillian Stone
The Great Encyclopedia of Mushrooms
by Jean-Marie Polese
The Chief’s Chief
by Mark Meadows
Macramé: The Power of Knots
by NgHi Ho
Colorado: Off the Beaten Path
by Eric Lindberg
Blackholes: Every Thing You Need to Know About It for Space Agencies
by Todd Lacey
How to Write a Business Plan With No Experience
by Richard Hedberg
That Deaf Kid
by Mark Drolsbaugh

Graphic Novels
One Piece: Baroque Works Vol 22-24
by Eiichirō Oda
Land of Lustrous Vol 4
by Haruko Ichikawa
Superman: Son of Ka-El’ Vol 1
by Tom Taylor
Inuyasha Vol. 7
by Rumiko Takahashi
Rurouni Kenshin Vol. 25-28
by Nobuhiro Watsuki
Dreaming Sun Vol. 7
by Ichigo Takano
Attack on Titans Omnibus Vol. 16-18
by Hajime Isayama
Danger and Other Unknown Risks
by Ryan North
Batman One Bad Day: Dreadful Reins
by Tom King
Batman Vs. Robin
by Mark Waid
Teen/Young Adult

The Woman In The Moon  
by Richard Maurer
Clash of Fate and Fury  
by Rachel Menard
Lola At Last  
by J.C. Peterson
Greymist Fair  
by Francesca Zappia
Invisible Son  
by Kim Johnson
The Brothers Hawthorne  
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
The Silence Between Us  
by Alison Gervais
Bellegarde  
by Jamie Lilac
The Isles of Gods  
by Amie Kaufman
The Nature of Witches  
by Rachel Griffin
The Elementals  
by Abby Lattanzio
Lola at Last  
by J.C. Peterson
Beauty Reborn  
by Elizabeth Lowham

Readalongs

Dino-Racing  
by Lisa Wheeler
Llama Llama Learns to Swim  
by Anna Dewdney
Why? A Conversation About Race  
by Taye Diggs
The Day the Crayons Quit  
by Drew Daywalt
Dragons Love Tacos 2: The Sequel  
by Adam Rubin
Rock-A-Bye Baby  
by Jane Cabrera
How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets  
by Jane Yolan
If Dogs Run Free  
by Bob Dylan
Salma the Syrian Chef  
by Ahmad Danny Ramadan
Respect  
by Otis Redding
Ready for the Spotlight  
by Jaime King
The Story of a Story  
by Deborah Hopkinson
The Thingity-Jig  
by Kathleen Doherty

Board Books

Butterfly’s Marching Band  
by Lila Mitzie
Little Dumplings  
by Jekka Kuhlmann
Let’s Go Camping  
by Jill McDonald
Animal Shapes  
by Nikolas Illic
Becoming a Butterfly  
by Ruth A. Musgrave
Baby’s First Zodiac  
by Kerry Pieri
Animals Around the Worlds  
by Stefan Lohr
Colors on the Farm  
by Billy Steers
Eat Together  
by Miguel Ordoñez
Bedtime in the Barnyard  
by Dandi Daley Mackall
Go to Sleep, Little Farm  
by Mary Lyn Ray
Don’t Mix Up My Dinosaur!  
by Rosamund Llyod
I Take Care of My Kitten  
by Michael Slack
I’m A Little Bunny  
by Hannah Eliot
Madeline’s Seasons  
by Ludwig Bemelmans
Now That You’re Here  
by Loryn Brantz
Peekaboo Baby  
by Camilla Reid
Night Night Dinoasaur  
by Roger Priddy
Crabby Pants  
by Julie Gassman

Children

Big Nate: Lose It or Lose It  
by Lincoln Peirce
Puppy-Cam  
by Margie Palatini
The Code Breaking Mystery  
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Abby in Neverland  
by Sarah Mynowski
Mind the Cat  
by Peyo
Fairmont Friends of the Library Book Sale  
**Saturday, August 19 | 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.

**Jurassic Jamboree with Buddy the Dinosaur (All Ages)**  
**Saturday, August 5 | 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**  
Get ready for a jurassic jamboree at the Marion County Public Library! Join us for story time and an exciting visit from Buddy the Dinosaur, the beloved character from PBS’s Dinosaur Train. Buddy will be making a special appearance for story times, along with photo sessions where you can capture memories with this lovable character. In addition, we’ll have exciting dinosaur-themed activities.

**“Don’t Throw Tomatoes” Kid-Prov Show (All Ages)**  
**Saturday, August 19 | 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**  
Don’t miss the hilarious performance by Fairmont State Academy of the Arts Improv Troupe, Team Kid-Prov! Join us for an afternoon of laughter as they showcase their talents in a series of short-form improv games, inspired by the popular show 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?' As part of Main Street Fairmont's Tomato Festival celebration, we'll be treated to their zany antics. Get ready to have a great time, but leave the tomatoes - no throwing necessary!

**Teen Hangout: After Hours**  
**Wednesday, August 2 & August 16 | 5:45 p.m.**  
Come to the Fairmont location for an after-hours hangout! We have lots to do like watching anime, playing games and more! Bring your friends, socialize, and maybe find a new favorite game or show!

Registration is required for this event. Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**CodeCombat (Ages 9+)**  
**Thursday, August 3 & August 17 | 1:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, August 9 & August 23 | 6:00 p.m.**  
Join us at the library for an exciting new program called CodeCombat! This educational video game offers an interactive way for individuals of all ages to learn software programming concepts and languages. From JavaScript, Python, and C++ to explore, participants can dive into coding while also gaining a solid understanding of computer science fundamentals. With CodeCombat, learners aged 9 to 99 can engage in hands-on coding activities, fostering creativity, logical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Don’t miss this opportunity to unleash your coding potential and embark on an exciting journey with CodeCombat!

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**Demystifying House Buying: Everything You Need to Know Before You Buy Or Sell (Adult)**  
**Saturday, August 12 | 1:00 p.m.**  
Join Real Estate Agent Thom Trunzo for a comprehensive crash course all about the modern home buying process. Much has changed in the last decade, and Thom's goal is to make sure the community is armed with the knowledge needed to buy or sell a home today.

In this session, you will learn all about the types of Real Estate Agents, financial considerations like credit scores, types of mortgages, making offers, closing procedures, and much more. Thom hopes that attending this information session will leave you feeling confident and able to enter the Real Estate Market.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

**Discover Sewing: Double Pocket Pan Holder (Teen & Adult)**  
**Monday, August 21 | 4:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, August 24 | 3:00 p.m.**  
Discover the joy of sewing with Liz in our sewing room! Join her in creating a practical and stylish pot holder, perfect for handling hot pans fresh out of the oven.

To participate, each attendee will require half of a yard of cotton fabric. For an extra touch, feel free to bring a
coordinating fat quarter to craft a contrasting pocket.

No need to worry about supplies—we’ll provide the festive fabric, sewing machines, and sewing patterns. To ensure everyone’s spot, kindly register each participant individually.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.


**Monday, August 28 | 7:00 p.m.**

What makes for a happy life? A fulfilling life? A good life? According to the directors of the Harvard Study of Adult Development, the longest scientific study of happiness ever conducted, the answer to these questions may be closer than you realize.

Get your hands on a print copy or borrow a digital copy of *The Good Life: Lessons from the World’s Longest Scientific Study of Happiness* by Robert Waldinger from Hoopla, and join us for a thought-provoking discussion. This is your chance to take the first step towards improving the quality and quantity of your 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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**Baby Time, Toddler Time, & Story Hour Start Back Up Next Month!**

**Baby Time** is an event for parents and babies to hear stories, make new friends, and explore together! We will engage in simple finger-plays, songs, and read easy books, creating a safe space for new friendships to form.

**Toddler Time** features toddler-sized stories and activities for children aged 18 to 36 months! Each week is themed and is designed to help develop a child’s language, social, motor, and cognitive skills.

**Story Hour** features stories, music, and activities for pre-K children aged 3 to 5 years old.

Programs start the week of September 11.

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www.mcpls.org
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!

After Hours Teen Café
Monday, August 14 & August 28 | 5:00 p.m.
Hang out with friends at our after-hours Teen Café. Enjoy games, food, and good company. Challenge your friends to Switch or board games or simply relax and socialize.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Speaking of Books: *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin (Adult)
Tuesday, August 1 | 4:00 p.m.
This month, immerse yourself in the captivating novel "Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter" by Tom Franklin. Set in the late 1970s, the story revolves around Larry Ott and Silas "32" Jones, childhood friends with vastly different backgrounds. A tragic incident leaves a girl missing, and suspicion falls on Larry, causing their friendship to unravel. Years later, another disappearance brings them back together, forcing them to confront their hidden past. Join us for a compelling journey through secrets, redemption, and the enduring strength of friendship.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.
This month, let's dive into the beauty of the ocean with a faux stained glass painting featuring graceful sea turtles. Celebrate the end of summer by capturing the elegance of these magnificent creatures on canvas.

This class is open to individuals aged 11 and up, providing a fantastic opportunity for artistic expression and skill development. All necessary materials will be provided.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Crafty Creations: Bottle Cap Decor (Adult)
Monday, August 21 | 5:00 p.m.
Get ready for a creative and fun craft class with Megan at the Mannington Public Library! Whether you're a beginner or an expert, this monthly program is perfect for all skill levels.

This month, we'll explore the artistic potential of bottle caps! Instead of tossing them away, let's transform them into a stunning work of art. We'll provide all the materials you need.

Sign up at mcpls.org/events.

Cover2Cover Book Club: The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown (Adult)
Thursday, August 17 | 1:00 p.m.
Embark on a gripping journey of mystery and discovery with Join us at the Mannington Public Library as we embark on an incredible journey with The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown. This inspiring true story follows the University of Washington's underdog eight-oar crew team as they defy all odds to defeat elite teams and even the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. At the heart of the tale is Joe Rantz, a young man searching for purpose and redemption. Through vivid memories and personal journals, Brown captures the spirit of an era and the determination of one extraordinary individual.

Grab a copy of the book from your local library or borrow a copy digitally on Hoopla.

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@mcpls.org.

**The Arbors**
410 Cleveland Ave., Fairmont  
*Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM*
August 1, 15, 29

**Barrackville Dollar Store**
210 Pike St., Barrackville  
*Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM*
August 9, 23

**Carolina**
33 Main St., Carolina  
*Tuesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM*
August 8, 22

**Colfax Community**
1735 Colfax Rd., Colfax  
*Friday 2:30 – 3:30 PM*
August 11, 25

**Disability Action Center**
448 Leonard Ave., Fairmont  
*Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM*
August 8, 22

**Eastview Unity Apts.**
200 Jefferson St., Fairmont  
*Friday 11:30 – 12:30 PM*
August 11, 25

**Farmington Fire Dept.**
Railroad St., Farmington  
*Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM*
August 2, 16, 30

**Middletown Commons**
2600 Middletown Rd.  
*Thursday 12:00 – 1:00 PM*
August 3, 17, 31

**Miller School Apts.**
2 Pennsylvania Ave.  
*Friday 12:00 – 1:00 PM*
August 4, 18

**Monongah Dollar Store**
539 Camden Ave., Monongah  
*Tuesday 10:30 – 11:30 AM*
August 8, 22

**PACE / Big Lots**
1224 Country Club Rd.  
*Wednesday 12:30 – 1:30 PM*
August 1, 15, 29

**Rock Lake**
Rock Lake Rd., Fairmont  
*Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM*
August 9, 23

**Sagebrush Round-Up**
2580 Bunner Ridge Rd.  
*Thursday 2:30 – 3:30 PM*
August 10, 24

**Woodlands Asst. Living**
211 Care St., Worthington  
*Friday 10:00 – 11:00 AM*
August 4, 18
Here are just a few recommendations by MCPLS staff members! For more recommendations, feel free to ask staff what they suggest.

Staff Picks

[Rachel Hollis](#) - *Girl, Stop Apologizing*

[Diana Wynne Jones](#) - *Howl’s Moving Castle*

[Exploding Kittens](#) - *A Card Game for People Who Are Into Kittens and Explosions and Sometimes Other Things*

Also available on Hoopla or Libby as e-book and/or e-audiobook, as well as our physical collection.
Family Matinee (All Ages)
Friday, August 4 | 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
Enjoy watching *Home* with your family! Refreshments provided! Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Back to School Bash (All Ages)
Tuesday, August 22 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Join us at Deegan & Hinkle Lakes Park as we conclude Summer Reading 2023: All Together Now! Light refreshments will be provided. Feel free to drop in or leave at any time. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Discover 3D Pens for Adults (Adult)
Friday, August 4 | 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
Come try out a 3D pen! In this discovery class for adults, learn how to make simple 3D creations using a 3Doodler or 3Doodler Create+. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Tech Savvy (Adult)
Wednesday, August 9 | 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.
Don't fall victim to scams on the internet, by phone, or by mail. Empower yourself by learning the tricks that thieves commonly use to steal your information and finances. Hear from local Federal Law Enforcement Officer and Postal Inspector, Charles Gerhart, on how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Budget, Debt, and Credit Score (Adult)
Thursday, August 17 | 5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
Create a budget, handle debt, and learn what makes up a credit score. Tips on creating a budget, how to handle debt and where to start if you are behind on bills. Learn what makes up your credit score and why you need credit. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Stabby Stitches: Books (Adult)
Friday, August 25 | 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Stabby Stitches is our monthly cross-stitch group. This month we will be stitching books. No experience is needed to join. All supplies are provided in this free craft class for adults. Register at www.bplwv.org/events.

Hobby Hunters: Basket Weaving (Adult)
Thursday, August 10 | 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Join us for Hobby Hunters, where we explore fun and unique pastimes that are simple to learn! This month, we celebrate traditional basket weaving. Basket weaving is the process of weaving or sewing pliable materials into three-dimensional artifacts such as baskets, mats, mesh bags, and even furniture. Ages 19+. Register at www.clarksburglibrary.org/calendar.

Art with Emily: Acrylic Summer Scene (Adult)
Tuesday, August 15 | 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Emily will teach the basics of working with acrylic paints and show you how to create a beautiful summer landscape to brighten up your home all year long. No experience necessary, all skill levels welcome. Art supplies are provided. For ages 19+. Register at www.clarksburglibrary.org/calendar.

Marketing My Story (Adult)
Saturday, August 19 | 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Award-winning author Colleen Driscoll joins us for a great discussion on marketing your work! This event is part of the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library Author Series. The Author Series is sponsored by the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County and the Friends of Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library. Register at www.clarksburglibrary.org/calendar.
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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)

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