BABY TIME, TODDLER TIME, & STORY HOUR RESUME

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Join us for an enriching lineup of programs designed for various age groups! Baby Time offers a cozy space for parents and babies to bond while enjoying stories, songs, and finger-plays. Toddlers aged 18 to 36 months can explore Toddler Time, featuring themed stories and activities to enhance language, social, motor, and cognitive skills. For preschoolers aged 3 to 5, Story Hour is a treat filled with captivating tales, music, and engaging activities. Learn more at mcpls.org/events.

READ MORE
Make a fresh resolution this year—reading more books. The Marion County Public Library holds the key to your success. Easily find classics and bestsellers through the online catalog; if the book isn’t at your branch, have it brought to your home branch for convenient pick-up. Dive into eBooks using Libby or Hoopla on your device, accessible 24/7 from the comfort of your home. Additionally, explore the diverse book clubs at each branch, fostering new book discoveries and friendships. Discover more at mcpls.org/book-clubs.

2024 READING RESOLUTIONS: DIVE INTO BOOKS WITH MCPLS!
FAIRMONT EVENTS

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, January 20 | 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
The Friends of the Marion County Public Library (Fairmont) will be taking walk-ins to browse the book sale room.

CodeCombat (Ages 9+)
Thursday, January 4 | 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10 & 24 | 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
This educational video game offers an interactive way for individuals of all ages to learn software programming concepts and languages. With CodeCombat, learners aged 9 to 99 can engage in hands-on coding activities, fostering creativity, logical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Registration is required for this event.

Teen Hangout: After Hours (Teen)
Wednesday, January 3 & 17 | 5:45 p.m.—8:00 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.

Crafty Connections (Adult)
Monday, January 8 & 22 | 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
Passionate about crafting? Join us at the library for a creative and social gathering. Bring your current project and crafting materials for an enjoyable crafting and conversation session. While we may have some supplies on hand, they'll be limited, so be sure to bring what you need. For inquiries, contact the library at 304-366-1210 and ask for Liz.

Craftastic (Adult)
Tuesday, January 9 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Join Liz and a group of craft enthusiasts for an engaging hands-on session where we'll be crafting Shining Snowflake Decorations! These sparkling creations will be the ideal addition to smoothly transition your décor from the holiday season into winter! All the necessary supplies will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

Discover Sewing (Teen/Adult)
Tuesday, January 16 | 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 16 | 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
Join us to create a cute Mug Cozy! Come and socialize while creating something wonderful to take home with you. For this project, please bring along some medium to heavyweight cotton—not more than one fat quarter of fabric is needed for each cozy. All additional materials will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

Comfy Covers Book Club (Adult)
Tuesday, January 23 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
Come join banker Stacie Foust, for a crash course in mastering the essentials of credit and debt management. With her expertise in financial navigation and debt solutions, Stacie will guide you through understanding finances, making it an ideal starting point for young adults or anyone seeking to improve their financial health. This open-to-all class provides a valuable opportunity to gain insights and strategies for managing your finances effectively. Registration is required for this event.

Beyond the Book Club (Adult)
Monday, January 22 | 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
In Laura Dave's gripping novel, "The Last Thing He Told Me," expect breakneck pacing, breathtaking plot twists, and unforgettable characters that will keep you on the edge. This propulsive thriller, infused with heart, promises a shocking and heartbreaking finale. Perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty and Jojo Moyes, it's a riveting read you won't forget. Registration is required for this event.

The Coffee Club (Adult 55+)
Thursday, January 12 & 26 | 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Relax and unwind with a cup of coffee or tea, conversations, laughter, and great company! The Senior Coffee Club offers a welcoming environment designed for individuals aged 55 and above.

No registration is necessary—simply drop by and enjoy the warmth. Join us for a delightful time filled with good cheer and friendly faces!

Tabletop Game Group (Teen/Adult)
Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Alternative, advanced and imaginative games will be featured. Browse our collection of over 150 games, or bring your own! This event is open to adults and mature teens.

Refreshelements will be provided! Contact Dan Ward at 304-366-1210 extension 128 for more information.
FAIRVIEW EVENTS

Friends of the Library 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!

Speaking of Books (Adult)
Tuesday, January 2 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
This month’s highlighted book is the best-selling memoir, “Hillbilly Elegy” by J.D. Vance. This 2016 memoir delves into the passionate analysis of the crisis facing white working-class Americans. J.D. Vance paints a vivid picture of the slow disintegration of a group over four decades, exploring the personal impact and challenges faced within this context. With humor, colorful characters, and a deeply moving narrative, “Hillbilly Elegy” is a poignant exploration of the true sentiments surrounding upward mobility and a troubling reflection on the fading American dream for a significant portion of the nation. Join us for an insightful discussion on this urgent and resonant memoir.

Not Your Mother’s Book Club (Adult)
Wednesday, January 10 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
Join us at the Fairview Public Library for an exciting new book club that breaks away from tradition! This is a modern book club featuring everything from laugh-out-loud who-done-its to captivating and intriguing romances. Our inaugural gathering is a meet and greet, and we’ll be distributing copies of "Verity" by Colleen Hoover for discussion on February 7, 2024. Do you have a fantastic book suggestion? We’d love to hear it! Join us and be part of this engaging and diverse reading experience!

MANNINGTON EVENTS

Crafty Kids’ Club (Children)
Tuesday, January 9 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
This month, let’s beat the cold outside by staying cozy at the library and creating our very own 3-Dimensional Winter Scenes from paper! All crafting materials will be provided by the Mannington Public Library. Registration is required for this event.

The Inklings Book Club (Teen/Tween)
Monday, January 29 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Join us for this month’s book discussion featuring “The Cay” by Theodore Taylor. This book is available to borrow from the Mannington Public Library and Libby.

Synopsis: Phillip's excitement about the German invasion of Curaçao turns to fear when the ship he and his mother are on gets torpedoed. Left adrift on a raft, Phillip, alongside Stew Cat, finds himself dependent on Timothy, an old West Indian man. As they reach a small island, Phillip, now blind from a head injury, must rely on Timothy for survival. Registration is required for this event.

Artastic (Teen/Tween)
Monday, January 29 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
This month, let’s capture the essence of a chilly winter day by creating trees over a frozen lake! All necessary materials will be provided. This class is for ages 11 and up. Registration is required for this event.

Crafty Creations (Adult)
Monday, January 22 | 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Join our craft class suitable for all skill levels, hosted by Megan, where each month brings a new and intriguing project! This month, Megan will guide you in painting a stunning winter cardinal canvas—perfect for personalized seasonal decor! Registration is required for this event.

Cover2Cover Book Club (Adult)
Thursday, January 18 | 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
In "Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague," a bolt of cloth brings the plague from London to an isolated village, thrusting housemaid Anna Frith into an unexpected role as a healer and heroine. Set in the fateful year of 1666, Anna and her villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition. As death becomes pervasive and fear leads to witch-hunting, Anna navigates the community’s collapse while facing the temptation of forbidden love. What unfolds is not just a year of catastrophe, but an "annus mirabilis," a year of wonders. Registration is required for this event.
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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