

LIBRARY LIVE

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM PROGRAM GUIDE



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.

2025 READING RESOLUTIONS: DIVE INTO BOOKS WITH MCPLS!

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, December 7 | 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The Book Cave is Open! Stop by to browse the book sale room of The Friends of the Marion County Public Library. New materials are added monthly! Fill a grocery bag and pay only \$3.00!

Discover 3D Printing (Teen/Tween)

Tuesday, January 7 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Kids and teens aged 9 to 17 and adults, don't miss out on a thrilling 3D Printing workshop with Liz! We will learn how to create a beautiful symmetrical snowflake that we can turn into an ornament. Liz will teach you the basics, and you'll have plenty of time to play around and design your perfect and unique snowflake. After the session, Liz will 3D print your project so that you can decorate with it this holiday season! Registration is required for this event.

Teen Hangout: After Hours (Teen)

Wednesday, January 15 | 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.

Discover Sewing (Adult/Teen)

Tuesday, January 14 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Back due to popular demand! Add some convenience and style to your kitchen with this DIY Hanging Towel project guided by Liz! For this session, remember to bring along a dish tower and a coordinating fat quarter of cotton fabric. Don't fret about the sewing machines and other supplies; we'll provide them! Registration is required for this event.

Crafty Connections (Adult)

Monday, January 6 | 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.

Crime Crackers (Adult)

Tuesday, January 21 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Welcome to Crime Crackers, a true crime book club like you've never seen before. Instead of discussing one book, we will provide multiple resources about each case. You get to choose how you want to consume the case, then join Liz and other true crime enthusiasts to discuss it and see if we can crack it! Bring along any information that you've found, and let's compare! This month we will discuss the disappearance of the Sodder Children from their home in Fayetteville, WV in 1945. After a tragic housefire on Christmas, the children were never to be seen again. Registration is required for this event.

Craftastic (Adult)

Thursday, January 23 | 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Join Liz and fellow crafters to create cozy hand warmers! This is a simple craft and a great hand-sewing project for beginners! The library will provide the supplies needed to create your warmer, but feel free to bring your own flannel if you would like. This is a great way to recycle old worn-out flannel shirts, too! Registration is required for this event.

Beyond the Book Club (Adult)

Monday, January 27 | 5:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

This month's book is "James" by Percival Everett and is described as "a brilliant, action-packed reimagining of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn", both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view." Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a "cult literary icon" (Oprah Daily), and one of the most decorated writers of our lifetime, "James" is destined to be a major publishing event and a cornerstone of twenty-first century American literature.

**Bonus points to anyone who reads/re-reads The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn before our discussion meeting so we can compare and contrast the 2!*

Coffee, Cards, & Convo (Adult 55+)

Friday, January 3 & 17 | 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Take a break for a cup of coffee or tea, and stay for the fun! Playing cards can improve brain function and critical thinking skills, relieve stress, and strengthen social skills and friendships. In short, it is fun AND good for you. We'll play casual card games and chat in a relaxed environment. This event is designed for those aged 55+. Registration is not required.

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.

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

FAFSA Workshop (Teen/Adult)

Saturday, January 25 | 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Overwhelmed and unsure about how you will manage your educational expenses for college or trade school? Help is on the way! Staff from College for WV will be on hand to walk you through filing the *NEWLY REVISED* 2025-2026 FAFSA. **PLEASE NOTE: BOTH students AND parent(s) must create a Studentaid.gov account (FSA ID) before this event in order to successfully complete the FAFSA with our help.** It takes 3-5 business days for FSA applications to be verified. Haven't done that yet? Start here. It is also helpful to bring your parent/spouse contributors' names, dates of birth, social security number and email address. Some applicants may also need income and asset information. It takes ~1 hour complete a FAFSA if you have collected all the required documents and information. Participants will come as their schedules allow and leave as they finish.

FAIRVIEW EVENTS

ALL BRANCHES CLOSED JANUARY 1

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stop in daily during regular business hours to shop our sale.

Speaking of Books (Adult)

Tuesday, January 7 | 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Join Julie at the Fairview Public Library for Speaking of Books, an adult book club for ages 17 and up. This month, we're discussing "The Ballad of Tom Dooley" by Sharyn McCrumb.

Inspired by the famous folk song, McCrumb delves into the true story of love, betrayal, and murder in post-Civil War North Carolina. Laura Foster, a country girl, was murdered, and her lover, Tom Dula, was hanged for the crime. With sensational details and compelling storytelling, McCrumb breathes life into this Appalachian tragedy, cementing her place as a great Southern writer.

Not Your Mother's Book Club (Adult)

Wednesday, January 8 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Join the staff at the Fairview Public Library for a fun, slightly racy book club! Step out of your comfort zone with great titles and treats. This month's selection is "Carrie" by Stephen King.

A modern classic, Carrie tells the story of misunderstood high schooler Carrie White, her telekinetic powers, and her shocking rampage of revenge. It's a barrier-breaking tale of terror that introduced the world to King's distinctive voice.

Make a date with horror and experience the nightmare that is "Carrie"!

This book club may contain mature subject matter and is for adults only. Suitable for 18+ Registration is required for this event.



MANNINGTON EVENTS

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, February 1 | 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

We accept donations; and while you're visiting, fill up your shelves with new reading material.

Crafty Kids' Club (Children)

Tuesday, January 14 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Megan will teach you to make new and exciting art and craft projects each month. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Winter is cold, but you'll be cozy at the library making this adorable mixed media canvas. All materials will be provided by the Mannington Public Library. Registration is required for this event.

The Inklings Book Club (Tween)

Monday, January 27 | 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Calling Join Rebecca Humphreys at the Mannington Public Library for an exciting book club designed just for tweens and teens! This month, we'll delve into "Inside Out and Back Again" by Thanhha Lai. You can borrow the book from the Mannington Public Library, as well as through Libby and Hoopla. But that's not all! We'll also have some snacks and interesting activities related to the book! Registration is required for this event.

Artastic! (Teen/Tween)

Monday, January 27 | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Calling all young artists! Join Megan after school each month at the Mannington Library for a fun, creative art session designed just for tweens and teens ages 11 and up. This month, we'll paint a Valentine's Day Gnome. This is a lovely gift for a special someone in your life! Materials will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

Cover2Cover Book Club (Adult)

Thursday, January 16 | 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Mannington Public Library for a discussion of "Addie" by Mary Lee Settle. Registration is required for this event.

Crafty Creations (Adult)

Monday, January 13 | 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Join Megan for a craft class that welcomes beginners and experts alike. Each month, Megan will guide you in creating personalized decor that's sure to add a special touch to your home. Use your paintbrushes for more than changing the color of walls! We will celebrate winter with some adorable gnomes to add to your winter decorations. Registration is required for this event.

Color Code:
Fairview
Fairmont
Mannington

JANUARY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	Jan 1, 25 All Branches CLOSED 1:00pm All Branches CLOSED	2	3 10:00am Coffee, Cards and Conversation Fairmont	4 9:00am Friends Book Sale, Mannington Mannington
6 3:30pm Crafty Connections; Fairmont	7 4:00pm [RESCHEDULED] Discover 3D Printing & Painted Snowflake Ornaments; Fairmont 4:00pm Speaking of Books: "The Ballad of Tom Dooley" by Stephen McCrum; Fairview	8 4:30pm Meet Your Mother's Bookclub: "Carrie" by Stephen King; Fairview	9 10:00am Crafty Care Book Club "Addie" by May Lee Seale; Mannington 4:00pm Library Board Meeting; Fairmont	10	11
13 4:30pm Crafty Connections; Fairmont Mannington	14 3:00pm Crafty Kid' Club; Stepmen Comics; Mannington 3:00pm Discover! Sewing; Hanging Dish Towels; Fairmont 4:30pm Discover! Sewing; Hanging Dish Towels; Fairmont	15 5:30pm Teen Hangout: After Hours; Fairmont	16 10:00am Crafty Care Book Club "Addie" by May Lee Seale; Mannington 4:00pm Library Board Meeting; Fairmont	17 10:00am Coffee, Cards, and Conversation; Fairmont	18
20	21 4:30pm Crime Caddis: The Sadder Children; Disappearance; Fairmont	22	23 4:00pm Catholic: Faithful Microwave Hand Wipers; Fairmont	24	25 10:00am FAFSA Workshops: Free Application for Federal Student Aid; Fairmont
27 5:00pm The Inklings Teen Book Club: "Inside Out and Back Again" by Thiruchika Lal; Mannington 4:30pm Adult: "Verdier's" Crow; Mannington 5:30pm Beyond the Book Club: "Janet" by Personal Everett; Fairmont	28 9:30am Baby Time; Fairmont 10:30am Baby Time; Mannington 10:30am Baby Time; Mannington 10:30am Toddler Time 1; Fairmont 11:30am Story Hour; Mannington 5:00pm Story Hour 1; Fairmont	29 10:00am Toddler Time; Mannington Mannington 11:00am Toddler Time; Fairview; Fairview 1:00pm Homeschool Adventures in Learning: Children; Twain; Mannington; Mannington 1:00pm The Corner Alley Homeschool Club; Fairview	30 9:15am Toddler Time 2; Fairmont 10:30am Story Hour 2; Fairmont 10:30am Baby Time; Fairview; Fairview 11:00am Toddler Time; Mannington; Mannington 11:30am Story Hour; Fairview; Fairview	31	Feb 1



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/2uYvBH1>