



Marion Star awards grant to Library

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The Marion Star has awarded grants to three area organizations in an effort to improve the life for all in the community.

Editor Benjamin Lanka said the winners were selected by a committee based on their mission and the good the grants could do.

"It was a very difficult decision this year, but we believe all our recipients showed a strong commitment to making Marion stronger," he said. "I am particularly excited about our decision to aid the library's effort to keep children reading over the summer."

The Marion County Public Library was awarded \$3,000 for its Summer Reading Club, which aims to keep Marion County kids engaged in reading and learning during the summer months. The program provides coupons and other incentives to encourage kids to read, and in 2019 it will focus on its theme of space and science.

Whittney Mahle, youth services manager at the library, said studies have shown summer reading programs allow kids to be more successful in school. This past summer, the program reached more than 1,000 kids and teens.

"Each year our goal is to promote a lifelong love of reading and help kids and teens to retain literacy skills over the summer break through engaging programming and reading challenges. We are very excited for the opportunity this grant gives us to deliver great programs."

WHITTNEY MAHLE
MPL Youth Services Manager



Gannett Editor Benjamin Lanka, MPL Whittney Mahle and Gary Branson

Director's Note Gary Branson Executive Director



This month we are looking ahead to great things for 2019:

~ We already have **programs** scheduled well into 2019. Visit MarionLibrary.org/calendar to see what's coming. Make sure to check back often as some programs require registration and can fill up fast!

~ As you can see in the headline to the left, plans are already in place to impact more students than ever before with our annual **Summer Reading Club**.

~ **Book Discussion** titles have been selected and scheduled. Visit MarionLibrary.org/book-discussions for the full list.

~ **Books in Focus** is a new monthly program that will feature Library staff talking about upcoming new books. Join us every 2nd Tuesday (unless otherwise noted) at 2pm.

~ **Storytimes** continue to grow and offer a great opportunity for learning and socialization for children - and their parent/guardian.

~ **Volunteer** at the library! Our volunteer ranks are growing but we always have need for more community support. Call us or stop at the front desk to learn about available opportunities.

For more program information and updates, visit MarionLibrary.org or call 740-387-0992

~ Kids & Teens Area ~



Jan 5 @ 11am ~ Speech Finals

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical/Art/Poetry/Essay Contest

All of the practices leading up to this day have prepared students to present their final Peace and Freedom entries.

Tuesdays in January

@ 3:15pm

Teen Smash Journaling

The best of both scrapbooking and journaling.

Teens can let their creativity run wild as they deconstruct a book and use it to design a journal for their personal use. Join us each week to complete your own unique journal.



Jan 30 @ 6pm Family Fun Night: Reptiles!

With A-Rae's Reptile Rescue

This Marion organization provides a safe place for reptiles and small animals needing a new home. Learn facts about proper care and needs of animals in the home.

Yarn Hearts - Cuddly Valentine's Day Craft

Yarn hearts are easy to make and the results are beautiful.

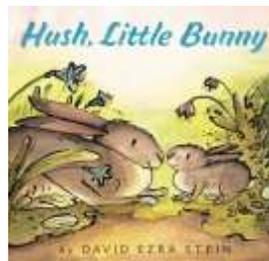
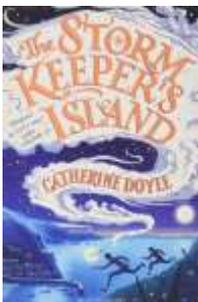
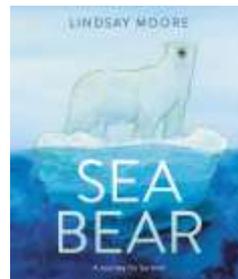
Feb 4 @ Caledonia Branch

Feb 7 @ LaRue Branch

Feb 11 @ Prospect Branch



New Books for Kids & Teens



STORYTIME



@ Main Library

Baby Time: Ages 0-2

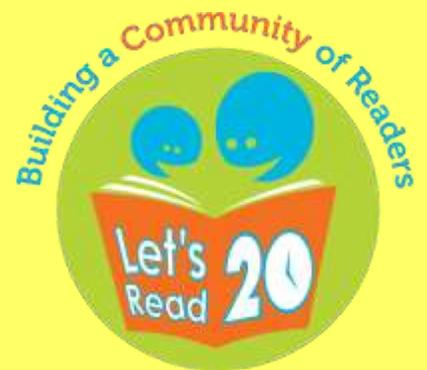
Mondays ~
9:30 am and 10:30 am

Toddler Time: Ages 2-3

Tuesdays ~
9:30 am and 10:30 am

Family Time: All Ages

Thursdays ~
6:30 pm



#LetsRead20



Read TOO!
They imitate your actions.
Make reading
20 minutes
your daily habit.

Adult Events & New Titles

MarionLibrary.org/Calendar

for all of our program details and updates

Get Dog Tags ~

- Jan 7 @ 3-6pm @ LaRue
- Jan 8 @ 5-8pm @ Marion
- Jan 24 @ 3-6pm @ Caledonia
- Jan 28 @ 3-6pm @ Prospect



Jan 14 @ 6:30pm ~

Creative Writing Group For Teens and Adults

Jan 15 @ 2pm ~ Books In Focus

Join us each month where a rotating cast of MPL staff will talk up the next month's new titles that are on our radar.

Jan 16 @ 7pm ~

Microgreens: Eat Fresh in Winter

Tasty vegetable treats you can grow in your own home.

Jan 17 @ 5pm ~ @Caledonia branch!

Mammals of Ohio

This nature program presented by naturalist James Anderson will focus on our local ecosystems and inhabitants.



Jan 23 @ 6:30pm ~

Acrylic Paint Pour For Adults only. Kristin Bentley will walk you through the fun and relaxing process of

paint pouring to create an awesome unique piece. Call the front desk @ 740-387-0992

Program FULL

Jan 26 @ 2pm ~ Book Chat

Join us at **Main Squeeze** in downtown Marion for a discussion of *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo. Extra copies are available!

Jan 29 @ 6:30pm ~ Digital Books Workshop

Sign up for this session that will cover the how-to of accessing digital magazines, ebooks, audio books, and streaming TV from your Library. Bring your own device or see how it's done on our devices.

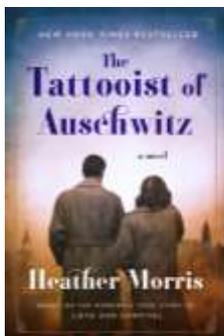
Registration limited, call the front desk @ 740-387-0992.



MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

FICTION

NON-FICTION

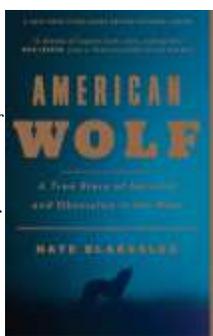


Tuesday, Jan 8
7:00 pm
The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

A beautiful tale of hope and courage, based on a true story from a Holocaust survivor.

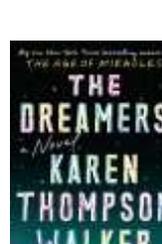
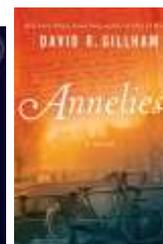
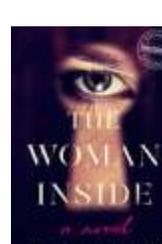
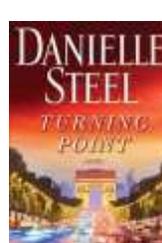
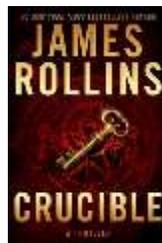
Tuesday, Jan 22
7:00 pm
American Wolf by Nate Blakeslee

A true story of survival and obsession in the West.



Reserve these NEW titles today

- > in person
- > online
- > by phone



Need some extra help with something?

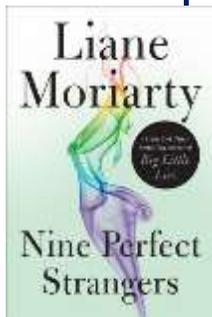
Book a Librarian for an in-library **30-60 minute session** to work through your problem. We can help with research, digital library questions, computer programs, job searching, resume writing, and more!

740-387-0992 to Schedule a Session!
MarionLibrary.org/book-a-librarian

No registration needed for book discussions; just drop-in! Multiple copies of these titles are made available for checkout one month prior to the discussion.

MPL Mission Statement: The Marion Public Library enhances the quality of life in our community by encouraging reading and the pursuit of lifelong learning.

#staffpicks



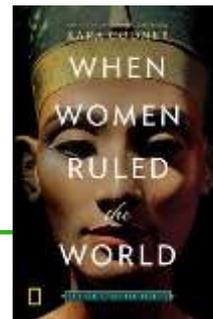
Kim H. enjoyed this page-turning thriller about strangers at a spa resort that may not be as restful as it initially seems.



Katie recommends this book about friends whose videos of art works go viral, and the unexpected things that happen after.

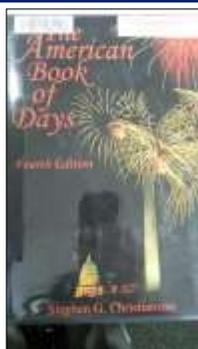


Gary Butler liked this book about a man who unknowingly creates personalities with skills that can save the day in dire situations.



James recommends this biography of six females who became pharaohs, and the lives and power that they had in ancient Egypt.

A sample from Marion Public Library's Local History Room



The American Book of Days 4th Edition By the H.W. Wilson Company, 2000

Of course we know winter begins on December 21st, Christmas Eve & Day are the 24th & 25th and New Year's Day is December 31st. But do you know what other significant events and happenings have taken place on those days?



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9 a.m.-4 p.m.
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(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

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