



**ReadLocal Author Fair Returns With Many New Authors**

**readlocal**  
AUTHOR FAIR @ MPL

Marion Public Library will host this year's ReadLocal Author Fair on **Saturday, March 23** from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**. The readlocal Author Fair is a unique opportunity for readers to engage with authors and the event highlights the talent in our own backyard. It also serves as an excellent networking opportunity for aspiring writers to connect with others who share their passion.

Quickly becoming a signature event for MPL, the 2019 readlocal Author Fair will

**Local Author Sharon Short (aka Jess Montgomery) to speak at readlocal Author Fair Saturday March 23 @ 1:00 pm**



be headlined by Dayton area novelist Sharon Short. She will give a keynote presentation at 1:00 pm at the March 23 event, which will cover her experiences getting her work published, along with the successes, trials, and tribulations of being an author.

This year's event will feature over 20 brand new authors whose works span many genres of fiction and nonfiction writing. Attendees will be able to purchase copies of books from participating authors who will be happy to sign copies. The event will run from 1:00 to 3:00 pm with the keynote presentation at 1:00 pm.

**MarionLibrary.org/readlocal** for more information and to see the full list of authors participating.

*Director's Note*  
**Gary Branson**  
Executive Director



It's only March and plans are already well underway for Summer Reading Club. This year's theme is **A Universe of Stories**, so look for some great space-themed programs. Our goal is to have even more participation than last year, which topped 1,000 participants.

Here are some events we're excited about:

- June 8:** SRC Kickoff Event featuring the Armstrong Air & Space Museum
- July 13:** Dr. Dave and the Whiz Bang Science Show
- July 19:** After-hours Teen Silent Dance Party (because sound doesn't travel in space!)
- July 27:** SRC Finale Party



Special thank you goes out to the MarionStar and the Gannett Foundation for a grant to support the 2019 Summer Reading Club. We also thank the Marion Rotary Foundation for their support of the 2018, and again this year, for 2019's Summer Reading Club programing.





# ~ Kids & Teens Area ~



## Paws for Reading

A registered therapy dog with an unconditional listening ear makes the perfect reading partner. Come take your turn to read to Jak.

**March 1 & March 15 @ 10am**



## Dr Seuss Family Fun Night

Read Across America celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday across the nation with reading events. Join the fun at the library and meet some characters from the Dr. Seuss books.

**Monday, March 4 @ 6pm**



## <<NEW Music Time

Music can open pathways to receiving information and learning. Join our certified music therapist each Wednesday morning through March for some playful music and motion.

**Wednesdays, March 6-March 20 @ 9:30 & 10:30am**

## Finding a Job 101 (for Teens) March 11 @ 4 pm

Get some concentrated assistance as you build your resume, then return April 1 to practice your interview skills and get interview tips. Just in time for the local April 10 Job Fair!

## Top Secret Book Club

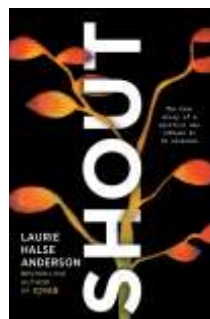
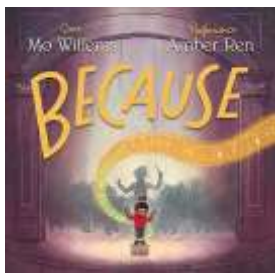
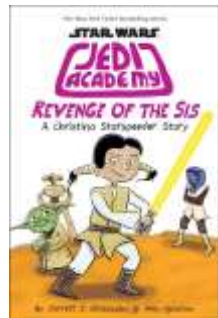
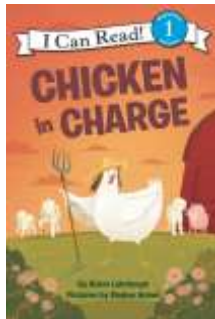
**For grades 3rd thru 5th**

Join us March through August on the Third Monday of the month. This series of programs is for kids who love to read books and enjoy snacks, fun games, and activities that all tie-in to the book for that month! Come to one or all of the programs.

**Get your first secret mission March 18 @ 6:00pm**



# 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

*No Storytime break in March*



# #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

### Toads & Frogs!

At the branches @ 4:30

James Anderson will present a program on all you want/need to know about these amphibian friends.

March 7 @ LaRue

March 14 @ Prospect

March 21 @ Caledonia



### March 18 @ 6:30pm ~ Celebrate Baby Fair

The Marion County WIC program through Marion Public Health will provide safe sleeping boxes as we celebrate everything baby. Families and soon-to-be families can browse additional vendors for baby and related family health information.



### Books In Focus

### March 12 @ 2pm ~ Books In Focus

Join us each month where a rotating cast of MPL staff will cover a large number of upcoming titles in several different genres, and help you build your reading lists.

### Tornado Week! Info and Safety ~ March 12 @ 6pm

The Marion Ohio Weather Team's Zac Fuller is back to tell us all about tornado season in Ohio.



### March 23 @ 1-3pm ~ readlocal Author Fair

MPL will host 21 authors from around Ohio who will be available to discuss their writing and sign copies of their books. Dayton area novelist Sharon Short will be the featured speaker, scheduled at 1pm.

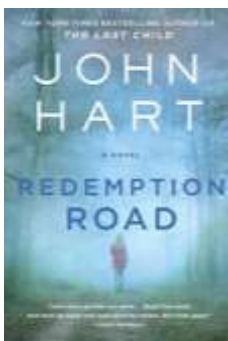


### March 27 @ 7pm ~ Vintage Baseball

Bo Johnston returns to share a historic look at the 1919 Black Sox World Series Scandal.

## MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### FICTION



Tuesday, March 5  
7:00 pm

*Redemption Road*  
by John Hart

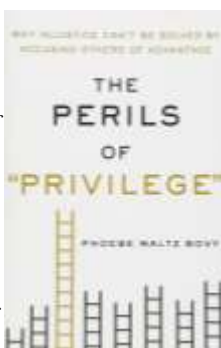
This literary thriller is brimming with tension, secrets, and betrayal.

### NON-FICTION

Tuesday, March 19  
7:00 pm

*The Perils of Privilege*  
by Phoebe Maltz Bovy

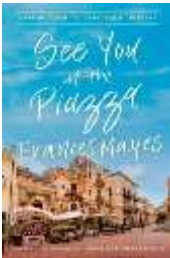
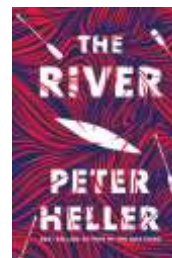
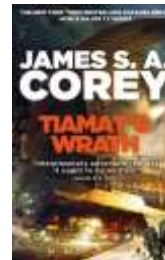
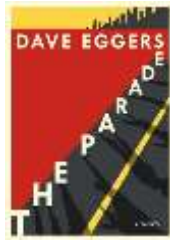
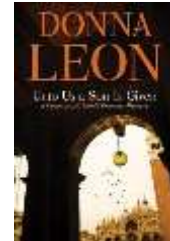
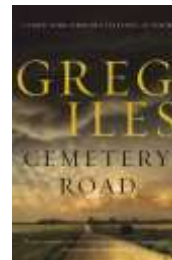
Why injustice can't be solved by accusing others of advantage.



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.

Reserve these NEW titles today

- > in person
- > online
- > by phone



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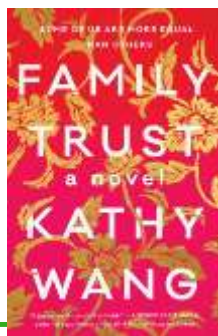
Monday & Wednesday  
Starting @ 4:30  
740-386-4123 mtc.edu



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

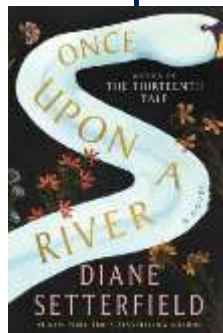
# #staffpicks

**James** recommends this book about a future repressive government that limits women to speaking only 100 words a day.



**David** enjoyed this story about how family dynamics change as a wealthy patriarch nears the end, especially concerning the estate.

**Renee** highly recommends this tale about a lifeless little girl brought to an ancient inn who mysteriously starts breathing hours later.



**Katie** encourages reading this collection of inspiring morning and evening affirmations by the star of the musical Hamilton



## My First Library Card for 0-5 years old



My First Library Card

Get the card that has **NO LATE FEES**

Start them young and foster the habit of reading. Have your child select their books from the Library. The card is specifically for ages 0-5 and has benefits like NO LATE FEES.

[MarionLibrary.org/MyFirstLibraryCard](http://MarionLibrary.org/MyFirstLibraryCard)



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**Main Library Hours**  
Monday-Thursday:  
9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday:  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.  
(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

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Monday & Thursday:  
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740-494-2684

## BookMarket OPEN!!

**March 1** 10-1pm  
**March 7** 1-4pm  
**March 14** 1-4pm  
**March 15** 1-4pm  
**March 21** 1-4pm  
**March 23** 1-4pm  
**March 28** 1-4pm

[MarionOHBookMarks.org](http://MarionOHBookMarks.org)

