



# Author Visits Walls and Stradal grab readers

Jeanette Walls was well received by well over 100 people attending the open house author event. The BookMarks sold out of her books.



Outreach services reaches full swing with three routes and a delivery rotation of every three weeks.



Swoop Plushie becomes a big, squeezeable hit for young and old alike.

Retirement: Amy Deuble retires after 23 years at Marion Public Library and 41 years in public libraries.



# 2023

# Marion Public Library ANNUAL REPORT



Congratulating Imagination Library graduates program started.

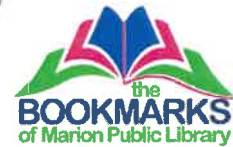
Marion Imagination Library reaches 2,450 children registered to receive books in their mailbox



Marion Imagination Library: Staff celebrated graduates of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio at the MTC Big Tent event. Now, a monthly invitation goes out to those who graduate the program. Marion registrations reached 69%. New contributor to the fund this year was Marion Community Foundation.



BookMarks Friends Group hosts yet another engaging author. J. Ryan Stradal was surprised to encounter the signature drink written about in his book and spent the evening conversing with community sponsorship and attendees.



# BookMarks donate \$17,000

## after BookMarket and book sale income



BookMarks present check: Marion Public Library received a \$17,000 check in May 2023 plus \$100 memorial check in June. The total now stands at \$134,600 donated since the BookMarksFriends inception in 2015.



Book Sale: Set up this year was easier because of the boxing and stacking system in the new storage building.



The Spoon Man

# Summer Reading Fun

902 kids registered  
4,240 hours of reading logged  
915 attended programs



Swoop Pirate Birthday Party



Robot Camp



Dr. Whiz Bang Science Show



Dana Hill Magic Show

Connecting social: facebook.com/mploho 5,177 followers | twitter: @MarionPublicLib 1,011 followers | instagram: @MarionPublicLib 1,057 followers | youtube: 90 subscribers | linkedin: 197 followers



Needle Felting



Calligraphy



Book Buzz



Geneology



Eclipse Information



GPTChat



Columbus Museum of Art

**Spring and Fall ALL classes offered:**  
A variety of classes were placed on the schedule. Twelve classes were offered in the spring and 100 people signed up. Fifteen classes were offered in the fall with 96 people registering.

# Adult Lifelong Learning

Spring and Fall continue to educate

# students connect with popular author

free books draw over 1,000 to book signing

**Author visit:** Margaret Peterson Haddix was a big hit for all 3rd thru 5th graders who received her book through a Let's Read 20 literacy campaign. Schools gathered at the Palace Theatre to hear the author talk then showed up in mass for her book signing that evening. The campaign was made possible through a grant from Marion Community Foundation.



Author Margaret Peterson Haddix



All 3rd thru 5th Marion County students received the book through a grant for Let's Read 20 from Marion Community Foundation.



First student to get her book signed by Peterson Haddix

### Some additional program photo highlights from 2023:



**145,981** ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT

**208,425** CIRCULATION

740-387-0992  
MarionLibrary.org

**25,701** NEW ITEMS ADDED

**5,177** FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

**2,493** HOURS OPEN

**79,678** DOWNLOADS

**271** NEW MY FIRST LIBRARY CARDS

**394** LIBRARY PROGRAMS