2024 Marion Public Library ANNUAL REPORT

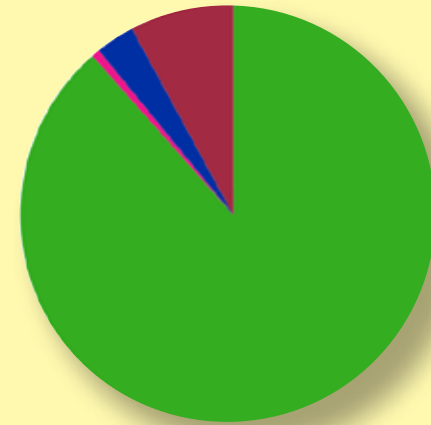## Tia Williams, Mindy McGinnis, Amanda Flower
Author Series engages readers

Tia Williams

In The Author's Voice series kicked off with Tia Williams in April. Mindy McGinnis in July. September brought Amanda Flower as keynote for the ReadLocal author fair.

Mindy McGinnis

Amanda Flower

MPL 2024 Funding

- **89.4% Public Library Fund** in Ohio State Government Budget
- **7.69% Miscellaneous revenue** including refunds and interest
- **2.26% Grants, Donations, and gifts** from individuals and community
- **.64% Fines and Fees** paid by patrons

BookMarks donate $55,400
bringing total contributions to $190,000

BookMarks Friends Group Speaking Volumes author was **Jane Smiley.** She spent the evening mingling and sharing her love of writing and about the books she has written. She ended the evening connecting with attendees and signing books.

BookMarks present checks: Marion Public Library received a $20,000 check in April 2024, another $16,000 in May 2024, and $19,400 in November 2024. Total since inception in 2015 = $190,000.

Annual Book Sale sets records in 2024. The event is put on with dozens of Bookmarks volunteers, making setup and tear down less cumbersome for all.

the BOOKMARKS of Marion Public Library

Marion Public LIBRARY
MarionLibrary.org

Connecting social:
- facebook.com/mplohio **5,669** followers
- twitter: @MarionPublicLib **941** followers
- instagram: @MarionPublicLib **1,219** followers
- youtube: **104** subscribers
- linkedin: **197** followers

The Eclipse is coming!! Through grants, we were able to do Library programs and reach out into the community with both adult and children programs. There were six different programs leading up to the eclipse that were attended by just over 490 kids and adults.

Eclipse programs out in the community

Preparing for April 8 Eclipse
6 programs 490 attendees

Building a Community of Readers / Let's Read 20

Armstrong Air & Space program

Books and glasses distributed

Swoop is ready

Hands on activities

Outdoor Storytime

Animals we love to hate

Lining up to register for Summer Reading

Circus Pop Bubble Show

Summer Reading
903 kids registered
4,590 reading log hours
58 programs with
1,760 attending

1,026 adults registered
29 programs
307 attending

Dragon Training Academy

Adult participation exceeds Director's challenge

Get children registered early

Another graduate of the program

Community organizations donate to support literacy

Marion Imagination Library reaches **70%** 2,457 children registered receive books in their mailbox

Marion Imagination Library: In late 2024 Marion's Dolly Parton Imagination Library reached a new high of registrations -- 70%!! Contributions from community groups and organizations to the Marion Community Foundation fund outpaced expenses of the program. Marion County continues to be generous in supporting the literacy program.

60+ digital literacy: Marion County Council on Aging partnered with Marion Public Library to create a program for individuals 60 and over who need to learn about basic computer skills. The classes were limited to 10 participants per session and the sessions were 6 weeks long. There was a morning and afternoon session. The sessions were then repeated to offer more opportunities for seniors to learn new skills.

60+ digital literacy through a grant and partnership with Marion County Council on Aging

Hands-on classes in small group setting

Some additional program photo highlights from 2024: 428 programs throughout the year

Create with Kristin

Minute to Win It Family Fun

Dr. Whiz Bang Eclipse Show

Galaxy Jar Family Fun Night

Spring ALL - Beekeeping

Spring ALL - The First Ladies

Genealogy 101

Animals We Love to Hate

Paper Crafting Family Fun Night

Lapsit for Babies

Plant Swap

Fall ALL - Healthy Living

Fall ALL - World Religion

Printmaking Family Fun Night

Gingerbread Wreath Making

Snow Exploration Family Fun Night

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740-387-0992
MarionLibrary.org

141,301 ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT

221,529 CIRCULATION

23,964 NEW ITEMS ADDED

5,669 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

2,560 HOURS OPEN

91,867 DOWNLOADS

428 LIBRARY PROGRAMS

243 NEW MY FIRST LIBRARY CARDS