



Spring 2025



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Remembering Charlie Weaver with Letters from Mama

Monday, March 10 @ 10am

Fred Malone will portray the character “Charlie Weaver” and share some of the “Letters from Mama” that made Charlie famous. Fred will then conclude with the story behind the “Charlie Weaver” character, the life of Cliff Arquette, an Ohio native, with details of his local connections.

This 1hr course led by:

Fred Malone, is a retired president of First National Bank of Sycamore and former president and current chairman of Marion Historical Society’s Board of Trustees. Fred is also a former president of Hocking County Historical Society and a director emeritus of the Mohawk Historical Society in Wyandot County. He is a graduate of Ohio University and lives in Marion Township with his wife, Terri, and their dogs Nevaeh and Maggie.



Writing About Ohio

Tuesday, March 11 & 18 @ 10am

Session One: Writing a history book involves a combination of luck and pluck. In the case of *Ohio’s Black Hand Syndicate*, David Meyers and his co-author decided to turn a chapter dropped from one book into an entire book of its own. In doing so, they were gambling that there was more to the story of a Marion, Ohio produce vendor and his extended family than they had originally uncovered. It turned out to be a story that was known to very few.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$15 each (cash or check).

Session Two: Ohio’s history is filled with surprises. It was once, as an example, illegal to sell colored margarine. Dig deep enough and you’ll find people like Captain Samuel Brady, who, while fleeing a war party of Native Americans, leaped across the Cuyahoga River to escape. In this class, Mark Strecker will show you the process he follows to unearth such information and share the many resources he uses while researching a book.

This 1hr course led by:

David Meyers, a graduate of Miami University and The Ohio State University, he has written numerous local histories, stage plays, and a handful of historical novels, including *Hello I Must be Going* and *Ball of Confusion*. David was introduced into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for his contributions to local history.



Mark Strecker has wanted to be a writer since he first learned to read. He also possesses a passion for history. He graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1994, and a Master of Library Science from Clarion University in 2008. Through his education he gained the skills needed to write well-researched narrative history. His greatest passions are history and writing, followed closely by reading. He is also an avid comic book collector.



Exploring Ohio Waterfowl Identification

Tuesday, March 11 @ 2pm & Tuesday, March 18 @ 4pm
(Class size limited to 20)

Learn waterfowl identification basics through classroom and in-field identification focusing on ducks found in Ohio wetlands. This class guarantees that you will leave knowing that not every duck is a mallard.

Session One: There will be a PowerPoint presentation and some hands-on wing identification. Feel free to bring your favorite Bird/Waterfowl Identification Booklet.

Session Two: This session will take place at the Big Island Wildlife Area where Officer Grote will share some of his favorite viewing locations. Bring your books and binoculars, or a spotting scope. Dress for the weather. When timed right, the Northern Migration allows you to see every species of duck common to Ohio in their full breeding plumage.

Session Two takes place at:
Big Island Wildlife Area
5393 Larue Prospect Rd W.
New Bloomington, OH 43341

Each 2hr course led by:
Chad Grote, who has been a Wildlife Officer at the Ohio Division of Wildlife for 18 years. He is a member of the Ohio Division of Wildlife's Waterfowl training team, responsible for training other Wildlife Officers in waterfowl identification and regulations to prepare them for the field. Officer Grote is lucky enough to have Big Island Wildlife Area in his area of assignment and he takes advantage of the northern migration to sharpen his waterfowl identification skills.



Build a Bouquet

Wednesday, March 12 @ 4pm
(Class size limited to 15)

This class will cover the basics of designing floral arrangements with tips and tricks to designing with fresh flowers. With a step-by-step guide on how to build a wildflower bouquet that you can take home and enjoy!

This 1.5hr course led by:

Hannah Edler, a Marion native, she grew up in the floral industry in a third generation flower shop, Hemmerly's Flowers & Gifts. Hannah developed her passion for floral design as a teenager and received her associate's degree in floral design and marketing from Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute. Hannah now works full-time at Hemmerly's and is the lead designer for weddings and special events.



Let's Get Cheesy

Friday, March 14 & 21 @ 10am
(Class size limited to 30)

Session One: Curious about how cheese is made? This short course covers a brief history of cheese making and the basic processes that go into making cheese. It finishes with simple techniques you can use at home to make small-batch fresh cheeses such as ricotta. Bring a love for good food and an interest in all things cheesy.

Session Two: Will include a tasting of cheeses from Black Radish Creamery.

Each 1.5hr course led by:
Robert Shield, a cheesemaker with over eight years of experience in the artisanal

cheese industry. Having honed the cheese making craft at establishments such as Murray's Cheese, Whole Foods, and now Black Radish Creamery. Rob transitioned to full-time cheese making in 2024 and earned 1st and 3rd place for cheeses at the Ohio State Fair last year.



Songs that Explain the '90's: The 2000's Monday, March 17 @ 5:30pm

The 1990s were a turning point in music: a delightful and baffling riot of various styles, genres, and micro-fads that shaped both the world and all the impressionable listeners (especially teenagers) living in it. Hear about this influential decade of music, and the songs and artists that explain it. (We'll even throw in an explanation of the 2000s for free.)

This 1hr course will be led by:
Rob Harvilla, the host of the podcast *60 Songs That Explain the '90s: The 2000s* and a senior staff writer at The Ringer magazine. He's been a professional rock critic for 20-plus years with spots at the *Village Voice*, *SPIN*, *Deadspin*, and various other alt-weeklies that generally no longer exist. He lives with his family in Columbus, Ohio.



Human Trafficking Wednesday, March 19 @ 2pm

Human trafficking doesn't happen in our area, right? WRONG! In this class we will learn the basics of what human trafficking is, who is at

risk, and where it occurs. We'll also discuss how to report human trafficking and what we can do to prevent it. Additionally, we will explore how we can help survivors of human trafficking and the services offered by Turning Point for these individuals.

This 1hr course will be led by:
Nikki Malo. Nikki received her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from The Ohio State University. She is a Licensed Social Worker and a Registered Advocate with Senior Standing. Nikki has worked for Turning Point serving survivors of domestic violence for 12 years in three different roles. She lives in Marion with her husband and two kids. She is thankful for the opportunity to share Turning Point's work and offer education on human trafficking.



Book Buzz: Career Day at the Library Wednesday, March 26, April 2, 9, & 16 @ 10am

Join MPL staff as we discuss one of our favorite topics – books! Over the course of this program library staff will highlight recent favorite reads and discuss books we have grouped by the careers they centrally feature. We will talk about the literary treatment of doctors, librarians, scientists, and more! Come discover new authors and titles from our collection.

The final session will include a book discussion of *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister.

Each 2hr course will be led by:
**Gary Branson and
Marion Public Library Staff**



Gary is the Executive Director of the Marion Public Library. He earned his Master of Library Science from Kent State University and has over 20 years of experience in libraries.



Planting to Bottling: Behind the Scenes of Shamrock Vineyard **Thursday, March 27 & April 3** **@ 2pm**

Session One: In this first class we will explore how the growing conditions of the grapes influence the flavor of the wine and gain an understanding of the general process of winemaking.

Session Two: This session will take place at Shamrock Vineyard. Thomas Van Creasap will take the class on a brief tour, focusing on vine management, proper pruning techniques, and their importance to the final product.

Session Two takes place at:
Shamrock Vineyard
111 Co Rd 25, Waldo, OH 43356

Each 1.5hr course led by:
Thomas Van S. Creasap, the grandson of OWPA Hall of Fame members Dr. Thomas and Mary Quilter. Van has worked at Shamrock Vineyard (founded in 1971/bonded in 1984) since he was a young boy mowing, harvesting, and anything else that would keep him busy. Just after graduating high school in 2000, he started working part-time while going to OSU full time, getting his bachelors in Business Administration in 2004. By his junior year, his grandparents' health began to fail and he went from a part-time employee to full-time. For many years, Van was the

youngest winemaker in Ohio, producing and selling wine to loyal customers even before he could legally drink himself. In 2003, Van took the reins of the family business, and in 2011 he and his wife Emily became the official owners of Shamrock Vineyard. He prides himself in teaching customers the same values his grandparents had and is proud to continue the legacy his grandparents worked so hard to create. Van wears many hats - from working in the vineyard and the cellar to the mowing he has done since he was a child.



Outside of Shamrock Vineyard, Van keeps himself busy as the Director of Environmental Health at Marion Public Health.



Marion Fire Department & Home Safety **Friday, March 28 @ 10am** **& April 4 @ 2pm**

Session One: In this first class we will take a tour of a local fire station.

Session Two: Douglas Kalb, fire inspector for Marion, will discuss ways to improve safety in your home, including Fire and EMS areas of concern.

Session One takes place at:
186 S Prospect St,
Marion, OH 43302

Each 1hr course led by:
Douglas Kalb has been employed with the Marion Fire Department for 8 years and was promoted to Captain. In his role as Captain, Kalb services as Marion's Fire Inspector. Additionally, Kalb works part-time both as



an EMS Instructor at Tri-Rivers Adult Ed, and Fire Instructor at the Central Ohio Fire Training Academy in Mt. Gilead. His previous experience also includes 12 years in the Army Reserve where he served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



A Brief Introduction to Acupuncture & Eastern Medicine **Tuesday, April 8 @ 10am**

This class will introduce the basic components of Eastern medicine and acupuncture. It will consist of a short lecture and demonstration, and will finish with a Q&A session.

This 1hr course led by:

Dr. Coleen Denton, a 2008 graduate from the National University of Health Sciences. She has a Diplomat/Board certification through the American Board of Chiropractic Acupuncture. She is the current treasurer of the acupuncture board. Dr. Coleen Denton practices traditional chiropractic care. She also treats conditions with acupuncture and nutritional consultation. With the addition of these adjunctive treatments, she can expand treatment to include chronic/inflammatory disease, mental/emotional issues, and food sensitivities.



The Holocaust: Through the Lens of the Liberation **Friday, April 11 @ 10am**

This class will examine what was discovered during the liberation of the camps by the

Americans and their allies. Together we will study and discuss primary source documents, photographs, and witness testimony by Ohio liberators and survivors. We will address the factors and events that led to the creation of the camps in Europe, and how what was discovered in the camps has shaped our memory of the Holocaust.

This 2hr course led by:

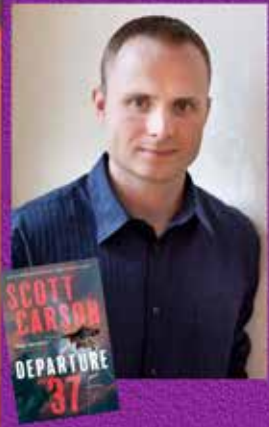
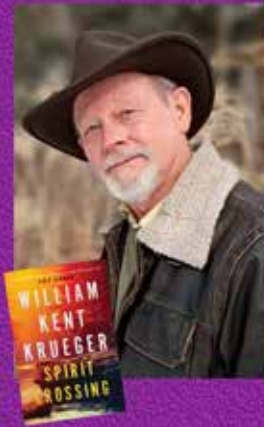
Jodi Elowitz, the Director of Education for the Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission, bringing over 30 years of Holocaust education experience to her role. As the Chief Learning Officer for the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center, she managed and oversaw the design and construction of the Center's award-winning Museum. She has also served as a Metadata Specialist at the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation and as Adjunct Faculty at the University of Cincinnati. Ms. Elowitz's area of scholarship is representation of the Holocaust in the visual arts. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities/Art History and a Masters in Holocaust Studies from the University of Minnesota.



Historic Marion Walking Tour **Tuesday, April 15 @ 2pm**

Put on your walking shoes and join Luke Henry for history, fun facts, and upcoming downtown projects. The walking tour will be about 1 mile and participants will get a behind-the-scenes look into updates and projects downtown, and plenty of Marion history and information.

[IN THE AUTHOR'S VOICE]



**Linda Castillo &
William Kent Krueger**

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June 12

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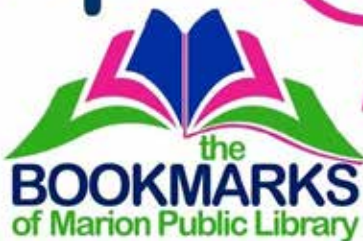
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August 14

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April 24 25/26/27



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Early Bird Sale

at the BookMarket or
MarionOHBookMarks.org

your **Class List**

In person registration ONLY! Starts February 24, 2025

First come, first served as seating may be limited.

Refer to the Marion Public Library website or social media platforms for current updates.

Check your classes:

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- _____ TOTAL # Classes



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- The Holocaust: Through the Lens _____
- Historic Marion Walking Tour _____

TOTAL # Classes _____

Circle Payment Amount:

- 2 classes with initial fee **\$25**
- +1 class (total 3 classes) **\$30**
- +2 class (total 4 classes) **\$35**
- +3 class (total 5 classes) **\$40**
- +4 class (total 6 classes) **\$45**
- +5 class (total 7 classes) **\$50**
- +6 class (total 8 classes) **\$55**
- +7 class (total 9 classes) **\$60**
- +8 class (total 10 classes) **\$65**
- +9 class (total 11 classes) **\$70**
- +10 class (total 12 classes) **\$75**
- +11 class (total 13 classes) **\$80**

TOTAL Cost _____

Pay at Library front desk beginning February 24, 2025.

Fill out and pay any fees due. No refunds or cancellations.

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Payment: Cash _____ Credit _____

Age: [] 18-35 [] 36-45 [] 46-65 [] 66-75 [] 75-85 [] 86+ Staff Initials: _____

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The Marion Public Library
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in our community
by encouraging reading
and the pursuit
of lifelong learning.

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