

The WIRE

August 2024

SUMMER READING HAIR CHALLENGE gets community to take action/register and read



Thank you to all of the patrons, big and small, who took the time to register for our Summer Reading program!!! The program's focus highlighted the importance of keeping kids and adults reading and engaged throughout the summer.

A challenge between Adult Services and the Youth Services created a fun rivalry for our staff. Registrations for the adults and the kids varied weekly. One week the adult registrations were ahead, and the next the kid registrations were ahead. As the weeks progressed, the hair colors started to bloom and patrons started to notice.

Near the end, we exceeded the director's requested goal of 1,887 registrations. As we wait for the final totals to come in, we are pretty sure we

will see over 900 kids and 1,020 adults who participated.

Additionally, this year's programs were very popular and drew families to fill the program room to capacity more than once.

Many kids have completed and returned their reading log sheets. Those who haven't turned in logs, have until August 10 to do so to claim their prizes. As for the adults, the winner of the Kindle Fire 10HD Tablet has been drawn from the hundreds of entries received.

A special thank you to the Marion businesses who generously donated prizes this year, and to the Marion Community Foundation Janis & Greg Swepston Family grant that helped underwrite the cost of the live programs.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Gary Branson

Yep, I did it. I colored my hair for the cause.

Lifelong learning and the love of reading blossoms with regular Library visits. As you know, we added the Adult Reading Challenge to the Summer Reading program this year after getting requests to do so from past years. And why not? There are adults who bring the youngsters in to get registered and they are the ones to emulate the habit of reading. So I challenged the staff to reach new heights. I threw out an improbable challenge number. If registrations reached 1,887 (*1887 was the year Marion Public Library was founded*), I would get outside my comfort zone and color my hair.

To my delight(?), staff exceeded the goal and did a fantastic job making sure every person they encountered knew about the Summer Reading program, about the staff challenge, and was registered into the Summer Reading program.

Bottomline – the ultimate program success is encouraging the love of reading and lifelong learning by visiting the Library and using your library card to continue to do so.



calendar of events

<https://www.MarionLibrary.org/calendar/month>

■ Adult
■ Child/Teen
■ ALL*
■ Digital Lit*

- Aug 1 **Story Time! @ 10:00am & 11:00am**
- Aug 5 **Lapsit Baby Time @ 10:00am**
Don't Be Duped @ 5:30pm
- Aug 6 **Fiction Book Discussion @ 6:00pm**
- Aug 7 **Looking Past the Shiny Finishes: House Hunting Tips @ 5:30pm**
- Aug 8 **Story Time! @ 10:00am & 11:00am**
- Aug 12 **Lapsit Baby Time @ 10:00am**
- Aug 13 **Books in Focus @ 3:00pm**
Genealogy 103 @ 5:00pm
- Aug 14 **Indigenous Ohio History @ 5:30pm**
- Aug 15 **Story Time! @ 10:00am & 11:00am**
- Aug 19 **Lapsit Baby Time @ 10:00am**
- Aug 20 **Nonfiction Book Discussions @ 6:00pm**
- Aug 21 **Family Fun Night: Paper Crafts! @ 5:30pm**
- Aug 22 **Story Time! @ 10:00am & 11:00am**
Teen Tabletop Time @ 3:15pm
- Aug 26 **Lapsit Baby Time @ 10:00am**
- Aug 27 **Book Show & Tell @ 3:00pm**
Create with Kristin @ 5:30pm
- Aug 29 **Story Time! @ 10:00am & 11:00am**
Teen Tabletop Time @ 3:15pm

readlocal AUTHOR FAIR@MPL

Sept. 14 with
Amanda Flower
keynote speaker @ 11:00am

- > 11:00am - 2:00pm
- > Over 30 Authors -
Local and Regional
- > Books for sale and authors
available for signing



MarionLibrary.org/readlocal

ReadLocal Author Fair Returns 30+ authors participating



After a few years' hiatus, Marion Public Library will host the 4th ReadLocal Author Fair on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. With over 30 Ohio-based authors participating, the event is a unique opportunity for readers to engage with authors, and 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.

The 2024 ReadLocal Author Fair keynote speaker will be Northeast Ohio author, Amanda Flower. Flower is a USA Today bestselling and Agatha Award-winning author of over fifty mystery novels. Her novels have received starred reviews from *Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Romantic Times*, she has also been featured in *USA Today*, *First for Women*, and *Woman's World*. Her first Emily Dickinson Mystery, *Because I Could Not Stop for Death*, was an Agatha Award winner and Mary Higgins Clark nominee.

Flower will deliver her keynote presentation at 11:00 am at the September 14th event and discuss her experiences getting her work published, along with the successes, trials, and tribulations of being an author.

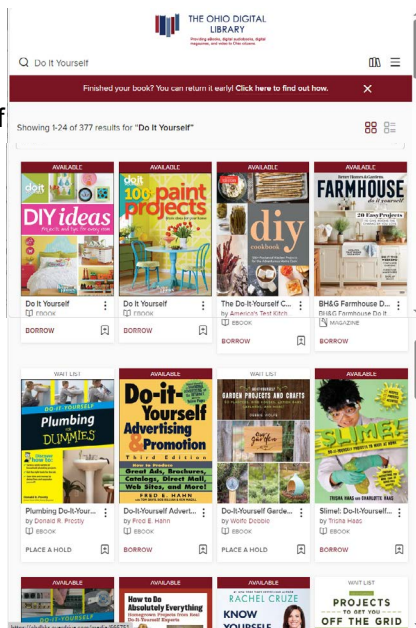
Attendees will be able to purchase copies of books from participating authors who will be happy to sign copies. Book sales and signings will take place from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, after the featured author presentation. Flower books will be sold in the BookMarket during the event.

The final list of authors who plan to attend, share, sell and sign books can be found at
MarionLibrary.org/readlocal

HOME IMPROVEMENT TIME with “Do It Yourself” curated collection

Are you looking to make some changes around your home? Maybe finally fix that problem that's been on your “Honey Do List” for a while? Our library has a variety of print and digital resources for DIY projects around your home. Each month the library has adds new books to the collection on a variety of home projects for beginners and those with more advanced skills.

If you cannot make it to the library, then try exploring some of our **digital collections** for home improvement books. The Ohio Digital Library collection of ebooks and digital magazines can be accessed either via the Libby App or on your computer by going to <https://ohdbks.overdrive.com>. There you can browse the “Do It Yourself” curated collection or search for specific topics and titles that are of interest to you. Download and read the books and magazines from the comfort of your home!



The Library also provides free access to Home Improvement Source, a database from EBSCO featuring full-text content from leading home improvement magazines and videos of popular home repair projects. All of the content is organized in an easy-to-use interface so quickly find the info needed. Content Includes: more than 130 full-text reference books, more than 40 full-text magazines and trade publications, 35,000 images not available anywhere else online, and nearly 100 videos of popular home repair projects.

To access Hobbies and Crafts Source and other databases, visit the library's website: MarionLibrary.org/dbases

NEW FOR MUSIC LOVERS! Music archive database added August 1

MPL is excited to provide access to a new electronic resource focusing on the music industry: **Rock's Backpages**! Starting August 1, library cardholders can use their library card number to access tons of articles, videos, podcasts, and more from Rock's Backpages. The archive features over 50,000 articles on thousands of artists from ABBA to Zappa, plus over 900

rock's backpages
the archive of **music journalism**

Over 50,000 articles from Aaliyah to ZZ Top, by the best writers on planet pop.



audio interviews with legends from Jimi Hendrix to Kate Bush. Despite its

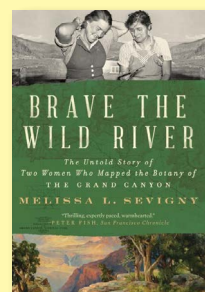
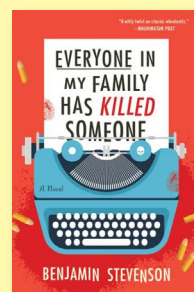
name, Rock's Backpages covers almost every genre of popular music from the past 60+ years, including: gospel, rock 'n' roll, hip hop, electronica, punk, reggae, country, heavy metal, and much more.

Browse by subject or by genre to explore the history of music and popular culture. Each subject and genre has its own page sorted by date, presenting a chronology of a topic.

Each artist has their own page, with an image of the artist or albums. Sort articles by date, by writer, or by most recently added to find out what's new since your last visit to Rock's Backpages. There will always be something new to explore! To access Rock's Backpages, visit the library's website starting August 1: MarionLibrary.org/dbases

book discussion

Stop by, pick up a book,
read and join the discussion.



FICTION: August 6 @ 6pm

Everyone In My Family
Has Killed Someone
by Benjamin Stevenson

NONFICTION: August 20 @ 6pm

Brave The Wild River
by Melissa L. Sevigny

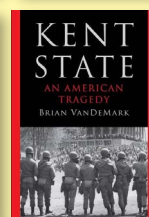
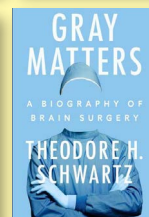
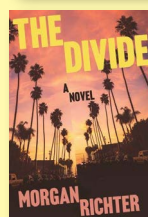
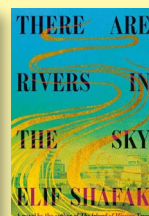
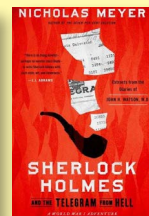
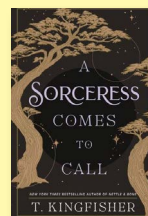
Find the 2024 Book Discussions List:
www.MarionLibrary.org/bookdiscussions

books in focus

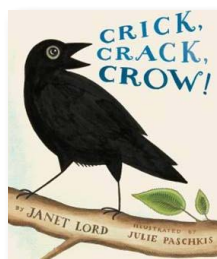
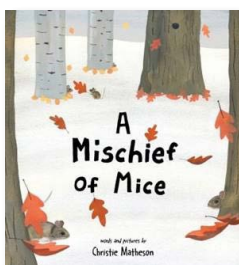
Check out the new titles hitting
our shelves within the month of August.



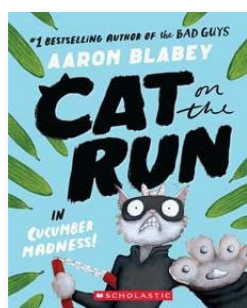
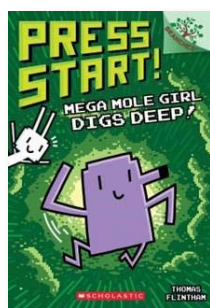
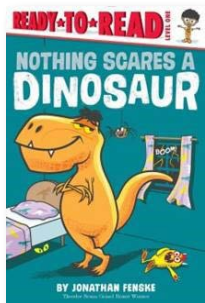
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<https://youtu.be/5GluVgLfCLk>



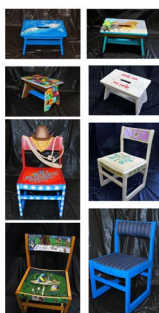
new for young readers



Coming soon! Check out a full list of books at MarionLibrary.org. Please remember you can always place a hold if the book has not arrived yet or is currently checked out.



BOOKMARKS ARE CALLING ALL ARTISTS to transform a chair or stool for a cause



Sitting Pretty is back!! An extended virtual silent auction fundraiser featuring old library chairs and stools repurposed by local artists and turned into wonderful pieces of art based on books. All current and former Marion County residents are invited to submit a design for possible selection. There is no prize money involved - this is purely about raising money for one of Marion's local jewels, our Marion Public Library. Artists have freedom with your designs. Contemporary, modern, and abstract designs are allowed and encouraged for variety as well as use of any medium. Consider, also, this is a project to boost the awareness of the Marion Public Library. Because this is a fundraiser for an organization connected to the library, it would be nice, but not mandatory, if the design relates to a book title.

If interested, artist packet and complete details can be found at: <https://www.marionohbookmarks.org/Sitting-Pretty>



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Gary Butler: 2 main characters trying to survive; All about the relationship, very steamy; Min world building; For fans of J.R.Ward



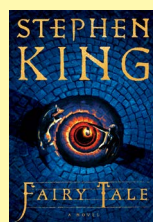
Whitney: Water seas are replaced by different spores that have varied water reactions; Reluctant hero, girl saves a prince; Subtle humor, expressive fun; Likeable relatable characters



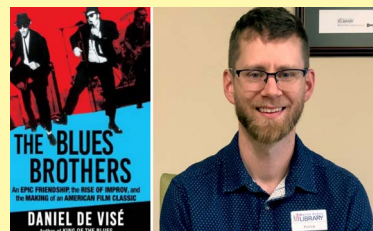
Susan: Emily Wilde is a professor on a research journey to find faeries; Local kids are disappearing or being swapped with changelings; Format is Wilde's journal; Engaging, delightful



Monique: Troubled teen befriends cranky neighbor and finds a portal in a shed; Intensifying with great world-building; Whimsical, dark but hopeful; Be careful what you wish for; Believable and courageous main character



Jenna: Whimsical high fantasy; Themes of good vs. evil; Young people struggling against societal rules and expectations; Light and humor, brisk pace; Descriptive but not too wordy



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