

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Reception



We will be having a Welcome Reception for our new Head Librarian, Kasi Casteel-Manes on August 9th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

This is a free event for anyone who'd like to meet Kasi and get out of the heat for a little bit! Refreshments will be provided.

Book Requests

Our New Book shelves are looking a little bare, so we're calling for your help!

Are there any NEWLY PUBLISHED (2024 or 2025) books you've been wanting to read? Let us know! We're especially interested in new Mystery and Fiction!



Friends of Marion County Library



Do you have a child under 5? The Friends have two amazing programs for you and your family.

Join **Reading is PAWsome** to get your kid reading! Every book your child reads (or is read to!) counts for 5 points. Reaching 100 points means your child will get a prize.

Sign up for the **Imagination Library** for a free book each month, from birth until their 5th birthday.

For more information, find the Friends on Facebook at **Friends of the Marion County Library!**



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Library Updates



The Library Staff, Board, and Head Librarian have been working hard this last month!

We are most excited to announce that we have been able to buy lots of new books – both requests from patrons like yourself, and new releases. Our next project will be to get more works from local authors!

If you're interested in learning more about what the Board is up to, please read the Meeting Minutes on our website, or come to our public meetings every third Tuesday.

2025
Marion County Library Board
Meeting Dates

Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00pm
Tuesday, June 17th at 6:00pm
Tuesday, July 15th at 6:00pm
Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00pm
Tuesday, September 16th at 6:00pm
Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00pm
Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00pm
Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00pm

Summer Reading Program Update

Thank you to everyone who joined us this summer – we couldn't have done it without our readers, our sponsors, or everyone who helped lead and volunteer at our events. A special thank you to Paula Steulke and the Cruisers of Mountain Home.

Grand prize winners will be announced in early August, so make sure to keep an eye out for a call from the Library!



THANK YOU

No More Donations



We have received so many lovely donations these past few months that we are completely full! At this time, we cannot take any more donations. We will let everyone know as soon as we can again!



Need to Use a Computer?

To get a free Internet card, all you need is your ID or Driver's License – it doesn't even need to be an AR ID. Just come up to the desk and we'll help you get set up!



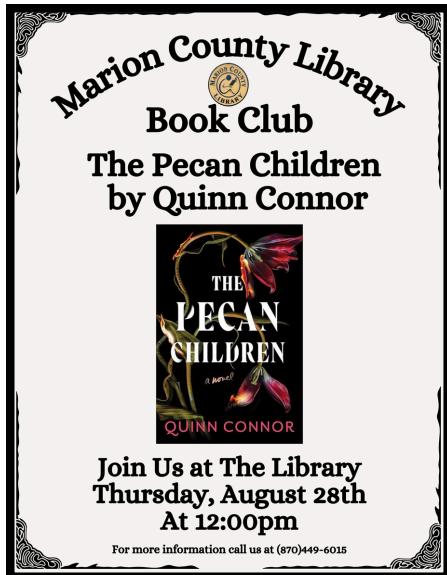
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Join Our Book Club

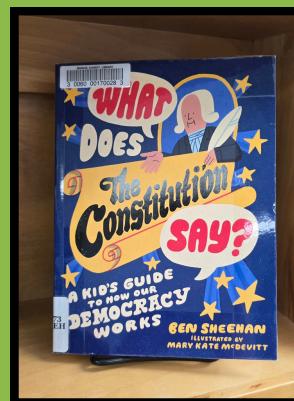
August's Book Club book will be [The Pecan Children](#) by Quinn Connor!

Interested in joining? All you need to do is come up to the front desk and ask for a copy. A list of upcoming books can be found on our website and in the Library.

Our meeting will be held Thursday, August 28th at 12 PM. Come have a chat, and enjoy some free coffee and company.

Kids Book Highlight

As we head back into the school year, we would like to highlight one of our newest educational books for kids – *What Does The Constitution Say?: A Kid's Guide to How Our Democracy Works* by Ben Sheehan. It simplifies the information in a very helpful way, and is perfect for anyone interested in learning about American history. Check it out today!



YA Series Highlight



If you've never read the Percy Jackson series, this is a great place to start! These five graphic novels show the events of the book in comic format, giving life to all of the epic battles, crazy creatures, and hilarious moments our characters face. Check them out today!





Come Game With Us!



If you're looking for something fun to do during the week, this is a fun, free way to get out of the house and meet new people. Join us on Wednesdays at 10 AM to play all kinds of board and card games, and enjoy some delicious coffee or hot chocolate.

We welcome everyone aged 12 and up
- gaming experience is not required.

Kids and Teens are welcome to come in after school, and join in the fun!

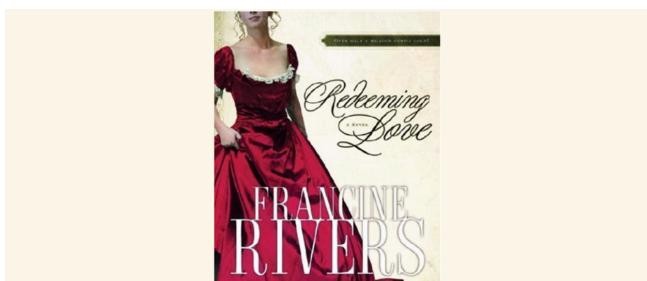


You Asked, We Listened -

Based on your suggestions, we have:

- Added The Hardy Boys (1-5) back to our collection
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- Purchased nametags for all staff members
- Cleaned up and are organizing our bookshelves

Our Suggestion Box can be found in the front of the Library.



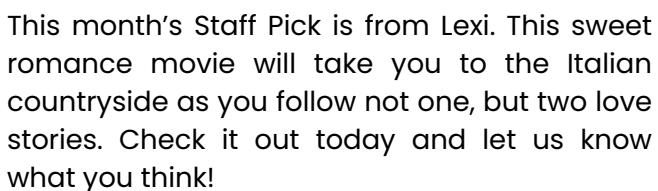
Staff Pick - Book



Staff Pick - Movie



This month's staff pick is from Kasi. This Christian book isn't quite what you'd expect - it's full of drama and romance, set in the California gold rush of the 1850s. Check it out and let us know what you think!



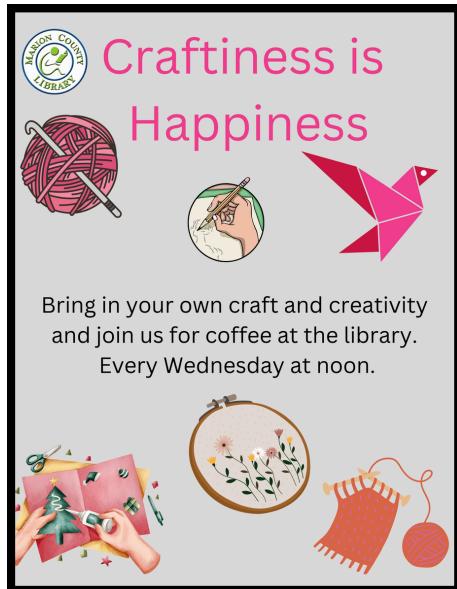
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If you're looking for something fun to do during the week, this is a fun, free way to get out of the house and meet new people. Join us on Wednesdays at 12 PM to work on your creative projects, whether it's knitting, crafting, sewing, or anything in between! This is also a great opportunity to get help with any works-in-progress you're stuck on.

We welcome everyone aged 12 and up - crafting experience is not required. Some supplies can be provided.

Patron Recommendations

Would you like to submit a book or movie recommendation for our monthly newsletters?

Email us the title and tell us why you like it! We would love to include your recent reads or recent watches.



Staff Pet of the Month

This smart girl belongs to one of our staff members. She knows how to do lots of tricks, and she's very silly.

What do you think her name is?

Who do you think she belongs to?

Let us know your guesses and we'll tell you if you're right!

Last month's answer: **Mazzy** belongs to **Stacy**!



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Holiday, Library Programs

Aug 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

10am - Gaming
12pm - Crafting

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