

# NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Labor Day!

The Marion County Library staff wishes all of our patrons a safe and happy holiday weekend.

We will be closed Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> through Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

See you then!

## New Books

In the past month, we have been able to add 100+ books to our shelves, including many 2025 releases. Come in and check them out! Here's a sneak peek -->

You can find all of our New Books in the front of the Library.



## 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



There are lots of new updates this month!

- Lots of new books for all ages
- We're working on reorganizing the library, starting with the YA and Tween, Games, and Audio Book sections
- New section up front - Endangered Books
- Board Training will happen this month
- Story Time with Local Author DL Kreager on September 13th

If you have any suggestions for the Library or Library Board, you can submit a suggestion in person or on our website at <https://marcolibrary.org/suggestion-box/>.

\*Meeting times are subject to change.

2025  
Marion County Library Board  
Meeting Dates

Tuesday, September 16th at 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00pm

Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00pm

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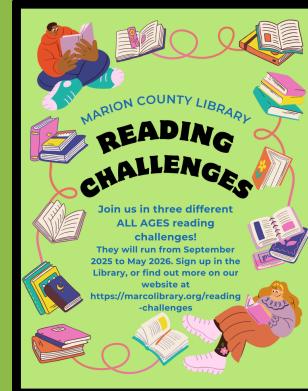
## Year-Round Reading Challenges

After the success of our Summer Reading Program, we have decided to set up a year-round reading challenge! Alongside the PAWsome Program, which is for children 5 and under, everyone can participate in one of our three new challenges.

They are: **50 Library Books Challenge**, **Book Cover Bingo**, and **Read The Decades**.

Check out the rules for each one on our website at:  
<https://marcolibrary.org/reading-challenges/>

This will run September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and are welcome to all ages.



## Activity Pack Updates

Over the summer, we tried out doing monthly activity packs. They've been such a success that we'll be continuing doing it this way! You can find our September activity packs in the Library or on our website.



## 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! We are also happy to help you print anything you need.



Mon-Fri: 9 AM to 5:30 PM ; Sat: 10 AM to 2 PM



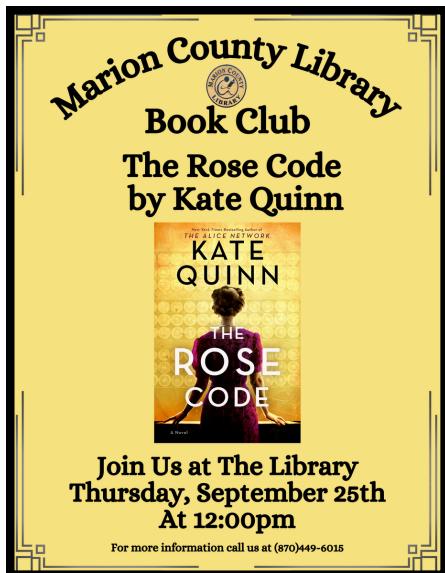
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## Join Our Book Club



September's Book Club book will be [The Rose Code](#) by Kate Quinn!

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. **Join this month to help us pick books for next year!**

Our meeting will be held Thursday, September 25th at 12 PM. Come have a chat, and enjoy some free coffee and company.

## Kids Book Highlight

Two of our new books focus on the same historical figure – Anne Frank.

*The House on the Canal* by Thomas Harding is an advanced picture book that takes readers through the ages of the house the Frank family hid in.

*When We Flew Away* by Alice Hoffman is a fiction novel following Anne Frank before the war and shows readers the build up and fall out of having to hide.



## Tween Book Highlights

We are looking at expanding our list of Newbery Award Winners, especially newer ones, for our JUV, Tween, and YA readers.

Some of our newest additions include:

- *Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson (2023 winner)
- *The Eyes and the Impossible* by Dave Eggers (2024 winner)
- *The First State of Being* by Erin Entrada Kelly (2025 winner)



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## 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!



Join us at the Library for Coffee and Games.

Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

## Looking for Volunteers

We're working on lining up our September and October Saturday volunteers, and we'd like to extend an invitation to our patrons -

If you've ever wanted to volunteer, now's your chance! We have applications in person and online at <https://marcolibrary.org/volunteering/>

Volunteers must be 12 years old and up, and this does count for school volunteer hours. We are open 10 to 2 on Saturdays.



### Staff Pick - Book

This month's staff pick is from Stacy. This Newbery Award Winner is a touching story of friendship, grief, and time travel. Set in 1999, it follows three teens as they deal with the looming future. Check it out today and let us know what you think!



### Staff Pick - Movie

This month's Staff Pick is from Lisa. Spaceballs is not just a silly spoof of Star Wars - it's also a star-studded trip back to 80s sci-fi with a half-dog, half-man named Barf. It's sure to give you a laugh. Check it out today and let us know what you think!



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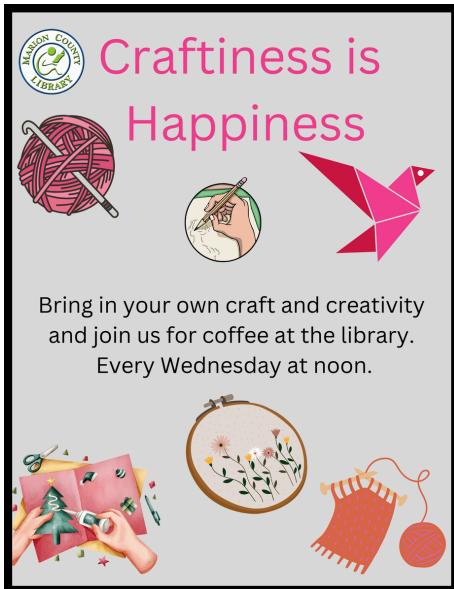
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## Come Craft With Us!



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 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.

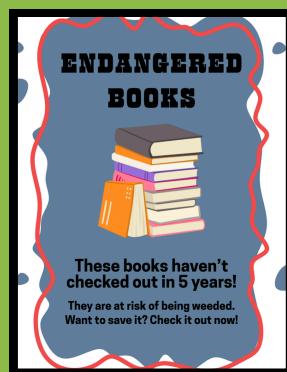
We welcome everyone aged 12 and up - crafting experience is not required. Some supplies can be provided.

## Endangered Books

We have a new display up front - **Endangered Books**.

They are books that haven't checked out in 5 years. They're at risk of being weeded out of the library, but you can save them by checking one out!

We have books of all different genres to choose from. Take a look today!



## Staff Pet of the Month

This silly girl belongs to one of our staff members. She pays rent in the form of catching mice and birds.

**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: **Trixie** belongs to **Lisa**!



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## Holiday, Kid's Programs, Library Programs

Sep 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	CLOSED - HOLIDAY					
1		2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			10am - Gaming 12pm - Crafting			10:30am - Storytime
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	5:30pm - Board		10am - Gaming 12pm - Crafting			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			10am - Gaming 12pm - Crafting			
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
		10am - Gaming 12pm - Crafting				