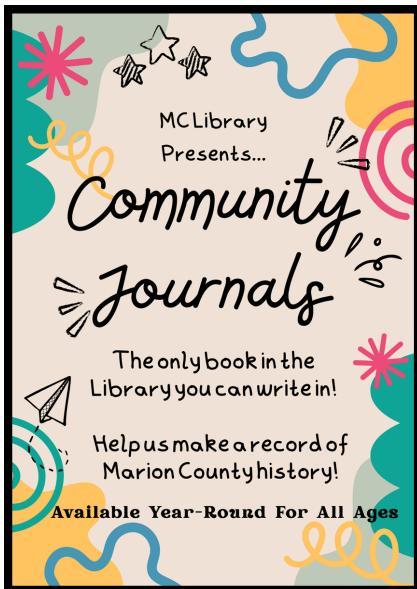


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## Community Journals

We are very excited to announce our year-long project: Community Journals. There's one for adults, and one for kids, so that everyone can help us make a record of Marion County history!

They are available for check out, or you can just come on in and read what others have written.

## Home School Programs

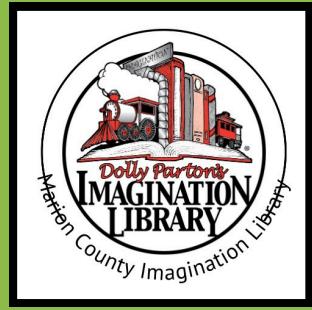
On February 10th and 13th, we will be hosting our monthly Home School Program. They will be the same program on both days.

Our Littles (age 3-7) program will be learning all about instruments, including demonstrations. It starts at 11 AM and there is space for 10 kids on each day.

Our Tweens (age 8-14~) program will be learning about how to loom knit, with help from special guest teachers. It starts at 11 AM and there is space for 12 tweens on each day.



## 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



### General Updates:

- We will be closed Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for George Washington's Birthday/Daisy Bates Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Board Updates:

- February's Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

Board meetings are open to the public. Meeting times are subject to change. You can listen to meeting recordings and read meeting minutes at <https://marcolibrary.org/documents>

### 2026 Marion County Library Board Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, February 17th at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 17th at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 21st at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 19th at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 16th at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, July 21st at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, August 18th at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 PM

\*Times are subject to change.\*

## Blind Date With A Book

During the month of February, we will be doing an old favorite – Blind Date With A Book!

In our adult section display, you'll find a collection of books wrapped up in paper to hide their identities. We've found some interesting details to help you pick what to read.



## Decades Challenge

Check out our Decades Challenge section in the front of the Library. We have a lot of great kids, tween, and young adult books on display. This challenge runs until May 31<sup>st</sup>, so you can start any time!



## 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.



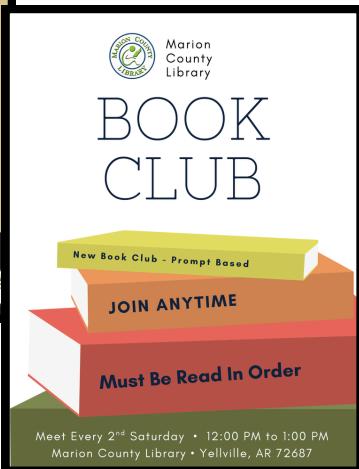
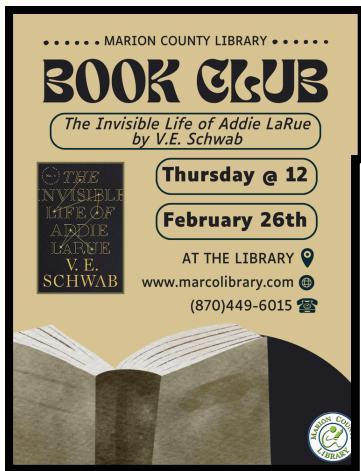
Mon-Fri: 9 AM to 5:30 PM ; Sat: 10 AM to 2 PM



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## Join Our Book Clubs



February's **Thursday Book Club** book will be [The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue](#) by V.E. Schwab!

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, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM.

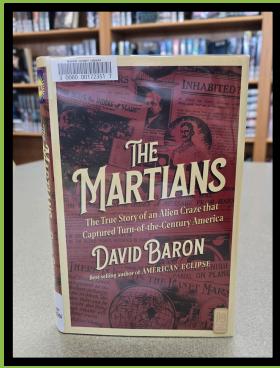
Our **Saturday Book Club** will meet on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 PM.

The list of prompts can be found on our website, or at the front desk. You can join anytime, just start with the first prompt!

## Kids Book Highlight

Here are THREE new books we've added to our kids' section! While *Jurassic Jeff* by Royden Lepp is a new graphic novel, *The Stinkersons of Outer Space* by Corey Mills and *Purple Space Chickens* by Diane Alber are both chapter books.

They are all the first in a series, so if you like them, let us know so we can get more!



## Teen Book Highlights

If you're looking for new YA Non-Fiction, try this one out! *The Martians* by David Baron is the interesting – and true – tale of the time Americans believed we had definitely found life on Mars. It explores the Martian craze that followed, the beginnings of the Sci-Fi genre, and the fallout of the astronomer who was left “discredited and delusional”.



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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.

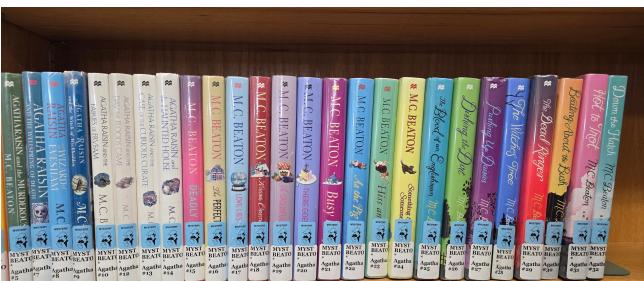
Kids and Teens are welcome to come in after school, and join in the fun!



## New Microscope

We have an exciting new item that is (almost!) ready for check out. Drum roll please... A microscope, including both blank and example slides!

We hope that it will come in handy to not just our home school community, but to anyone who is curious about the world of science.



## Staff Pick - Book

This month's staff pick is from Anita. Have you ever read the Agatha Raisin series by M.C. Beaton? It follows Agatha, a 53-year-old amateur sleuth as she solves mysteries and falls for guys. Check it out today and let us know what you think!



## Staff Pick - Movie

This month's Staff Pick is from Lisa. *Mars Attacks!* is a hilarious sci-fi movie from the late 90s, featuring a star-studded cast, a lot of misunderstandings, and the cutest little aliens you'll ever see. Check it out today and let us know what you think!



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## Come Craft With Us!

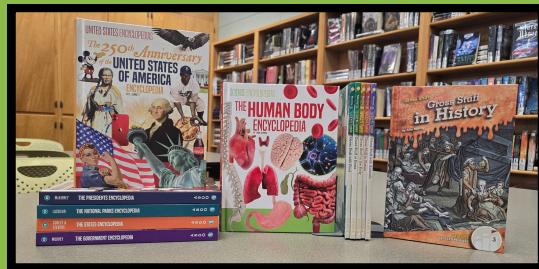
If you're looking for something fun to do during the week, this is a fun, free way to get out of the house and meet new people. Join us on Wednesdays at 12 PM to work on your creative projects, whether it's knitting, crafting, sewing, or anything in between! This is also a great opportunity to get help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

## New Kids & Tween Book Collections

For the kids, we have a brand new Human Body Encyclopedia, as well as a whole new series called Gross Stuff!

For the tweens, we have a 5-book set of United States Encyclopedias, including a special 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition.



## Staff Pet of the Month

This shy boy is a little bit of a freak. He lives up to his name, because he's very cuddly and doesn't like the cold. Join his owner in adopting from Have-a-Heart!

**What do you think his name is?**

**Who do you think he belongs to?**

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

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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

**Events:**

- Monday:** 2 -  (Decorative)
- Wednesday:** 4 - Gaming @ 10 AM  
Loom Knitting Program  
11 AM - 2 PM
- Thursday:** 11 - Gaming @ 10 AM  
Loom Knitting Program  
11 AM - 2 PM
- Friday:** 18 - Gaming @ 10 AM  
Loom Knitting Program  
11 AM - 2 PM
- Saturday:** 25 - Gaming @ 10 AM  
Loom Knitting Program  
11 AM - 2 PM

**Programs:**

- Monday:** 10 -  Home School Programs @ 11 AM
- Wednesday:** 17 -  Board Meeting @ 5 PM
- Friday:** 21 -  Book Club @ 12 PM
- Saturday:** 28 -  Book Club @ 12 PM

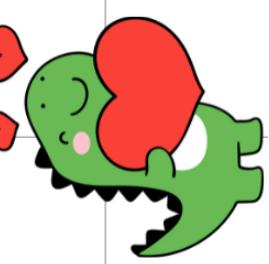
**Other:**

- Monday:** 15 - CLOSED - President's Day & Daisy Bates Day
- Wednesday:** 14 - CLOSED - President's Day & Daisy Bates Day

**Decorations:**

- Monday:** 1-8 - Pink flower borders
- Wednesday:** 4-14 - Pink flower borders
- Friday:** 25-28 - Pink flower borders

**Illustrations:**

- Monday:** 2 - 
- Wednesday:** 4 - 
- Friday:** 25 - 
- Saturday:** 28 - 