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NEWSLETTER

MARION COUNTY LIBRARY

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Summer Reading Program

We're halfway there! Join us for the second half of our Summer Reading Program!

In June and July, we encourage our patrons to read as much as possible! Pick up reading logs at the Library, and get prizes every 100 points you earn.

Join us at our free events to get small prizes as well. All ages are welcome. Please note, while most of our events will be at the Library, Marty the Magician and our End of Summer Party will be held at the Yellville Fairgrounds.

Other Summer Events

Join us for our July Craft days on:

- July 2nd-Papier Mache Bones
- July 7th-Noodle Necklaces
- July 16th-Native American Baskets
- July 21st-Ice Cube Painting

All events are FREE and welcome to all ages. Please sign up online.



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

Board Updates:

- The Board will be having a training session on Thursday, July 23rd at 5 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

Library Updates:

- We will be closed **Friday, July 3rd** and **Saturday, July 4th** for Independence Day. Happy 250th anniversary!
- We will be closed **Friday, July 24th** from 12 PM to 5:30 PM for staff training.

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, July 21st at 5:00 PM

Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 PM

Tuesday, November 17th at 5:00 PM

Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 PM

Times are subject to change.

Teen Council Sign Up



We're reaching out to our teenagers!

If you want to get involved with the library, meet other people your own age, and have some time away from the house, Teen Council is perfect.

This is a free event welcome to teenagers (ages 12-18). Call or come in to sign up and find out more details.



No Donations at This Time

We would like to thank all of our lovely patrons who think of the Library and the Friends of the Library when it comes to donations. Unfortunately, right now we have a bit of a space issue! We cannot accept any donations at this time. Please watch out for our next book sale.



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

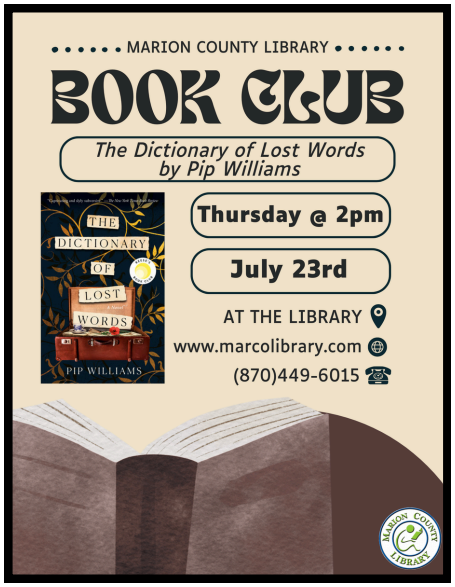
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Join Our Book Club

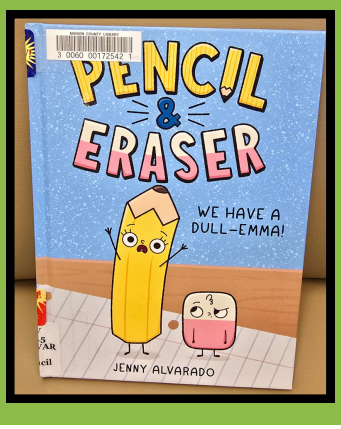
July's Book Club book will be The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams!

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, July 23rd at 2 PM.**

Kids Book Highlight

Pencil & Eraser: We Have a Dull-Emma! by Jenny Alvarado is a hilarious graphic novel perfect for our young readers. Just like in Toy Story, this pencil and eraser duo get into adventures when their person isn't looking. This is the first book in the series, and it shows us all about what happens when Pencil gets dull--they have to find a sharpener before their person gets back from recess!



Teen Book Highlight



The *Grishaverse* series by Leigh Bardugo is a great series for older teens and new adults. This is two series in one, though you don't have to read them in order.

First is the *Shadow and Bone* trilogy, a romantasy that includes a love triangle, a war, and awesome powers of light and dark.

Second is the *Six of Crows* duology, which follows a ragtag group of thieves as they try to complete a major heist.

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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!

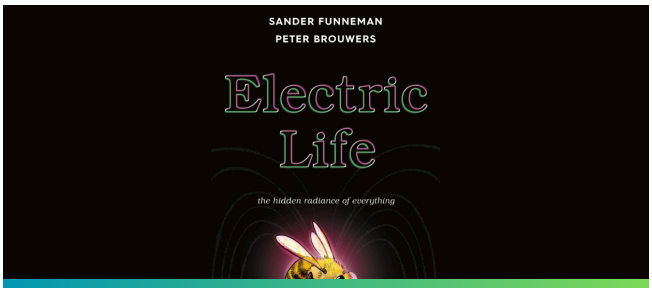


Adult Section Display

We need feedback on YOUR favorite books!!

Our August display will feature books recommended by our patrons. We are looking for: title, author, your star rating, and what the book is about OR what you like about the book.

Sheets will be available at the front desk. Talk to Stacy for more details.



Staff Pick - Book

This month's staff pick is from Caitlin. *The Electric Life* is a graphic novel that breaks down the complex subject of electric and magnetic forces through informative illustrations. It's a fascinating look at how interconnected the Earth, microorganisms, plants, animals, and humans are. Bee lovers will especially appreciate the first chapter! Check it out today and let us know what you think!



Staff Pick - Movie

This month's Staff Pick is from Mary. This is a classic 90s film that stars Arnold Schwarzenegger as an undercover detective who has to teach a class of, you guessed it, kindergarteners. Put him in front of a criminal, and he's fine, but put him in front of a bunch of kids and he falls apart. 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.

Resource for Parents

We have two websites we use to check the content of a book, and we'd like to share them with you!

Storygraph - This website lists the content warnings of a book. All genres are listed.
Romance.io - This website lists how much intimacy is shown. Only romances are listed.



Staff Pet of the Month

This old man still plays like a puppy, even though he's only got 3 legs. He knows the way home even from miles away. Sometimes, he tips over his doghouse and still sleeps in it!

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: **Mackie** belongs to **Caitlin**!

July

SUMMER

at Marion County Library

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM	2 SRP Crafts (Papler Mache Bones) @ 11 AM	3 CLOSED for Holiday	4 CLOSED for Holiday
5	6	7 SRP Crafts (Noodle Necklaces) @ 11 AM	8 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM	9 Grandma's House (at MCLib) @ 11 AM	10	11
12	13	14	15 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM	16 SRP Crafts (Native Baskets) @ 11 AM	17	18
19	20	21 SRP Crafts (Ice Cube Painting) @ 11 AM Board Meeting @ 5 PM	22 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM	23 Heritage Society (at McLib) @ 11 AM Book Club @ 2 PM Board Training @ 5 PM	24 CLOSED from 12 PM to 5:30PM - Staff Training	25
26	27	28	29 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM	30 Party (at Fairgrounds) @ 11 AM	31	