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NEWSLETTER

Promote Literacy, Inspire Imagination, and Spark Curiosity!



Game Night

We're bringing Game Night back!

It will be held every 2nd Thursday of the month, beginning Thursday, September 10th. We will be open to patrons looking to check out items, use our computers, or use the printer until 7 PM.

Please note, games are intended for ages 12+!

Library Card Sign Up Month

For September, we're hosting two competitions!

First: Help us design our new Library Card! Patrons will vote for the winner. Submit them in person or via our staff email.

Submissions are due September 15th. They must include our logo and name, and we will not accept any AI submissions. We also ask that your submissions are appropriate for all ages. Template available online and in the Library.

Second: Guess how many new cards we get for the month of September. This one is a bit easier - just tell us your name and your number! Closest answer will win a small prize.

More information available on our website.



Master Gardeners

You're invited to come and meet some of Marion County's Master Gardeners!

On September 14th at 11:30 AM at the MC Library, you can learn about:

- How raised beds can solve lots of your gardening issues with Ilene Rountree
- Fig trees and elderberries, and how to grow and harvest with Anna Mattson
- What you can do with your left over bits and pieces of garden veggies using your dehydrator with Paula Swan

After the presentation, the Master Gardeners would like to invite you to take a tour of the gardens they maintain in Marion County! Q&A to follow.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Master Gardener?

We are always looking for new people who enjoy playing in the dirt, who like to volunteer in their community, who want to learn more about gardening, who are willing to share your knowledge with us, enjoy others with your same interest.

We will have open door prizes. Hope to see you! Happy gardening!





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Library Updates



Board Updates:

- There will be a special board meeting held on September 1st at 5 PM to discuss the budget and exterior work.

Library Updates:

- We will be closed Saturday, September 5th and Monday, September 7th for Labor Day Weekend.

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/>

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Marion County Library Board
Meeting Dates

Tuesday, August 18th at 5:00 PM

Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:00 PM

Times are subject to change.

Suggestion Box

Do you have a suggestion for the Library?

We have two places you can give us feedback!

Online, you can go to <https://marcolibrary.org/suggestion-box/> and fill out a short, anonymous form. In the Library, we have our Suggestion Box where you can write down anonymous suggestions (no item requests, please!) and the Board will read them at their next meeting.



DVD Players for Check Out

We now have DVD Players for check out! For any of our patrons who really want more to watch, but aren't able to play movie discs, we've got you covered. It comes with all the supplies you'll need. They check out for a week at a time, so come on in and get it - and up to 6 movies - today!



Microscope for Check Out

With school starting back up, we wanted to show off one of our coolest items for check out! We have our very own microscope, slides included. This is the perfect tool for learning about science and teeny tiny things. Come into the Library and ask about checking it out today!

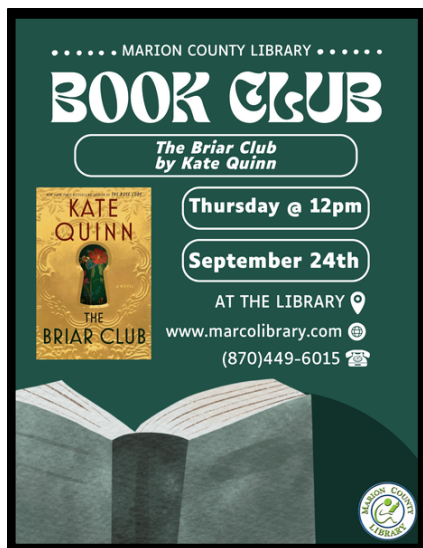




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Join Our Book Club

September's Book Club book will be The Briar Club 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.

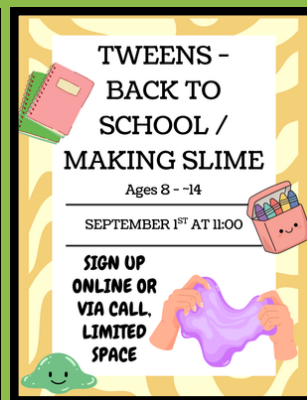
Our meeting will be held **Thursday, September 24th at 12 PM.**

Home School

On September 1st and 15th, we will be hosting our monthly Home School Programs. They will NOT be the same program on both days. Sign up online or via call or email.

Our Littles (age 3-7) programs will be about **Back to School** and **Opinions vs Fact** (e.g. Chocolate ice cream is the best!). They start at 11 AM and there is space for 10 kids on each day.

Our Tweens (age 8-14~) programs will be about **Back to School/Slime** and **All About Music**. They start at 11 AM and there is space for 12 tweens on each day.



Teen Council

Calling all teenagers! You can:

- Earn community service hours
- Learn about & support the Library
- Make a difference in your community
- Play games and have snacks while hanging out with other kids your age after school

by joining our FREE teen council club. You just have to be ages 12-18 and show up ready to have some fun.

Parents are welcome to attend. Please have a ride ready for 5 PM. **Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. Please sign up via call or email, or online.**



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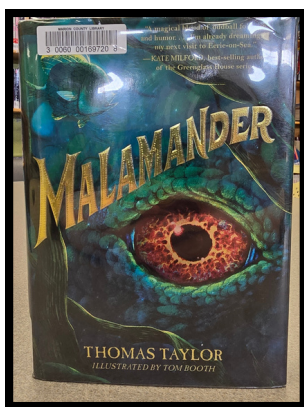
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Kids Book Highlight

Calling all of our young Minecraft players... did you know we have a whole series of chapter books focused on the game?

Someone has turned the Evoker King into stone, and now our characters – a group of young friends – have to fix it! We follow along on their adventures both in-game and in-real-life.

Want to start the series? Come check it out today!



Tween Book Highlight

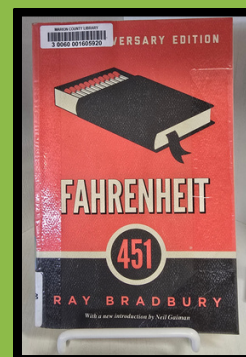
Malamander by Thomas Taylor is the first in an awesome tween fantasy series. Fans of mysteries will enjoy too! This book follows two tweens as they struggle not only with solving the case of a missing family, but also the local legend of a part-fish, part-human monster. Maybe the two are connected....

Check out *Malamander* today to find out!

Adult Book Highlight

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury is a must-read, classic dystopian from 1951. It follows a future where all books are banned and burned, leaving humanity reliant on television and subliminal messages. Our main character is a fireman – who starts fires, not stops them – who never questions his work. Until he meets someone, that is, who shows him what life is like when information is free. The more he learns, the more he feels there's something missing in him, and the farther he's willing to go to find it.

Want to read *Fahrenheit 451*? Check it out today!



Movie Highlight

The Best of Enemies is a 2019 film based on the true story of Ann Atwater, a civil rights activist, and C. P. Ellis, a leader of the Ku Klux Klan. Set in 1971 in North Carolina, this movie follows Ann and C. P.'s journey from rivals to friends, battling over the topic of desegregating schools.

Want to see how it all went down? Come check it out today!

Please be aware, this movie is rated PG-13 and might not be suitable for young children.

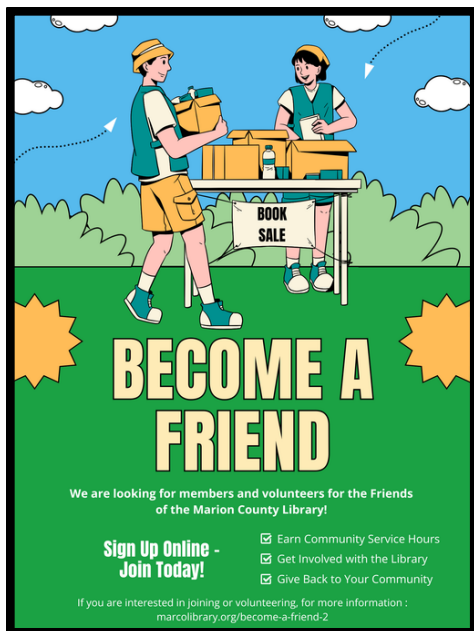


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FRIENDS OF
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Join the Friends

Do you need volunteer or community service hours? The Friends are looking for help!

We need strong volunteers who can help carry books for our next book sale. Signing up is free, and open to everyone aged 12+.

If you're interested in joining, you can find out more information and sign up online on our website at

<https://www.marcolibrary.org/become-a-friend-2>

Reading Opportunities for Your Kids



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, which you can pick up at the Library.

Sign up for the **Imagination Library** for a *free* book each month, from birth until their 5th birthday. Help get Marion County to 100% enrollment by signing up today!

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

Tribute to Dolly

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS: Arkansas Imagination Library (ARIL) joins people around the world in mourning the passing of Dolly Parton, the beloved artist, humanitarian and visionary whose generosity changed the lives of millions of children and families.

Parton founded Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in 1995 in honor of her father, who could not read or write. What began as a book-gifting program for children in her home county in East Tennessee grew into an international early literacy movement built on a powerful belief: every child deserves the opportunity to dream, learn and reach their full potential.

Today, more than 82,000 Arkansas children receive an Imagination Library book in the mail each month, and more than 7 million books have been delivered since the program began in Arkansas in 2005.

Her contributions to early literacy cannot be overstated. Rest in peace, Dolly.



Photo Credit: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

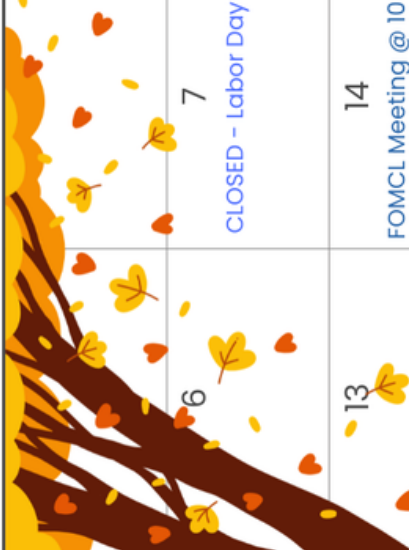
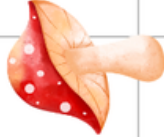
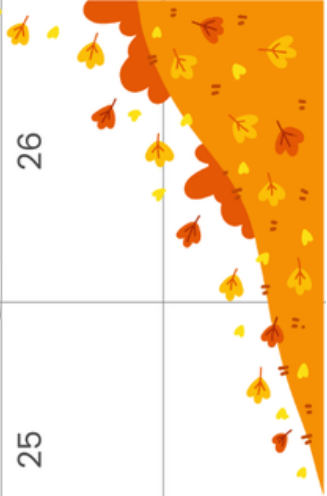
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 6 CLOSED - Labor Day	7 CLOSED - Labor Day	1 Home School Programs @ 11 AM	2 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM	3  10 Game Night @ 5 PM to 7 PM (Library Open)	4 	5 CLOSED - Labor Day
13 	14 FOMCL Meeting @ 10 AM Master Gardeners @ 11:30 AM	8  15 Home School Programs @ 11 AM	9 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM	17  	11  18 	12
20 	21 	22 Board Meeting @ 5 PM	23 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM	24 Book Club @ 12 PM	25 	26 
27 	28 FOMCL Executive Meeting @ 3:30 PM	29 Teen Council @ 3:45 - 4:45 PM	30 Gaming @ 10 AM Crafting @ 12 PM			