

Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container. - Unknown

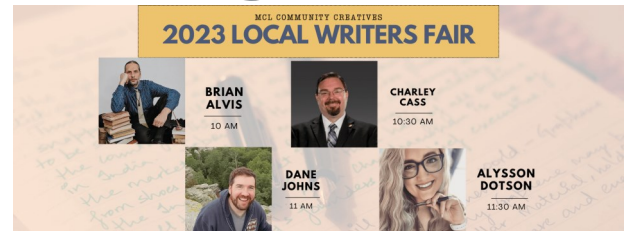
November is National Novel Writing Month

Do you love to write? Would you like to share your work, but you're not sure how to get started? MCL can help.

In November, we celebrate National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, which is an organization that "provides tools, structure, community, and encouragement to help people find their voices, achieve creative goals, and build new worlds."

The NaNoWriMo organization helps foster creative writing around the globe. MCL is proud to offer some additional creative opportunities close to home.

All Illinois residents can access inkie.org, which is a collection of resources that support local authors with online creation and publishing tools and allows easy



access to locally-produced content.

November brings the 2023 edition of the MCL Local Writers Fair, happening in the library's historic McCoskey Room from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday, November 18. Local writers will be on hand to present readings of their work, talk about their process, and answer questions from members of the community.

Vote! Story Hour with Mayor Mike Absher

MCL's Children's Department presents MCL Story Hour - a great weekly opportunity for the youngest in our community to hear fun stories, sing, dance, and socialize. In November, Marion's Mayor Mike Absher joins the fun, visiting for a "Vote!" Story Hour at 10:30 am on November 1. Mayor Absher will read a story about voting and will join in on creating a voting-themed craft.

MCL Story Hour is completely free and no library card is required to attend. Visit, and make some memories!

Friends of MCL

The Friends of the Marion Carnegie Library is a non-profit organization that helps support library projects and programs through fundraising efforts. In November, the Friends present a Book Sale on Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4. Members of the Friends get access to a special presale on the evening of Thursday, November 2 with exclusive access to the sale before the general public. In December, the Friends will offer Gift Wrapping Boutiques, serving community members by helping to wrap holiday gifts.

For information about the Friends, including details about how you, your family, or your organization can join, visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/friends today.

November 2023 Featured Events

Check the MCL website or ask a staff member for a full list of events!

One-on-One with Man-Tra-Con - Age 18+

Wednesday, November 1 at 3 pm

Consult with a representative from Man-Tra-Con or the American Job Center.

Registration is required. Sign up at MCL's Main Desk.

Lawyer in the Library - Age 18+

Tuesday, November 7 at 5 pm

An attorney will be available for 20-minute, one-on-one meetings to assist you with legal coaching, document review, referrals to additional community services, e-filing court documents, and legal questions.

Registration is required. Sign up at MCL's Main Desk.

MCL Adult Craft - Mini Pumpkin Patch Age 18+

Thursday, November 9 at 3 pm and 5:30 pm

Bring some friends and make a beautiful craft at MCL! We'll provide everything you'll need.

Registration is required. Sign up at MCL's Main Desk starting Wednesday, November 1.

Shawnee Health Chat - Age 18+

Tuesday, November 14 at 5 pm

**Servicios disponibles en español*

Meet one-on-one with a representative of Shawnee Health. Get answers to your medical system questions on Medicaid, Medicare, the Marketplace, and more!

Registration is recommended. Sign up at MCL's Main Desk.

MCL Local Writers Fair - All ages

Saturday, November 18

from 10 am to noon in the McCoskey Room

Join a selection of local authors for readings of their work and question-and-answer sessions with each in the library's historic McCoskey Room. Pick up some information about how you can create and share your own writing with Inkie.org.

Friends of MCL Book Sale

Fri, November 3 and Sat, November 4

From 9 am to 4 pm

Join us for a book sale presented by the Friends of the Marion Carnegie Library! All proceeds go to support Marion Carnegie Library's projects and programs.

*PNG at MCL STEAM Club

Smart House Architecture - Ages 10 - 18

Wednesday, November 8 at 4 pm

in the Technology Lab

Work together to build a model smart house with lights, sound, and motion!

PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions

Engineering - Ages 10 - 18

Saturdays at 1 pm in the Technology Lab

On Saturdays in November, visit the MCL Tech Lab to learn about and experiment with circuits, gravity, and more.

*PNG at MCL Open Technology Lab

Ages 10 - 18

Monday - Wednesday from 4 pm to 7 pm

in the Technology Lab

MCL Gamers Guild - Ages 12 - 18

Wednesday, November 1 at 4 pm

in the YA Department.

MCL Teen Craft: Pressed Fall Leaf Bookmarks

Ages 12 - 18

Wednesday, November 15 at 4 pm

in the YA Department

Jackbox Game Fest - Ages 12 - 18

Wednesday, November 29 at 4 pm

in the YA Department

Tween Movie - Ages 8 - 12

Saturdays at 1 pm

In the Tween area of the Children's Department

Tween Grab-and-Go Craft

Book Pumpkins - Ages 8 - 12

Available Friday, November 3

in the Children's Department

MCL Builder's Club - Ages 0 - 12

Mondays - November 6 & 20

from 5:30 pm to 7 pm

in the McCoskey Room

Story Hour - For all younger children

at 10:30 am in the McCoskey Room

Hear great stories with Miss Twila and Miss Shelley! This month's story themes are:

- **November 1 ONLY** - Vote!
With Mayor Mike Absher
- **November 8 & 9** - Vegetable
With Marion Garden Club
- **November 15 & 16** - Mouse
- **November 22 ONLY** - Thanksgiving
- **November 29 & 30** - Tree

MCL Playroom Playdate

For all younger children

Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 noon

Marion Carnegie Library is closed

Saturday, November 11

in observance of Veterans Day.

The library closes at 5 pm on
Wednesday, November 22
and is closed on Thursday, November 23
and Friday, November 24.



Scan this code with your phone's camera app to visit Marion Carnegie Library's Events on Facebook!

Never miss an update!



NOTICE: All participants and parents understand and agree that photos taken at events may be used in social media postings and future promotions.

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