

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



## Very Merry Marion with MCL



This holiday season, join Marion Carnegie Library, the City of Marion, Marion Cultural and Civic Center, The Pavilion, Marion Senior Center, The Hub, and more in 2023's Very Merry Marion festivities!

MCL is so excited to present fun community events like special editions of MCL Story Hour featuring caroling with the Marion High School Madrigals and the Marion Junior High School Jazz Choir, a YA Department Holiday Party, a special library-wide "Season's Readings" event with fun experiences for everyone, and much more! Check the back of this page, the library's Social Media accounts, and [marioncarnegielibrary.org/events](http://marioncarnegielibrary.org/events) for more information.

Throughout the month, take a stroll around Tower Square and enjoy the newest StoryWalk® presentation of "The Wish Tree" by Kyo Maclear.

PNG at MCL STEAM Club and Saturday Sessions provide everyone aged 10 - 18 opportunities to design and create special gifts using the MCL Tech Lab's 3D printers and laser engraver.

The Friends of the Marion Carnegie Library—a non-profit group that supports the library—presents 2 gift-wrapping boutiques - on Thursday, December 14, and Saturday, December 16.

See you at the library!

## MCL StoryWalk®

This December, experience the story of "The Wish Tree" by Kyo Maclear on MCL's StoryWalk®.

Alongside the Marion Cultural and Civic Center and the City of Marion, MCL is proud to present StoryWalk® programming to the community! Find the first page when you start at MCL's historic Market Street entrance and follow the story around Tower Square (the directions to the next page are on each pedestal) to complete the story. Find details and links to borrow each story from the library at [marioncarnegielibrary.org/storywalk](http://marioncarnegielibrary.org/storywalk) anytime!

## Meeting Rooms

Does your group need a space to meet? MCL's historic McCoskey Room is available for reservation during library hours, and non-profit organizations can book the room at no cost!

Do you need a quiet place to study or attend a virtual meeting? The MCL Study Room, on the library's Main Floor, is available to reserve at no cost for 2 hours at a time and offers seating for 4 with free Wi-Fi.

Visit [marioncarnegielibrary.org/meeting-rooms](http://marioncarnegielibrary.org/meeting-rooms) to request a reservation for either space.

# December 2023 Featured Events

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

## MCL Book Club - Age 18+

Saturday, December 2 at 10 am

This month, MCL's Book Club will discuss Gingerbread by Helen Oyeyemi.

## Shawnee Health Chat - Age 18+

Tuesday, December 5 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.**

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

Wednesday, December 6 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, December 12 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 To Go - Garden Fairy Wands (Winter Edition)

Age 18+

Available Wednesday, December 6

While supplies last

Winter holiday themed materials and instructions will be provided for creating your own Garden Fairy Wand. One kit per patron, please.



## Season's Readings at MCL

Thursday, December 14 at 4 pm

Celebrate the holiday season with MCL! Take photos with The Grinch in the Children's Department. Create bookmarks, beeswax candles, stockings, and ornaments throughout the building. And, of course, enjoy popcorn, cocoa, and books!

## \*PNG at MCL STEAM Club

3D Printed Earrings - Ages 10 - 18

Wednesday, December 13 at 4 pm

in the Technology Lab

Code, design, and build 3D-Printed earrings in the MCL Technology Lab!

## \*PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions

Gift Creation Station - Ages 10 - 18

Saturdays at 1 pm in the Technology Lab

Each Saturday in December, visit the MCL Tech Lab to create a custom gift using the 3D printer, laser engraver, and more.

## \*PNG at MCL Open Technology Lab

Ages 10 - 18

Monday - Wednesday from 4 pm to 7 pm

in the Technology Lab

*NOTE: There will be no Open Lab Hours between December 23 and December 30.*

## MCL Gamers Guild - Ages 12 - 18

Wednesday, December 6 at 4 pm

in the YA Department.

## YA Department Holiday Party

Ages 12 - 18

Wednesday, December 20 at 4 pm

in the YA Department

## The Bookworms Teen Book Club - Ages 12 - 18

Wednesday, December 27 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

Magazine Gift Bows - Ages 8 - 12

Available Friday, December 1

in the Children's Department

## MCL Builder's Club - Ages 0 - 12

Mondays - December 4 & 18

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:

- **December 6** - Christmas Carols With MHS Madrigals
- **December 7** - Christmas Carols With MJHS Jazz Choir
- **December 13 & 14** - Snowflake
- **December 20 & 21** - Grinch with Bill Swinford
- **December 27 & 28** - Winter

## MCL Playroom Playdate

For all younger children

Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 noon

**Marion Carnegie Library  
will be closed on  
Monday, December 25  
and Tuesday, December 26.**

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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