

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

A Head Start on Literacy

Marion Carnegie Library is proud to work alongside the Southern Illinois University Head Start program to provide enriching literacy opportunities for young children in Marion.

The program is designed to serve children three to five years of age from families qualifying for Head Start. Shelley Hudspath, MCL's Coordinator of Children's Services, visits the Marion Head Start center each month to read aloud to and with the students.

"Reading aloud has been proven to enhance comprehension and build vocabulary as well as help build a desire to read independently," says Hudspath.



Shelley Hudspath, MCL's Coordinator of Children's Services reads to students at Marion's Head Start Center

"I love taking these opportunities to share reading aloud with the children at the Marion Head Start because of their enthusiasm to engage with the stories."

For information and details about Children's Department events, visit the department on the library's bottom floor and visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/events anytime!

Self-Help Legal Resources

MCL is thrilled to offer a Legal Self-Help Center. Visit the library's Main Floor anytime during library hours and use a computer and scanner, search online for answers to your legal questions, find and prepare court forms, and more - all at no cost.

For an online experience, visit the library's website at marioncarnegielibrary.org/self-help-legal-resources and find access to free legal documents, contacts, and information.

Note: Marion Carnegie Library staff does not offer any legal advice, and cannot file any legal documents for you.

Online Account Management

You can manage your MCL account, renew books, and place holds for items using the SHARE app!

Simply download the app and sign in using your library card number and PIN. If you need to set up your PIN, simply ask a library staff member.

Visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/access to find more information and to download the app for Android or iOS!

January 2024 Featured Events

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

All Ages

Ages 18+

Ages 12 - 18

Ages 10 - 18

Ages 8 - 12

Ages 0 - 12

All Younger
Children

Food for Fines

Through January 31

Donate non-perishable food items and receive MCL account credits toward overdue fines.

*PNG at MCL STEAM Club

Google Sheets Pixel Art

Wednesday, January 10 at 4 pm

In the MCL Tech Lab

MCL Tween Movie

Saturdays at 1 pm

Watch a cool movie in the Tween area of MCL's Children's Department.

Lawyer in the Library

Tuesday, January 16 from 5 pm to 7 pm

Meet one-on-one with an attorney.

Registration is required.

*PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions

The Art of STEAM

Saturdays in January at 1 pm

In the MCL Tech Lab

MCL Grab-and-Go Craft - Crystal Icicles

Available Friday, January 5

While supplies last.

One kit per patron, please.

MCL Book Club

Saturday, January 27 at 10 am

This month, MCL's Book Club will discuss

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

*PNG at MCL Open Lab Hours

Try any project or equipment you like!

Monday through Thursday from 4 pm to 7 pm

In the MCL Tech Lab

Winter Crafts and Games

Monday, January 22 from 4 pm to 7 pm

Enjoy a variety of winter-themed crafts and games in the Children's Department!

MCL Crafts To-Go - Sock Gnomes

Available Wednesday, January 10

Pick up your kit at the Main Desk or in the YA Department. One kit per patron, while supplies last.

MCL Gamers Guild

Wednesday, January 3 at 4 pm

Learn and play fun board games in the YA department!

Playroom Playdate

Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 noon

Meet up with old friends and make new friends in our fun Playroom!



The Bookworms - Teen Book Club

Wednesday, January 24 at 4 pm

We'll discuss anything you want to read.

Stay for a movie based on a YA novel!

MCL Story Hour

At 10:30 am in the McCoskey Room

- **January 3 & 4** - Polar Bear
- **January 10 & 11** - Hot Chocolate
- **January 17 & 18** - Socks
- **January 24 & 25** - Luau
- **January 31 & February 1** - Mountain

Jackbox Game Fest

Wednesday, January 31 at 4 pm

Play a few rounds of Jackbox Games in the YA Department.

Marion Carnegie Library will be closed on Monday, January 1 and Monday, January 15

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

Never miss an update!



Children 10 years old and younger must be accompanied by a guardian at all times while attending MCL Children's Department events.

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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