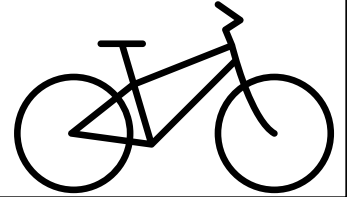


Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container. - Unknown



Thrilling Thursdays: Exciting Events with MCL



Thursdays are becoming can't-miss events with Marion Carnegie Library!

Since 2022, the library's Children's Department has offered Playroom Playdate - a great opportunity for families to meet new friends in MCL's Mariella Aikman Playroom on Tuesday mornings. And now, to better serve the Marion community, Playroom Playdate is expanding to be available every Thursday evening from 4 pm to 7 pm! Families can bring kiddos to the MCL Children's Department to enjoy puppets, toys, games, and - of course - books! Playroom Playdate events are totally free to attend, and no library card is required.

But that's not all! Starting in April, the City of Marion and Marion Connects are proud to launch 2024's Third Thursday event series! On the third Thursday of each month, many Marion businesses will offer special hours, deals, and entertainment and Tower Square will be home to an outdoor celebration with a new theme each month!

The MCL Book Bike will be on hand at each Third Thursday celebration with access to free Wi-Fi, books to borrow with your library card, and more!

For more information about the MCL Book Bike and to see its upcoming schedule, visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/bookbike!

Explore More Illinois

Summer trip planning is right around the corner, and MCL can help you make the most of it! Marion Carnegie Library cardholders have access to free and discounted admission, parking, and gift store purchases from cultural and recreational attractions throughout Illinois through the "Explore More Illinois" program!

Visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/access and find "Explore More Illinois" where public library cardholders can get exclusive deals to participating museums, cultural centers, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical societies, park districts, and more throughout the state!

SHARE the Love!

Marion Carnegie Library is proud to be a member of the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS). That membership allows Marion Carnegie Library cardholders to borrow resources that exist in any of the hundreds of other member libraries.

MCL Cardholders can search for books across the entire Illinois Heartland Library System, place a hold on a title, manage checked-out items, renew titles, and more with the SHARE app, available free with your Marion Carnegie Library card!

Visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/share-system to download the SHARE mobile app for iOS and Android devices today!

April 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

Adler Planetarium Presents:

Astro Road Trip

Tuesday, April 2 at 5 pm and 6 pm
In the McCoskey Room

*PNG at MCL STEAM Club

Intro to Gardening

with help from the Marion Garden Club
Wednesday, April 10 at 4 pm

MCL Tween Movie

Saturdays at 1 pm

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

Become a Foster Parent

Info Session with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Wednesday, April 3 from 4 pm to 6 pm
Registration encouraged.

*PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions

Landscape Construction

Build the MCL Community Reading Garden
Saturdays in April at 1 pm

MCL Grab-and-Go Tween Craft

Springtime Gnomes

Available Friday, April 5
While supplies last. One kit per patron, please.

Momsday Moments - PREP Talk

Tuesday, April 9 at 6 pm
Live at the MCL via Zoom
Discretion is advised.

*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

MCL Builder's Club

Mondays - April 1 & 15 from 5:30 to 7 pm
Build anything you can imagine in the
library's McCoskey Room

MCL Crafts To-Go - Hummingbird Perch

Available Wednesday, April 10
Pick up your kit at the Main Desk.
One kit per patron, while supplies last.

MCL Gamers Guild

Wednesday, April 3 at 4 pm
Learn and play fun board games in the
MCL YA department!

Playroom Playdate

Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 noon
Thursdays from 4 pm to 7 pm

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

Lawyer in the Library

Tuesday, April 16 from 5 pm to 7 pm
Meet one-on-one with an attorney.
Registration is required.

Teen Craft To-Go Mini Spring Terrarium

Available Wednesday, April 17
Pick up your kit in the YA Department.
One kit per patron, while supplies last.

MCL Story Hour

At 10:30 am in the McCoskey Room

- April 3 & 4 - Space
- April 10 & 11 - Bunny
- April 17 & 18 - Tree
with Marion Garden Club
- April 24 & 25 - Whale

MCL Book Club

Saturday, April 27 at 10 am
This month, MCL's Book Club will discuss
Look Closer by David Ellis

The Bookworms - Teen Book Club

Wednesday, April 24 at 4 pm
We'll discuss anything you want to read.
Stay for a movie based on a YA novel!

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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