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

Booksquatch:
Just Like Regular Books Only Squatchier!

Chris Van Allsburg, Caldecott Award Winner and author of children's classics "Jumanji" and "The Polar Express" once said "[t]he inclination to believe in the fantastic may strike some as a failure in logic, or gullibility, but it's really a gift. A world that might have Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster is clearly superior to one that definitely does not."

Marion Carnegie Library couldn't agree more and you're invited to join in the fun in MCL's Children's Department throughout October! Bring the kiddos to visit the department - on MCL's Bottom Floor - and check out some great recommendations about Bigfoot, Nessie, and other classic cryptids. You'll find recommendations at the circulation desk and on book displays throughout the department!

Also throughout the month, kids aged 0 - 12 are invited to "Seek the Squatch"! The Sasquatch is back and he loves nothing more than to hide in the Children's Department! When you check out any item in the department, find him and bring him to the desk for your free Wendy's Frosty coupon, then go hide him for the next child! We want everyone to have a chance to find him, so each child is invited to "Seek the Squatch" once a day, and Frosty coupons are available only while supplies last.

The target age range for the Children's Department is birth to 12 years old and their caregivers and parents. All ages are welcome to browse the collection and borrow materials from the Children's Department. Children 10 years old and younger must be accompanied by a guardian at all times inside MCL.

2024 Library Crawl

In October, take some time to appreciate some of our incredible libraries throughout Illinois! As a bibliophile, we know you will enjoy the interesting and beautiful buildings that house our library collections.

Pick up a Library Crawl Passport from MCL's Main Desk, and get a stamp for each participating library you visit. Remember, you can use your library card along the way to check out items at the libraries you visit. When you're done, simply return those items at MCL and we'll take care of the rest!

Visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/library-crawl for more info!

PNG at MCL is Back!

Starting October 1, Marion Carnegie Library proudly presents Season 5 of PNG at MCL programming in the library's Technology Lab! Mike Whitver, MCL's Technology Lab Mentor, is back to lead another year of fun and interesting events!

PNG at MCL offers a safe and inviting environment where students aged 10 - 18 can access technology-centric programming. Students can participate in **Open Technology Lab Hours** each Monday through Thursday from 4 pm to 7 pm, **Saturday Sessions** focusing on STEAM concepts and careers each Saturday at 1 pm, and **skill-focused camps** in Spring 2025!

Visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/pngatmcl for details!

October 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

ISAC Financial Aid Workshop
Wednesday, October 2 at 4 pm
In the McCoskey Room
For those looking to start college (and their families)

*PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions
Audio/Visual Month
Photography, Podcasting, Video Editing, and more!
Saturdays in October at 1 pm

MCL Tween Movie
Saturdays at 1 pm
Watch a cool movie in the Tween area of MCL's Children's Department.

MCL Adult Craft
Haunted Castle Lanterns
Thursday, October 10 at 3 pm and 5:30 pm
Registration is required and available at the Main Desk.

Teen Game Night
Wednesday, October 2 at 4 pm
Learn and play fun board games in the MCL YA Department!

MCL Grab-and-Go Tween Craft
Decorate Your Own Haunted House
Available Friday, October 4
While supplies last. One craft per patron, please.

Lawyer in the Library
Tuesday, October 15 from 5 pm to 7 pm
Meet one-on-one with an attorney.
Registration is required.

Movie & Make-it Night
Wednesday, October 9 at 4 pm
Watch a movie & make a craft in the MCL YA Department!

MCL Builder's Club
Monday, October 7 from 5:30 to 7 pm
Build anything you can imagine in the library's McCoskey Room!

Dogs with Jobs:
Drax: Search and Rescue - *Tues, October 8 at 6 pm*
SIU Salukis - *Thurs, October 24 at 5:30 pm*
In the McCoskey Room

MCL Teen Craft
DIY Wands
Wednesday, October 16 at 4 pm

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 MCL's fun Playroom!

MCL Book Club
Saturday, October 26 at 10 am
This month, MCL's Book Club will discuss The Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin.

The Bookworms - Teen Book Club
Wednesday, October 23 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
- **October 2 & 3** - Monsters in the Garden *with Marion Garden Club*
- **October 9 & 10** - Cryptid
- **October 16 & 17** - Dragon
- **October 23 & 24** - Unicorn
- **October 30 ONLY** - Halloween Parade *Wear a costume and pick up some treats!*

*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

Spooky Movie Double Feature
Wednesday, October 30 at 4 pm
Celebrate Halloween with candy, popcorn, and a spooky movie night!

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.

facebook.com/MarionCarnegieLibrary   For a full description of events, visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/events.   **instagram.com/MarionCarnegieLibrary**