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Very Merry Marion with MCL

This holiday season, join Marion Carnegie Library along with the City of Marion, Marion Cultural and Civic Center, The Pavilion, Marion Senior Center, The Hub, and more in 2022's Very Merry Marion festivities!

The library is so excited to present fun community events like Drive-Thru Santa at The Pavilion from 3 pm to 5 pm on December 3 and 4, special Story Hour events featuring caroling with the Marion High School Madrigals and the Marion Junior High School Jazz Choir, a live virtual presentation of The Great British Baking Tour—Holiday Edition, a Community Holiday Card Workshop in the library's Young Adult Department, and much more! Check the back of this page, the library's Social Media accounts, and marioncarnegielibrary.org/events for more information.

Throughout the month, take a stroll around Tower Square and enjoy the newest STORYWALK® presentation of "Pick a Pine Tree" by Patricia Toht.

Each evening from December 5 through December 8, you'll find special Children's Craft opportunities in the MCL Children's Department from 5 pm to 7 pm. While you're there, visit the Main Floor for cocoa at Carnegie Commons!

The Friends of the Marion Carnegie Library—a non-profit group that supports the library—presents a Silent Auction and a gift-wrapping boutique during the week of December 5. See you there!

MyHeritage

Your Marion Carnegie Library card gives you FREE access to MyHeritage – an online genealogy research service with millions of easily searchable records.

MyHeritage provides birth, death, and marriage records from 48 countries, the complete U.S. and U.K. censuses, immigration, military, and tombstone records, and more than 3 billion family tree profiles.

Ask an MCL Staff Member for more information, and visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/myheritage

PNG Spotlight

In December, MCL's Tech Lab becomes the MCL Workshop (unofficially).

During Saturday Sessions — each Saturday (except December 24) at 1 pm and 3 pm — use the lab's 3D Printers, laser engraver, and more to design and create custom gifts during our Gift Creation Station events.

STEAM Club presents a Holiday Festival at 4 pm on December 7, and AV Club focuses on Video Production at 4 pm on December 27.

Check out marioncarnegielibrary.org/events for details on all upcoming events at the library!

December 2022 Featured Events

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

The Great British Baking Tour with Claire Evans - Holiday Edition — Ages 18+

Thursday, December 8 at 2 pm
in Carnegie Commons

Join us in person or stream from home. Following Claire's presentation, stay to indulge in our very own Christmas themed Afternoon Tea.

Friends of MCL Silent Auction

December 5 - December 11
on the Main Floor

Place your bids on any of 20 professionally framed prints created by Marion native and artist **Shawn Vincelette**. Plus, bid on a chance to have a custom portrait painted by **Shawn Vincelette**! All proceeds will help support projects and programs at Marion Carnegie Library.

Friends of MCL Gift-Wrapping Boutique

December 8 - December 10 from 1 pm to 4 pm
in the McCoskey Room

Let the Friends of MCL help wrap your holiday gifts! All proceeds will help support projects and programs at Marion Carnegie Library

MCL Adult Craft - Bow-Making Class with Local Florist Brenda Futch Age 18+

Thursday, December 1 at 3 pm and 5:30 pm

Registration is required. Sign up at MCL's Main Desk starting November 23.

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

Wednesdays at 2 pm

Schedule a one-on-one consultation with a representative from Man-Tra-Con or the American Job Center.
Registration is required. Sign up at MCL's Main Desk.

*PNG STEAM Club - Candy Making Holiday Festival Ages 10 - 18

Wednesday, December 7 at 4 pm
in the McCoskey Room

Make chocolates in custom molds and celebrate the holidays with PNG at MCL!

*PNG AV Club - Video Production Ages 10 - 18

Tuesday, December 27 at 4 pm
in the Technology Lab

Use Filmora software to add text and effects to digital video files.

*PNG Saturday Sessions - Gift-Creation Station Ages 10 - 18

Saturdays at 1 pm and 3 pm
in the Technology Lab

Create custom gifts with MCL's 3D Printer, laser engraver, and more.

*PNG Open Technology Lab Ages 10 - 18

Monday - Thursday from 4 pm to 7 pm
in the Technology Lab

YA Community Holiday Card Workshop Ages 12 - 19
Wednesday, December 14 at 4 pm
in the YA Department.

Christmas Movie Double-Feature Ages 12 - 19
*Wednesday, December 21 at **3 pm** in the YA Department*

MCL Teen Craft - Ages 12 - 19
Wednesday, December 28 at 4 pm
in the YA Department

Teen Game Day - Ages 12 - 19

Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm
in the YA Department

Tween Grab and Go Pringle Lid Ornament Kit Ages 8 - 12

Available Friday, December 2
in the Children's Department

Lego Club - Ages 0 - 12

Monday, December 19
from 5:30 pm to 7 pm
in the McCoskey Room

Tween Movie - Ages 8 - 12

Saturdays at 1 pm in the Tween area of the Children's Department

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:

- **Nov 30 & Dec 1** - Star
- **December 7 & 8** - Christmas Carol
  w/ MHS Madrigals and MJHS Jazz Choir
- **December 14 & 15** - Reindeer
- **December 21 & 22** - Grinch
  w/ a Meet-and-Greet
- **December 28 & 29** - Snow

MCL Playroom Playdate For all younger children
Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon

Meet new friends and old while reading and playing in our playroom!

EatPlayGrow™ Nutrition Program For preschoolers

Thursday, December 15 at 1:30 pm
in the McCoskey Room

Join MCL and the U of I Cooperative Extension Service to learn about healthy nutrition choices using art, stories, and music!

> The library **closes at 5 pm** on Thursday, December 22 and is **closed** on Friday, December 23 and Saturday, December 24.

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

Never miss an update!