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WILDCAT ROUTE

Rides Mass Transit Offers $1 Transportation on New Marion Route

Starting March 1, 2023, Rides Mass Transit's new "Wildcat Route" begins. The new route will offer a regular route through Marion with stops at Marion Carnegie Library, The Hub, Boyton Street Community Center, and more! Ask an MCL staff member for more information about stops along the Wildcat Route.

The route will run Monday through Friday, with stops at the library's new bus stop shelter – on the West side of the library's parking lot – every half-hour between 6:15 am and 5:45 pm on weekdays, and between 8:15 am and 5:45 pm on Saturdays.

This new route is **in addition** to the current transit options available through Rides Mass Transit. Passengers can call 618-993-1900 to request door-to-door transportation, if unable to access a designated Wildcat Route stop.

"Marion Carnegie Library is so excited to be a part of the new Wildcat Route, and to help people access important places in their lives," says Loretta Broomfield, Director of MCL.

Wildcat Route fares are $1.00 for individuals. Seniors and persons with disabilities could ride for half a fare, and those eligible for the Benefit Access Program could ride a fixed route at no cost.

Battle of the Books

MCL's Young Adult Department needs your help to determine the champion of YA literature! All month long, vote for your favorite from each matchup on MCL's Instagram and Snapchat stories.

In the first round of the bracket, Legendborn takes on Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief. A Court of Thorns and Roses goes up against The Hate U Give. And there's so much more action.

Visit marioncarnegielibrary.org/subscribe to subscribe to the library's Social Media channels, and make your voice heard!

PNG@MCL Spotlight

In March, PNG at MCL is building something great!

Open Lab Hours – Monday through Thursday from 4 pm to 7 pm – and Saturday Sessions – each Saturday at 1 pm and 3 pm – are all about aspects of Engineering, including circuits, renewable energy, and more – and we'll be joined by Boyt Engineering during a Saturday Session, to hear about some real-world engineering projects right here in Southern Illinois!

STEAM Club features a TikTok Tutorial, where we'll learn about short-form portrait-mode video!

PNG at MCL events are always free and open to ages 10 – 18. See you there!

March 2023 Featured Events

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

Friends of MCL Book Sale
Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11
From 9 am to 4 pm

Join us for a book sale presented by the Friends of the Marion Carnegie Library! All proceeds go to support Marion Carnegie Library's projects and programs.

One-on-One with Man-Tra-Con - Age 18+
Wednesday, March 1 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.

Lawyer in the Library - Age 18+
Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30 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 - Pressed Flower Lantern Age 18+
Thursday, March 16 at 3 pm and 5:30 pm

Bring some friends and make a beautiful craft at MCL! We'll provide all the materials you'll need. ***Registration is required. Sign up at MCL's Main Desk starting March 9.***

MCL Book Club — Age 18+
Saturday, March 25 at 10 am
in the McCoskey Room

In March, we'll discuss a book selected by MCL Book Club members. Ask a staff member for details.

*PNG at MCL STEAM Club - TikTok Tutorial Ages 10 - 18
Wednesday, March 8 at 4 pm
in the Technology Lab

Learn what it takes to plan, film, and edit a TikTok video in the MCL Technology Lab!

*PNG at MCL AV Club
Smash Bros. Tournament and Streaming Ages 10 - 18
Tuesday, March 28 at 4 pm
in the Technology Lab

Set up a live stream and compete in a gaming tournament!

*PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions Engineering
Ages 10 - 18
Saturdays at 1 pm and 3 pm
in the Technology Lab

Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality games, game creation, and more!!

*PNG at MCL Open Technology Lab Ages 10 - 18
Monday - Thursday from 4 pm to 7 pm
in the Technology Lab

MCL Anime Club - Ages 12 - 19
Wednesday, March 1 at 4 pm
in the YA Department.

MCL Teen Craft: Sucker Bouquet Ages 12 - 19
Wednesday, March 15 at 4 pm
in the YA Department

The Bookworms Meeting - Ages 12 - 19
Wednesday, March 22 at 4 pm
in the YA Department

Jackbox Game Fest - Ages 12 - 19
Wednesday, March 29 at 4 pm
in the YA Department

Teen Game Day - Ages 12 - 19

Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm
in the YA Department

STORYWALK® - Mae Among the Stars
Throughout March

Read the story of Mae Jemison, who graduated from Stanford University, earned her MD from Cornell Medical College, and became the first black woman astronaut! **Start at MCL's Market Street entrance and follow the StoryWalk® around Tower Square.**

Tween Grab-and-Go
Finger-Knitted Butterfly Craft Kit
Ages 8 - 12
Available Friday, March 3
in the Children's Department

Tween Movie - Ages 8 - 12
Saturdays at 1 pm in the Tween area of the Children's Department

MCL Builder's Club - Ages 0 - 12
Mondays, March 6 & March 20
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:

- **March 1 & 2** - Let's Move It!
- **March 8 ONLY** - Vacation
- **March 15 & 16** - Green
- **March 22 & 23** - Spring
- **March 29 & 30** - Farm

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!

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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