



THE CONTAINER

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StoryWalk®

Children's Department brings the story outside of the library.

In late 2022, the City of Marion and Marion Carnegie Library teamed up to create another family-friendly destination on and around Tower Square. From that idea came a permanent StoryWalk® installation, starting at MCL's Market Street entrance and continuing north and around the square.

Created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, formerly of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, StoryWalk® programming can be found across the country and has become a librarian favorite.

Shelley Hudspath, MCL's Coordinator of Children's Services, was instrumental in bringing the StoryWalk® project to life. "Josh Benson (Director of Marion Cultural and Civic Center) came to us with the idea in 2020 and reached out to all the downtown businesses," she says. "The businesses were so



accommodating and excited to be a part of this family-oriented program that brought people to the square. Now we hear from families all the time about how beautiful the new stands are and what a great idea it is!"

Since the permanent StoryWalk® pedestals were installed, books like "Pick a Pine Tree" by Patricia Toht and "Mae Among the Stars" by Roda Ahmed have been featured. More StoryWalk® experiences are on the way in Spring and Summer 2023 and they'll always start at MCL's historic Market Street entrance. Check out marioncarnegielibrary.org/storywalk for more information!

Marion Reads!

MCL always strives to connect the Marion community, and this year's Summer Reading program will do exactly that. 2023's Summer Reading theme is "Marion Reads!" and the library can't wait to share the program with you! There are reading challenges for all ages, great events in the Children's Department, the Young Adult Department, *and* the Adult Department, and special guests from all over the country including from right here in Marion!

Summer Reading Kickoff Week happens from Monday, May 15 through Saturday, May 20. The library will present special events each day of the week and Summer Reading registration will be available starting at those events. Don't miss it!

Manga Makeover

Marion Carnegie Library's Young Adult Department is home to the area's largest public library collection of graphic novels and manga. The collection is *so* large - and constantly growing - that the YA department recently added more space for the collection!

Jenna Barnes, MCL's Coordinator of Young Adult Services, says "We're excited to now have more room and shelves to fill with new manga, graphic novels, and comic book titles for our community."

Everyone can borrow from the Young Adult department. Visit the library's top floor anytime to check out graphic novels, manga, DVDs, video games, fiction, and so much more!

April 2023 Featured Events

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

Lawyer in the Library - Age 18+

Tuesday, April 4 at 5 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.

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

Wednesday, April 5 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.

Shawnee Health Chat - Age 18+

Thursday, April 6 at 9 am

Meet one-on-one with a representative of Shawnee Health. Get answers to your medical system questions on Medicaid, Medicare, the Marketplace, and more!

Registration is recommended. Sign up at MCL's Main Desk.

MCL Adult Craft - Springtime Wood Slice Ornament - Age 18+

Thursday, April 13 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 April 6.

MCL Book Club — Age 18+

Saturday, April 22 at 10 am
in the McCoskey Room

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

*PNG at MCL STEAM Club

Create a Custom Popsocket - Ages 10 - 18

Wednesday, April 12 at 4 pm
in the Technology Lab

Design, create, and take home a custom Popsocket phone stand!

*PNG at MCL AV Club

Photography - Ages 10 - 18

Tuesday, April 24 at 4 pm
in the Technology Lab

Use the Tech Lab's DSLR cameras, tripods, green screen, and more to explore the world of photography!

*PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions

Photography

Ages 10 - 18

Saturdays at 1 pm and 3 pm
in the Technology Lab

Learn some photography basics. On Saturday, April 8, we'll be joined by Kristin Moore Photography!

*PNG at MCL Open Technology Lab

Ages 10 - 18

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

NEW!!! MCL Gamers Guild - Ages 12 - 19

Wednesday, April 5 at 4 pm
in the YA Department.

MCL Teen Craft: Friendship Bracelets

Ages 12 - 19

Wednesday, April 19 at 4 pm
in the YA Department

The Bookworms Meeting - Ages 12 - 19

Wednesday, April 26 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

Unicorn Pop-up Card Kit

Ages 8 - 12

Available Saturday, April 1
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, April 3 & April 17
from 5:30 pm to 7 pm
in the McCoskey Room

MCL Children's Department presents

Spring Crafts! - Ages 0 - 12

Monday, April 10 & Tuesday, April 11
from 5 pm to 7 pm
in 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:

- April 5 & 6 - Bunny
- April 12 & 13 - Egg
- April 19 & 20 - Zoo
- April 26 & 27 - Earth Day with Marion Garden Club

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!

Note: MCL Playroom Playdate will happen on Tuesday mornings from May through August.

The library is **closed** on Friday, April 7
and will reopen at 9 am on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

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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