

The Container



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

Food for Fines



Donate approved items to receive \$1 MCL account credit for each item!

This holiday season's Food for Fines will be running from December 1st, 2025 to January 31st, 2026. Visit the Main Floor Circulation Desk and donate to help the local non-profit, *Gum Drops*, provide child-friendly food to enhance the quality of life for at-risk children. All donations will go to students in the Marion Unit 2 School District.

Donated items must be new and unopened. Items can expire no sooner than **six (6) months** from the donation date. Library staff reserves the right to refuse any item.

Approved Items

Applesauce	Instant Oatmeal
Fruit Cups	Crackers
Pudding Cups	Granola Bars
Cereal Cups	Poptarts
Trail Mix	Raisins
Ramen Noodles	Vienna Sausages
Easy Mac	Beans-n-Franks
Canned Pasta	Chicken Salad Kits
Easy-Open Soup	Tuna Salad Kits

The credit can only be used to waive current or future overdue fines.
It is **not** valid for lost/damaged items or for printing costs.



Season's Readings

Get into the festive spirit with us!



Visit the library on Tuesday, December 2nd from 5pm to 7pm for some fun on every floor!

Basement

Enjoy some ice fishing, snowball fights, and snowman bowling in the Children's Department, along with a snowflake stamp craft.

1st Floor

The Main Floor has a beeswax candle craft with some hot cocoa to warm you up.



2nd Floor

The YA Department will be playing some Giant Jenga and making a waterless snow globe craft. Don't forget to grab some popcorn while there. Head over to the PNG Lab to customize a wooden ornament.

December 2025 Library Events

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

All Younger
Children

Ages 0-12

Ages 8-12

Ages 12-18

Ages 18+

All Ages

Food for Fines

Dec. 1st, 2025 - Jan. 31st, 2026

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Season's Readings

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

5^{PM} to 7^{PM}

Teen Game Night

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd

4^{PM}

Jane Austen's Bookshelf: A Book Discussion

Thursday, Dec. 4th

6^{PM}

Tween Craft: Snowy Owl Pinecone

Begins Friday, Dec. 5th

Lawyer in the Library

Tuesday, Dec. 9th

5^{PM}

Registration Required

Teen Movie & Make-It Night

Wednesday, Dec. 10th

4^{PM}

Watch "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and make crafts

Jane Austen-Inspired Watercolor Session

Thursday, Dec. 11th

5:30^{PM}

Registration Required

Tween Movie

Saturdays at 1^{PM}

Builder's Club

Mondays

5:30^{PM} to 7^{PM}

An Austen Afternoon

Tuesday, Dec. 16th

2^{PM} to 7:30^{PM}

Drop by for Jane Austen themed activities

Teen Craft Night: Wood Slice Ornaments

Wednesday, Dec. 17th

4^{PM}

Holiday Hours

CHRISTMAS

CLOSED AT 5^{PM}

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd

CLOSED ALL DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 24th

& Thursday, Dec. 25th

NEW YEAR'S EVE

CLOSED AT 5^{PM}

Wednesday, Dec. 31st

MCL Story Hour

Wednesdays & Thursdays

10:30^{AM}

Dec. 3rd & 4th - Choir

Wed - MJHS Jazz Choir

Thurs - MHS Madrigal

Dec. 10th & 11th - Snowman

Dec. 17th & 18th - Grinch

with *The Grinch*

Dec. 31st - New Years

No Story Hour on Dec 24th & 25th

Playroom Playdate

Tuesdays - 10^{AM} to 12^{PM}

Thursdays - 4^{PM} to 7^{PM}

No Playroom Playdate on
Dec. 25th & 30th

For a full description of
events, visit:

marioncarnegielibrary.org/events



Facebook.com/MarionCarnegieLibrary



Instagram.com/MarionCarnegieLibrary

All participants and parents understand and agree that photos taken at events may be used in social media postings and future promotions.



Children 10 years and younger must be accompanied by a guardian at all times while attending MCL Children's Department events.