

The Container

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

PNG at MCL Returns

Our Technology Lab is re-opening!

Starting **Saturday, April 4th**, the MCL Technology Lab and PNG program will be available to anyone ages 10-18. The lab, made possible by Project Next Generation (PNG) from the Illinois Secretary of State, offers a welcoming environment and access to technology like 3D printing, media production, coding, and much more.

We will provide open lab hours **every Monday through Thursday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm**, where students can explore their interests, learn new skills, and complete personal projects. Additionally, the PNG mentors will present themed programs on **Saturdays at 1:00pm**.

April's Saturday Sessions will be about weather and natural disasters. Throughout the month, students will have the opportunity to learn about predicting weather, tornado physics, earthquakes, and more!

Visit the library's website or social media pages for more information about our PNG programs!



Brain Health Education with Illinois Extension

Are you headstrong about keeping your head strong?

Illinois Extension is hosting a **FREE** four-part brain health series at Marion Carnegie Library starting in April! All of the sessions are free to attend, but **registration is required**.

Join us in the McCoskey Room on **Monday, April 27th** from **10:00am to 11:00am** for Part One of Illinois Extension's Brain Health Education series, **Head Strong: Exercise Strategies to Enhance Memory & Thinking**.

Challenging the brain, especially as you grow older can be beneficial. Many of us enjoy working on puzzles and games that require us to think and stretch our minds. Researchers agree that intellectual challenge is beneficial throughout life. Tune in to learn about lifestyle factors that contribute to brain health, and strategies to enhance thinking.

Registration is required. For more information about the Brain Health Education series and to register for any session in the series, visit: go.illinois.edu/NoBrainer.



Register for our
Brain Health series!

Volunteer with HistoriCorps this April/May

Preservation meets social welfare history at the Saline County Poor House.

The historic preservation non-profit HistoriCorps will be heading to Saline County to restore the historic Saline County Poor House, and are looking for volunteers to help preserve the monumental structure.

HistoriCorps is committed to educating and training volunteers in preservation skills, with an overarching mission of inspiring a preservation ethic in all those involved.

HistoriCorps will have five week-long volunteer sessions between **April 19th and May 22nd**. Volunteers will be provided meals, tools, training, equipment, and a campsite. Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation to the campsite, sleeping equipment, work gloves, clothes and boots, and other personal gear.

Registration is required. For more information about the project and to register, visit:

<https://historiccorps.org/saline-poor-house-il-2026/>.

April 2026 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 10-18

Ages 12-18

Ages 18+

All Ages

Teen Game Night

Wednesday, April 1st
4_{PM}

The Bookworms

Wednesday, April 22nd
4_{PM}

PNG at MCL All Day Open Lab

Monday, April 6th
12_{PM} - 7_{PM}
Friday, April 24th
12_{PM} - 5_{PM}

Closing Good Friday

Friday, April 3rd

MCL Book Club

Saturday, April 25th
10_{AM}
Happy Land
by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Builder's Club

Monday, April 6th & 27th
5:30_{PM} - 7_{PM}

Teen Movie & Make-It Night

Wednesday, April 8th
4_{PM}
Watch *A Bug's Life* and
make a craft!

Brain Health Education with Illinois Extension

Monday, April 27th
10_{AM}
Registration required

Playroom Playdate

Tuesdays: 10_{AM} - 12_{PM}
Thursdays: 4_{PM} - 7_{PM}

Tween Craft Felt Flower Bookmark

Starting Friday, April 10th

Mario Kart Tournament

Wednesday, April 29th
4_{PM}

Tween Movie

Saturdays
1_{PM}

Lawyer in the Library

Tuesday, April 14th
5_{PM} - 7_{PM}
Registration required

MCL Story Hour

Wednesdays & Thursdays
10:30_{AM}
April Fools - April 1st & 2nd
Library - April 8th & 9th
Egg - April 15th & 16th
Earth Day - April 22nd & 23rd
Rainy Day - April 29th & 30th

PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions Weather & Natural Disasters

Saturdays at 1_{PM}

Teen Craft Sunflower Coasters

Wednesday, April 15th
4_{PM}

Teen Lounge

Mondays - Thursdays
4_{PM} - 7_{PM}

Adult Craft Spring Bunny

Thursday, April 16th
3_{PM} or 5:30_{PM}
Registration required - begins April 8th

PNG at MCL Open Lab

Mondays - Thursdays
3_{PM} - 7_{PM}

For a full description of
events, visit:

www.marioncarnegielibrary.org/events



Marion Carnegie Library



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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.