

The Container



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



Friends of MCL Book Sale

Start your summer right with a new book!

The Friends of Marion Carnegie Library will be hosting a book sale on **Friday, May 29th** and **Saturday, May 30th** from **9:00am to 4:00pm** in the McCoskey Room. Friends members will have access to a pre-sale on **Thursday, May 28th** from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Hardbacks will be \$1.00, paperbacks will be \$0.25. Prices may vary on other items. On **Saturday, May 30th** from **2:00pm to 4:00pm**, you can fill a bag with as many books as you like for only \$5.00!

All proceeds go to support Marion Carnegie Library's projects and programs. For more information on how you can help out, visit: www.marioncarnegielibrary.org/friends.

Summer Food Service Program

The City of Marion will have sites for the program!

From June 8th to July 30th, the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will be available to all eligible **children ages 1-18 years old** at the following sites:

Boyton Street Community Center
501 West Boyton Street, Marion, IL

Boys & Girls Club of Southern Illinois - Marion
2706 West Main Street, Marion, IL

SFSP was instituted to provide nutritious meals to children during the summer months when school is not in session. The program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education.

For further information regarding the program, please contact the Boyton Street Community Center at (618) 997-1113.

22nd Annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition

Cash prizes and possible publication for winning poetry!

Named for the late Pulitzer Prize winner and Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, the Illinois Emerging Writers Competition encourages local writers and provides a unique opportunity and outlet for recognizing new literary talent in the state.

Cash prizes are awarded for winning poetry, and are submitted for possible publication in partner Illinois journals.

The competition is open to **Illinois residents age 18 and over**. Entries must be postmarked **on or by June 30th** and include a check or money order for **an entry fee of \$20 per submission**, payable to Illinois Secretary of State. All entries must be original, be unpublished, and not be currently scheduled or under contract for publication in a paper or digital format literary journal or magazine.

For more information about eligibility and entering, visit:

ilsos.gov/departments/library/center_for_the_book/emerging_writers.



May 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

MCL Story Hour

Wednesdays & Thursdays

10:30_{AM}

Space - May 6th & 7th

Flower - May 13th & 14th

Beach - May 20th & 21st

Garden - May 27th

PNG at MCL All Day Open Lab

Wednesday, May 6th

Thursday, May 21st

12_{PM} - 7_{PM}

Adult Craft Moon Phase Wall Hanging

Thursday, May 7th

3_{PM} or 5:30_{PM}

Registration required - begins April 29th

Playroom Playdate

Tuesdays: 10_{AM} - 12_{PM}

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

Teen Game Night

Wednesday, May 6th

4_{PM}

Brain Health Education with Illinois Extension

Monday, May 4th, 11th, 18th

10_{AM}

Registration required

Builder's Club

Monday, May 4th

5:30_{PM} - 7_{PM}

Teen Movie & Make-It Night

Wednesday, May 13th

4_{PM}

Watch *The Bee Movie* and make a craft!

Lawyer in the Library

Tuesday, May 12th

5_{PM} - 7_{PM}

Registration required

Tween Craft Perler Bead Pixel Tool

Starting Friday, May 1st

Teen Craft Garden Pot Gnome

Wednesday, May 20th

4_{PM}

MCL Book Club

Saturday, May 23rd

10_{AM}

Before She Was Helen
by Caroline B. Cooney

Tween Movie

Saturdays at 1_{PM}

The Bookworms

Wednesday, May 27th

4_{PM}

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PNG at MCL Open Lab

Mondays - Thursdays

3_{PM} - 7_{PM}

Teen Lounge

Mondays - Thursdays

4_{PM} - 7_{PM}

PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions Health & Medical

Saturdays at 1_{PM}

Closing Memorial Day

Monday, May 25th

For a full description
of events, visit:

www.marioncarnegielibrary.org/events



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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.