

# The Container

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



## Marion Reads! 2026 Summer Reading is here!



Marion Carnegie Library's Summer Reading program - "Marion Reads!" - is back! We're excited to bring the community together with special events, initiatives, and reading challenges for all ages!

Complete reading challenges and receive prizes like books, movies, library goodies, and more! You can register for Summer Reading at the circulation desk of your respective department beginning **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for details on all of our events. You can find the library calendar at [www.marioncarnegielibrary.org/events](http://www.marioncarnegielibrary.org/events).

## Freedom to Read: An American 250 Celebration Celebrate 250 years of The Declaration of Independence!

MCL will be celebrating America's 250th birthday on **Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** from 4pm to 6pm. We'll have activities on every floor!

Visit the Children's Department for balloon horse races and themed crafts. Take a moment to experience the teas of the Boston Tea Party while completing a community jigsaw puzzle. Enjoy a showing of Hamilton in the YA Department.

Add a leaf to the Liberty Trees to celebrate independence and the pursuit of happiness. Take a selfie with The Statue of Liberty and enjoy a cookie. Catch an 18th century spinning wheel demonstration with the Black Sheep Fiber Guild and visit with costumed volunteers with the Harrison-Bruce Historical Village.

## Summer Time with PNG at MCL Make some noise this summer!

Our PNG program is extending its Open Lab hours! The MCL Tech Lab will be open **Monday through Thursday** from 1pm to 7pm and **Fridays** from 12pm to 4pm. The extended hours offer more time for participants to explore their interests, learn new skills, and complete personal projects. Additionally, the PNG Mentors present themed programs on **Saturdays** at 1pm.

June's Saturday Sessions will focus on Art, Music, and Sound. Throughout the month, participants will have the opportunity to learn the process of music production, along with creating a video to accompany their song.

Visit the library's website or social media pages for more information about our PNG programs! PNG at MCL is available for ages 10-18. No library card required to participate in any activities.



# June 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

**Closing Juneteenth**  
Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

**Tween Craft Bead Lizard**  
Begins Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**Teen Craft Night Book Fairy Garden**  
Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>PM</sup>

**Lives in Code Stories of African American Resilience in 1819-1865**  
Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>PM</sup>

**MCL Story Hour**  
Wednesdays  
10:30<sup>AM</sup>

**Tween Movie**  
Saturdays at 1<sup>PM</sup>

**The Bookworms**  
Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>PM</sup>

Animal Rescue - June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
with Shining Light Animal Rescue

Liberty - June 10<sup>th</sup>  
with The Daughters of the American Revolution

Goofy Golf - June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Location: Marion Goofy Golf at Ray Fosse Park

Baseball - June 24<sup>th</sup>  
with The Thrillbillies  
Location: Mountain Dew Park

**PNG at MCL Open Lab**  
Mondays - Thursdays  
1<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>  
Fridays  
12<sup>PM</sup> - 4<sup>PM</sup>

**Teen Movie & Make-It Night**  
Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>PM</sup>

Watch Peter Pan and make a craft!

**Planting Herbs for Pollinators with Illinois Extension**  
Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6<sup>PM</sup>  
Registration required

**PNG at MCL All Day Open Lab**  
Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>  
12<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>

**Book Speed Dating**  
Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
Carnegie Commons

**Library Garden Party**  
Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
5<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>  
at Mandala Gardens

**Playroom Playdate**  
Tuesdays 10<sup>AM</sup> - 12<sup>PM</sup>  
Thursdays 4<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>

**PNG at MCL Saturday Sessions Art, Music, & Sound**  
Saturdays at 1<sup>PM</sup>

**Lawyer in the Library**  
Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>  
Registration required

**Life Size Board Games**  
Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>

**Animal Tales**  
Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
6<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>

at Amphitheater at Harry L. Crisp Sports Complex

**Teen Craft To-Go Pressed Flower Bookmarks**  
Begins Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Adult Craft Birdhouse Plant Stake**

Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>PM</sup> or 5:30<sup>PM</sup>  
Registration required begins June 17<sup>th</sup>

**Freedom to Read America 250 Celebration**  
Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>PM</sup> - 6<sup>PM</sup>

**Runaway Puppet Theater**  
Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>PM</sup> - 3<sup>PM</sup>  
at The Pavilion

**Teen Game Night Enchanted Forest Hunt**  
Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
4<sup>PM</sup>



**MCL Book Club**  
Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>AM</sup>

Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence by Carol Berkin

For a full description of events, visit:  
[marioncarnegielibrary.org/events](http://marioncarnegielibrary.org/events)

**Builder's Club with Heartland LUG**  
Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
5:30<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>

**Teen Lounge**  
Mondays - Thursdays  
4<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>

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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.