

The Container

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

End Of Summer Reading Parties

Celebrate your Summer Reading achievements!

As Summer Reading winds down, our departments want to celebrate you. Not registered for Summer Reading? There's still time to sign up! Visit the circulation desk in the department you want to sign up for or call the library at (618) 993-5935.

YA Department

Enter the Enchanted Forest on **Wednesday, July 22nd** at **4pm!** Choose your choice of craft, snack, game and more while we watch *Into the Woods*. Complete each category before the movie is over! Turn in your bookmark trackers anytime before or during the party and the reader with the highest number of books will win the grand prize when the movie ends!

Children's Department

Meet us at Emery Bros. Skating Rink on **Thursday, July 23rd** from **5pm to 7pm** to skate the night away! Don't forget to bring your reading log so you can choose your FREE BOOK!

Main Floor

Gather with other readers to celebrate the end of Summer Reading on **Tuesday, July 30th** at **5:30pm**. Enjoy a bouquet bar and catering in the McCoskey Room. Required registration begins **July 25th**.

Each department's party is for those registered for Summer Reading with that department. The Children's Department is for ages 0-12; the YA Department is for ages 12-18; the Main Floor is for ages 18+. 12 year olds can choose either the Children's challenge or the YA challenge, but can attend any programs for either department.



Book Donations

Donate books for the Friends of MCL's book sales!

Need to downsize your collection? Bring them to us to donate them to the Friends of Marion Carnegie Library's book sales! Small donations can be brought to our Main Floor desk **Monday through Friday** from **9am to 4pm**. Larger donations must call ahead at (618) 993-5935 to schedule a drop off time.

We welcome donations of books and DVDs from groups and from individuals. MCL does reserve the right to determine if the donated items become part of the library's collection, offered as part of the library's book sales hosted by the Friends of the Marion Carnegie Library, or recycled.

MCL cannot accept donations of:

- Encyclopedias
- Textbooks
- Workbooks
- Material older than 2 years regarding subjects of technology, science, medicine, or health

MCL reserves the right to refuse donations of items that do not meet these criteria. Donated items that are in poor condition will be discarded. Donated items must be in good condition and free of odor, mold, and infestation.

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America 250: Securing the Dream for Us All

Road Scholar speaker Dr. Ted Williams III is presenting at MCL!

On **Thursday, July 9th, 2026**, Marion Carnegie Library will be hosting a presentation by Dr. Ted Williams III about his experiences as an Illinois based political science professor, commentator, candidate for public office, and artist. Dr. Williams' presentation will be at **6pm** in Marion Carnegie Library's McCoskey Room.

The presentation, "America 250: Securing the Dream for Us All," blends Dr. Williams' new production, *Unum*, about a man's fictitious run for national office to make a difference, and Dr. Williams' own experience addressing major issues facing our democracy. This unique program will explore how the community can work towards a thriving democracy across the country and how to ensure that the promise of America extends to all people.

This event is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music, politics, and more. Visit www.ilhumanities.org for more information about Illinois Humanities and programs.

Dr. Ted Williams III is an accomplished and experienced actor, educator, author, and Road Scholar. Through his presentations for organizations across the state, he shares his life's work and passion that revolves around the topics of political science and social justice via theater. For more information about Dr. Williams and his work, visit www.tedwilliamsiii.com.



July 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
Independence Day**
Saturday, July 4th

MCL Story Hour
10:30^{AM}

Car - July 1st
with Marion Toyota
Location: The HUB

Movement - July 10th
Location: Extreme Kids

Fed-Ex - July 15th
Location: Fed-Ex

Willy Wonka - July 22nd
with Kre8ive
Location: The Pavilion

Frozen - July 29th
with Skyline Creek
Productions

Playroom Playdate

Tuesdays 10^{AM} - 12^{PM}
Thursdays 4^{PM} - 7^{PM}

Builder's Club

Monday, July 6th
Monday, July 27th
5:30^{PM} - 7^{PM}

**End of Summer
Reading Party**

Thursday, July 23rd
5^{PM} - 7^{PM}
at Emery Bros.
Skating Rink

Tween Movie
Saturdays at 1^{PM}

**Tween Craft
Paint Your Own
Planters**
Begins Friday, July 3rd

**Tween Art Class
with LEAA**
Tuesday, July 14th
1^{PM}

at Little Egypt Art
Association

Camp Half-Blood

Thursday, July 16th
10:30^{AM} - 11:30^{AM} &
1:30^{PM} - 2:30^{PM}
Ages 8-18

**PNG at MCL
Saturday Sessions
Propulsion**
Saturdays at 1^{PM}

**PNG at MCL
Open Lab**
Mondays - Thursdays
1^{PM} - 7^{PM}
Fridays
12^{PM} - 4^{PM}

**Teen Craft To-Go
Seed Bombs**
Begins
Wednesday, July 1st

**Teen Game Night
Fairytale Trivia**
Wednesday, July 1st
4^{PM}

**Teen Movie &
Make-It Night**
Wednesday, July 8th
4^{PM}
Watch Alice Through
the Looking Glass
and make a craft!

**Teen Craft Night
DIY Garden Books**
Wednesday, July 15th
4^{PM}

**YA End of
Summer Reading
Enter the Enchanted
Forest**
Wednesday, July 22nd
4^{PM}

Teen Lounge
Mondays - Thursdays
4^{PM} - 7^{PM}

**America 250:
Securing the Dream
for Us All
with Illinois Humanities**
Thursday, July 9th
6^{PM}

**A Puzzling
Afternoon**
Tuesday, July 14th
2^{PM} - 7^{PM}

**Lawyer in the
Library**
Tuesday, July 14th
5^{PM} - 7^{PM}
Registration required

**Gardening for
Moths**
with Illinois Extension
Monday, July 20th
6^{PM}
Registration required


**Adult Craft
Novel Fairy House**
Thursday, July 23rd
3^{PM} or 5:30^{PM}
Registration required
begins July 15th

MCL Book Club
Saturday, July 25th
10^{AM}
The Samurai's Garden
by Gail Tsukiyama

**Summer Reading
Social**
Thursday, July 30th
6^{PM}
Registration required
begins July 25th

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