



**Spring 2024**



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# Spring 2024 programs

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## Beekeeping

Monday, March 4, 11, & 18

@ 2:00 pm

(class size limited to 25)

**Session One:** A history of bees and beekeeping as well as its current situation and what the future holds.

**Session Two:** We will look at the life cycle of honey bees and how that plays out over a year. We will also discuss diseases and parasites of honey bees.

**Session Three:** We will focus on keeping honey bees. The practices and equipment that can be used to help you keep happy and healthy bees.

### Each 2hr course is led by:

**Gene McCurdy** resides in the Ashley area where he has lived most of his 76 years. He has five children and eleven grandchildren. He's retired but still makes and sells hay with one of his sons. He also keeps bees and sells honey. He graduated from Buckeye Valley High School and The Ohio State University, beginning at the branch here in Marion. He lived in Scioto County for several years in the 80s, where he learned how to keep bees. The timing here is significant because this was just before the Varroa mite invasion causing widespread destruction of bees and beekeeping. Many were forced to quit keeping bees and those that continued had to learn new ways to keep bees.



## The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks: A UNESCO World Heritage Site

Tuesday, March 5 @ 10:00 am

The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks are eight monumental earthen enclosures in southern Ohio that were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2023. They include the Great Circle and Octagon Earthworks in Licking County, and the Fort Ancient Earthworks in Warren County. These three sites are managed by the Ohio History Connection. The other five sites are located in Ross County and include the Mound City Group, Hopewell Mound Group, Hopeton Earthworks, Seip Earthworks, and High Bank Works. They comprise Hopewell Culture National Historical Park and are managed by the National Park Service. Together these eight earthworks tell the story of the ancient Indigenous Hopewell culture centered in southern Ohio between about AD 1 and 400. These amazing enclosures and mounds provide evidence for a sophisticated knowledge of geometry and astronomy. Ancient American Indian pilgrims came to these sites from across much of North America bearing offerings of extraordinary raw materials that Hopewell artisans crafted into magnificent ceremonial regalia. Contemporary American Indians still regard these earthworks as sacred places. Learn more about the history of these sites and why they deserve the honor of being inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

This 1hr course is led by:

**Brad Lepper**, the Senior Archaeologist for the Ohio History Connection's World Heritage Program and a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Denison University. He is the author of



*Ohio Archaeology: An Illustrated Chronicle of Ohio's Ancient American Indian Cultures*, published in 2005 by Orange Frazer

Press, Wilmington, Ohio, which received the Society for American Archaeology's Public Audience Book Award. His research has encompassed more than 14,000 years of Ohio's Indigenous history but has been focused on the monumental earthworks of the Hopewell culture.



## Chair Yoga

(class size limited to 30)

Wednesday, March 6 & 13

@ 10:00 am

Both yoga practice sessions will work on the neck, shoulders, hips, and legs.

**Session One:** Denise will introduce Yoga equipment and the scientifically proven benefits of Yoga. Then as a group, we will practice Yoga poses using chairs.

**Session Two:** Continues with the same yoga practices as the first session and will add more poses using chairs, the wall, and abdominal strengthening flows.

Each 1hr course is led by:

**Denise M. Falzone** has practiced Yoga for 8 years and became a certified Yoga Alliance RYS 200-hour Yoga and Trauma Sensitive

Yoga Instructor in 2022. She has taught Chair and Gentle Yoga for LaRue and Balanced Tree Yoga Studio. Denise will focus on a practice for all physical limitations, body types, and persons with disabilities.



## Unarmed Self-Defense

Wednesday, March 6 & 13

@ 2:00 pm

(class size limited to 30)

Please join the Marion Victim Assistance Program and Marion City Police Department's MPACT Program (Marion Police and Community Together) to learn about situational awareness, equipment for protecting yourself, and basic self-defense techniques. The goal of this class is to provide you with knowledge and methods for protecting yourself in the community.

**Session One:** Situational awareness and equipment for protecting yourself.

**Session Two:** An interactive class of Basic Self Defense.

**Session Two takes place at: Marion County Sheriff's Office, 100 Executive Drive, 2nd floor Harding Room.**

Each 1.5hr course is led by:

**Lt. Mark Elliot**, of the Marion Police Department, is a 2001 graduate of Tiffin University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He graduated from the



Ohio State Highway Patrol Peace Officer Basic Training Academy in 2002. Mark has served the Marion Police Department as a patrol officer and supervisor, as well as a member of the Special Response Team and as a K9 officer. Mark is a certified instructor in firearms, subject control, use-of-force, TASER, OC spray, and domestic violence for both in-service agency training and the MTC basic training academy. Mark has assisted with the Marion Victim Assistance Self-Defense class for several years.



## Living Silences: The Stories We Tell About Ourselves

Thursday, March 7 & 21

@ 12:00 pm

(class size limited to 20)

Researcher and Covid long-hauler Lauren Chivington shares life experiences of a "silent" disorder and instructs participants on how to better tell their own stories.

**Session One:** Lauren will focus on the background of someone living with what we now call Long COVID, and how art therapy is used to process the disorder to be "chronically well."

**Session Two:** Lauren will focus on taking those learned techniques and allowing participants to come together, break silences of their own, and share their own stories through various modes and mediums of expression.

Each 1hr course is led by:

**Lauren Chivington** (They/Them) is a 3rd year Ph.D. student at the Ohio State

University in the English department majoring in Medical Humanities and minoring in Disability Studies. Lauren teaches at the college level for both OSU and Columbus College of Art & Design in Columbus, Ohio, giving talks internationally on their lived experiences and research in graphic medicine. Lauren's dissertation work focuses on promoting Long Covid narratives in healthcare spaces impacted by silencing forces of pandemic, pathology, and patriarchy. You can find their research on the *Empty Speech Balloon* in ImageText (2021) and on Holocaust Narratives in Controversial Media in the *International Journal of Comic Art* (2018).



## Affordable Housing Marion, Ohio

Friday, March 8 & 15

@ 10:00 am

Representatives of the Regional Planning Commission and Habitat for Humanity will present their insights into the issue of affordable housing in our community.

**Session One:** Rich will talk about how the land bank works with prospective property owners to rehab blighted residential properties by making them habitable. This process involves several steps including property inspections and application reviews. In addition, the land bank demolishes blighted properties that cannot be rehabbed which allows for additional home sites as well as larger side yards for currently existing homes.

Ken will talk about how various additional programs that the Marion City/County Regional Planning Commission administers effect affordable and current housing stock. These programs include the CHIP (home repair), CRA (tax incentives for new and rehabbed housing, (CSSLP) home septic assistance, and (CDBG) various community improvements.

**Session Two:** Why should Marion's "middle class" care about affordable housing? Lynn will lead us in a session demonstrating that the community is only as strong as its affordable housing stock. She will discuss the data-driven need for a concentrated community-led effort to improve the availability of decent affordable and workforce housing in Marion County. There will be a discussion of both the shocking statistics we battle and real local stories. The need is very real, and the solutions must embrace new methods to create impact in this sector. She will cover both what is currently being done by Habitat for Humanity and others in the community, as well as creative ideas that could improve our workforce housing stocks for years to come. The participant will also leave with a knowledge of where to quickly access local data that references housing numbers.

**Each 1hr course led by:**  
**Rich Fender, Ken Lengieza, and Lynn Zucker**

**Rich Fender** joined the Marion County Regional Planning Commission staff in August 2020 where he serves as the Director of the Marion County Land Bank.

In this capacity, he assists in the creation of affordable housing by working with individuals to rehab land bank houses. Rich also administers the county's brownfield and



site demolition and revitalization programs and is a county planner assisting with the county subdivision regulations. Rich formerly was with the Jefferson County, Ohio Regional Planning Commission where he led the effort to create that county's first land bank.

**Ken Lengieza** was the Planning Director of Marion City and County from 1981 to 2018, starting when Marion was losing major industries and was experiencing an increase in poverty and a decrease in housing maintenance. He led the effort to obtain funding for the NW Interceptor Sanitary Sewer, which has made industrial expansion possible, as well as being part of the team to develop industrial parks. Concerning housing, Ken worked with Engineers, Realtors, and Builders to streamline the Subdivision Review Process. He is a founding member of Marion CANDO and was past President of the Ohio Conference of Community. He remains active in both organizations.



**Lynn Zucker** became Habitat for Humanity of Marion Ohio full-time Executive Director in 2013. She helped facilitate the opening of a ReStore and the incorporation of two other volunteer-managed affiliates to create Buckeye Ridge HFH in 2016. Her duties at BRHFH include operations, financial management, human resources, resource development, Homebuyer U education, overseeing mortgage portfolios, and advocacy. She holds a BS from The Ohio State University in Agricultural Economics.

Lynn serves on the Public Policy Subcommittee of the U.S. Council with Habitat for Humanity International. She is on the Board of Habitat for Humanity of Ohio. Locally, she is a member of the Marion County Board of Elections, Marion County Republican Central Committee, Marion Area Chamber of Commerce, and Marion Christian Center.



## Fierce Florence and Daring and Dynamic Dolley

Tuesday, March 19 @ 2:00 pm

### Fierce Florence:

#### The Duchess and Suffragette

Embark on a captivating journey through the extraordinary life of Florence Harding, the 29th First Lady of the United States. Born in Marion, Ohio, on the brink of the Civil War, Florence's story unfolds as a testament to her resilience, intelligence, and unwavering commitment to suffrage and women's empowerment. Florence Harding's passion for suffrage and women's empowerment sets her apart as a unique First Lady. Known as both the "Duchess" and a suffragette, she earned these titles through her avant-garde spirit and commitment to societal progress.

Notably, Florence made history by becoming the first First Lady to cast a vote in a presidential election, a groundbreaking moment that solidified her legacy as a pioneer for women's rights. In this enlightening exploration, we provide insights into Florence Harding's multifaceted identity, unraveling the layers of a woman ahead of her time.

### Daring and Dynamic Dolley: Hostess and Hero

Step into the captivating legacy of Dolley Madison, the esteemed "hostess with the mostest" and the 4th First Lady of the United States. Known for rescuing Gilbert Stuart's iconic portrait of George Washington during the War of 1812, Dolley's impact extends far beyond her social graces. Renowned for her hosting skills, Dolley redefined the role of the First Lady by seamlessly transitioning into the position of White House hostess during multiple presidential administrations. Dolley Madison's story is a timeless narrative of influence and admiration, marking her as one of the most beloved and memorable First Ladies in American history. Dolley Madison's legacy, charisma, conviction, and cultural preservation converge to create an enduring tale of historical significance.

### This 2hr course is led by:

**Stephanie Bohnak**, the Director of Education and Outreach at the National First Ladies Library & Museum in Canton, Ohio, brings a wealth of experience in museum management and education. Previously she served as the Museum Education and Tour Manager at the Oberlin Heritage Center and has worked with Metroparks Toledo and the Wood County Museum where she has shown a dedication to presenting local history and marginalized narratives. Stephanie holds an MA in History and Public History from Bowling Green State University, specializing in women's history, food history, labor unions, and American enslavement. A National Association for Interpretation Certified



Interpretive Guide, Stephanie excels in historical interpretation, offering captivating first-person portrayals of canal-working women and female con artists like Cassie Chadwick.



## Book Buzz: “And the Golden Swoop Goes To...”

Wednesday, March 20 & 27,  
April 3 & 10 @ 10:00 am

Join MPL staff as we discuss one of our favorite topics – books! This year we are going with an Oscars theme. Staff members will take turns sharing their favorite book picks for categories ranging from Best Leading Character to Best Original Writing to, of course, Best Read of 2023. Come discover new authors and titles you can find in our collection.

The final session will be a discussion of a selection of books by Tia Williams, who will be visiting the library on April 12th.

Each 2hr course led by:  
**Gary Branson and  
Marion Public Library staff**



Gary is the Executive Director of the Marion Public Library. He earned his M.L.S. from Kent State University and has over 29 years experience in libraries.



## Invasive Species

Friday, March 22 & 29

@ 10:00 am

**Session One:** We will define several confusing terms, and discuss exactly what is meant by the term “invasive” concerning assorted living things in the ecosystem. We will learn to identify the most common invasive plant species, and why we should endeavor to remove them (or at least control them on our property). We will also learn of readily available alternatives to invasive plants.

**Session Two:** We will discuss other invasive life forms that have spread to Ohio over the last few years, how to identify them, and the steps being taken to monitor and try to control them.

Each 2hr course is led by:

**Carol Kelly**, a “retired” Penn State Master Gardener, who donated more than 500 volunteer hours in 10 years in Pennsylvania. She has gardened organically for over 50 years in Pennsylvania,



Michigan, Virginia, Ohio, and Belgium. Over the years she has given numerous presentations on gardening and nature. After maintaining the raised bed gardens at the Senior Center for 5 years, she next planted a pollinator garden there which is registered with the Monarch Watch as a Monarch Waystation. She has also been involved with the Marion Public Library’s Bookworm garden since its creation and has had it designated as a waystation. She admits to slowing down some these days but may still be heard bi-weekly on WMZO radio’s “In the Green Outdoors” program.





## Pastel Butterflies

**Thursday, March 28 @ 2:00 pm**  
**(class size limited to 15)**

Celebrate spring by learning to create one of nature's beautiful creatures in pastel, a butterfly. This class is designed for all skill levels. We will learn about paper and using pastel pencils, transferring designs, and laying down color and blending. At the completion of class everyone will have created their own unique butterfly.

**This 2hr course is led by:**  
**Patti Brown**

Patti has been a creative artist and an instructor for many years in Ohio. Being educated in the arts she has always felt every day is a new learning opportunity. Participating in numerous shows and exhibits every year, she has won awards for her work. Her vivid art pieces have been admired by many across the United States. Being a member of several art organizations throughout Ohio she enjoys sharing her knowledge and love for the arts with others.



## Patty Hearst Retrospectives

**Tuesday, April 2 @ 10:00 am**

Fifty years ago, the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), a tiny group of urban radicals committed to violent revolution, kidnapped Patty Hearst, a young heiress who was living quietly in Berkeley, California with her fian-

cée. Two months later, "Tania" announced that she had joined the SLA and brandished an assault rifle in an armed bank robbery. Was she a willing accomplice or a brainwashed victim? What does the public reaction to her controversial saga and subsequent trial suggest about U.S. politics and culture in the 1970s? In this multimedia presentation, Michael Flamm will explore these questions and more.

**This 2hr course is led by:**

**Michael Flamm** is a scholar of modern American political history and professor at Ohio Wesleyan University where he teaches a broad range of courses in U.S. history from 1877 to the present. At Ohio Wesleyan, he has received the Welch Award for Scholarly Achievement and three teaching prizes including the university's highest honor, the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award. Professor Flamm is the author or co-author of five books and numerous articles and reviews. He is a proud Minnesotan and likes to read contemporary, classic, and historical fiction as well as mystery novels.



## Goodwill - More than a Store!

**Thursday, April 11 & 18**  
**@ 2:00 pm**

Goodwill is a nonprofit, social service agency dedicated to improving the lives of all people by providing skill-building programs and services needed to help remove common barriers to good jobs and independence.

**Session One:** Learn more about how donating to and shopping at Goodwill supports the local community and changes lives for **good**. Since 1977, Marion Goodwill Industries has helped people with disabilities break barriers to employment, and find jobs by providing programs and services for people who want to work. Goodwill turns donations of gently used goods into jobs and new careers for their clients. The sale of community donations in their retail stores, e-commerce stores, outlets, and recycling lines helps fund the services in the communities they serve.

**Session Two:** Take a behind-the-scenes tour at the Goodwill Outlet Store. The Outlet receives rotated donations that did not sell from their 10 stores. The outlet items are sold by the pound and larger items by the piece. They rotate the items off the Outlet Sales Floor about every hour to make room for new items. The rotated items are then moved to the last stop of the process, recycling. You will gain insight into Goodwill's impact on the community, environment, and economy.

**Each 1hr course is led by:**  
**Justin Vanderhoff & Matt Tway**

**Justin Vanderhoff** is the Vice President of Mission Services with Marion Goodwill. He has worked at Goodwill since January 2017.

Before working at Goodwill, Justin worked in warehouse logistics. He has a Bachelor of Psychology

degree and an Associates of Arts and Sciences degree from The Ohio State University. Justin serves on the Board of Directors for the Marion Area Transit and



serves on the Hospitality Advisory board at the Delaware Area Career Center.

**Matt Tway** joined Goodwill in March of 2023 as Vice President of Community Development. He is focused on creating and solidifying our community partnerships with various businesses, places of faith, and



nonprofit organizations within the 5 counties that are

served. Before joining Goodwill, he worked in banking for 18 years and served on the Goodwill

Board for 14 years. Matt holds

a degree in finance from Miami University. Outside of work, he likes to cook, ride his recumbent bike, and watch his kids in their various musical and robotics activities with his wife Annette.



**Reading Together in Marion**  
**Friday, April 12 & 19**  
**@ 10:30 am**

Have you ever wondered about the various ways a community comes together to help its residents learn to read and write? In this course, we will introduce you to a traveling exhibit developed by Ohio State Marion students that explores the legacy of literacy in Marion.

**Session One:** We will explore how literacy impacts children's brains and keeps our brains healthy as we age. Then, we'll learn about how Ohio State Marion students researched the history of Marionites who worked together to establish the city's first public library in 1907 and then promoted

literacy in all kinds of ways, through many civic organizations throughout the ensuing decades. Finally, we will share some of the ways current Marionites are continuing this tradition.

**Session Two:** You will have the opportunity to develop and share your own literacy story. If you would like, you may even share this story as part of an international online oral history collection used by students and researchers around the world to understand the various ways people come together around literacy.

**Each 1.5hr course is led by:**

**Ben McCorkle, Nikole Patson, and Margaret Sumner**

**Ben McCorkle**, Professor of English, has been at OSU-Marion since 2005. His Ph.D. is from the Ohio State University. His research focuses on how technology and communication influence one another at different moments in history. He teaches courses in writing, the history and theory of rhetoric, and digital media production. A co-director of the Digital Archive of Literacy Narratives, he mentors new faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students as they work in collaboration with the project to curate, study, and teach about individuals' literacy experiences in contemporary culture.



**Nikole Patson**, Associate Professor of Psychology, has been at OSU-Marion since 2011. Her Ph.D. is from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research focuses on language comprehension and using language science to keep girls interested in science.

She teaches courses in cognition, neuroscience, language processing, and creativity. In her Language Development course, her students partner with Let's Read 20 to get children in Marion excited about reading.



**Margaret Sumner**, Associate Professor of History, has been at OSU-Marion since 2006. Her Ph.D. is from Rutgers University. Her research focuses on early American educational and intellectual history. She teaches history courses that range from the American Revolution to the Gilded Age. She has been teaching a US women's history course, "Busy, Brilliant, and Bossy: Discovering Histories of American Women's Community Activism," in partnership with the Marion Women's Club since 2018.



# notes:

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# book sale

Thursday, April 25

BookMarks

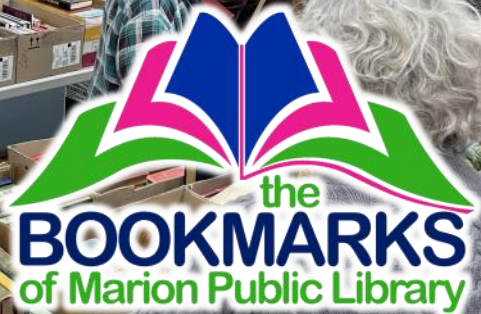
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# [ IN THE AUTHOR'S VOICE ]

Bestselling Contemporary Romance Author

## TIA WILLIAMS

### April 12 @ 6:30

Free and open to the public



Bestselling Crime Thriller Author

## S.A. COSBY

### June 14 @ 6:30

Free and open to the public



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## AMANDA FLOWER

### September 14 @ 11:00

Free and open to the public



## Speaking Volumes Fundraiser

Pulitzer Prize winning Author

# Jane Smiley

### October 18 @ 6:00



Tickets can be purchased at [MarionOHBookmarks.org](http://MarionOHBookmarks.org) when available.

# your **Class List**



**In person registration ONLY! Starts Monday, February 19**  
First come, first served as seating may be limited.

Refer to Marion Public Library website or social media platforms for current news.

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TOTAL # Classes \_\_\_\_\_

## Circle Payment Amount:

- 2 classes with initial fee **\$25**
- +1 class (total 3 classes) **\$30**
- +2 class (total 4 classes) **\$35**
- +3 class (total 5 classes) **\$40**
- +4 class (total 6 classes) **\$45**
- +5 class (total 7 classes) **\$50**
- +6 class (total 8 classes) **\$55**
- +7 class (total 9 classes) **\$60**
- +8 class (total 10 classes) **\$65**
- +9 class (total 11 classes) **\$70**
- +10 class (total 12 classes) **\$75**
- +11 class (total 13 classes) **\$80**

**TOTAL Cost** \_\_\_\_\_

## At Library front desk beginning February 19

Fill out and pay any fees due. No refunds or cancellations.

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**The Marion Public Library  
enhances the quality of life  
in our community  
by encouraging reading  
and the pursuit  
of lifelong learning.**

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