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Community partners and grants



Tri-Rivers RAMTEC Robotics Programs and Summer Camps

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My First Library Card continuing through support of Marion Community Foundation, Marion Noon Kiwanis and Marion Rotary

BookMarks of the Marion Public Library donating funds to the Library

Special Thanks:

to all of the organizations that partnered with the Library to add to and improve our services. These and many more partners helped to create a better Marion Public Library in 2017. We look forward to growing these partnerships as they allow the Library to provide so many new and innovative services that greatly impact our patrons. Thanks again!



Marion Palace Theatre Pete The Cat School Program



Sharing fun with Let's Read 20 at School Literacy Nights

Wishing our 2017 Retirees "Bon Voyage!":

Special Thanks to MPL Retirees

We feel very thankful to have worked with these wonderful ladies who have decided to schedule some free time for themselves. Happy retirement!!



Becky Dutton



Kim Ames 24 years



Nikki Simpkins 15 years



Leslie Schifer 27 years



Lou Ann Showalter
9 years

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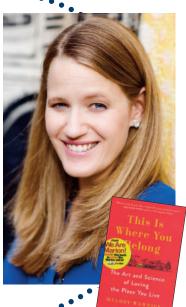
Marion's Community Read 2017:

This Is Where You Belong: The Art and Science of Loving Where You Live Community book discussions were held throughout the spring leading up to the featured Community Read Author Event on June 4th. Author Melody Warnick's appearance was sponsored by the Marion Community Foundation and she was a featured speaker at the inaugural MarionMade Gala.



Community Read with Melody Warnick

This Is Where You Belong: The Art And Science of Loving Where You Live.



Connecting authors and readers







ReadLocal Author Fair:

Readers and authors connected at this amazing event focused on supporting local and Ohio authors. Mindy McGinnis, popular young adult fiction author and Cardington resident, was the keynote speaker.







Chris Willis

Head of NFL films

Research Library Walter Lingo, Jim Thorpe, and the **Oorang Indians:**

How a Dog Kennel

Owner Created the

NFL's Most Famous

• Traveling Team





Chris Willis Book Event:

Author and NFL historian Chris Willis presented an amazing program for local history buffs. His engaging talk was based on his newest book which focuses on the role that LaRue, Ohio played in fostering the explosive growth of the NFL.





Speaking Volumes 2017:

The second installment of this annual fundraiser was headlined by critically-acclaimed and bestselling author, Richard Russo. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment and literature, and it was all to benefit the Library.

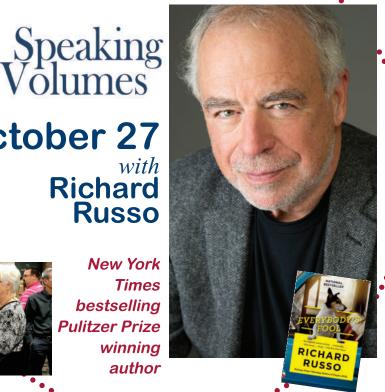






October 27 with **Richard** Russo

> New York **Times** bestselling Pulitzer Prize winning author



Some of our favorite programs of 2017

Swoop's Birthday Party





















Beekeeping with Don Jones Andrew's Pastries











Making Slime

Circuits & Electricity

Paper Making

#MarionOhioRocks

Harding Home's Laddie Boy

Good Neighbor Day

Talk Like A Pirate Day

A WWI Soldier's Experience SRC Columbus Zoo Visit

The Magic of Rory Renick Making Candy Apple

Creative Writing Workshop



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371,488 total circulation



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