

Marion Public LIBRARY

740-387-0992
 MarionLibrary.org
 445 East Church Street, Marion, OH 43302
 Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday 1-4 p.m. (Labor Day-Memorial Day)

Branches:
 Monday & Thursday 2-6 p.m.
 MPL @ Caledonia – 419-845-3666
 112 East Marion Street, Caledonia, OH 43314
 MPL @ LaRue – 740-499-3066
 86 South High Street, LaRue, OH 43332
 MPL @ Prospect – 740-494-2684
 116 North Main Street, Prospect, OH 43342



Cranes were brought in for removal and install of the HVAC system.

2018

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Community partners and grants



Tri-Rivers RAMTEC Robotics Programs and Summer Camps



Marion Council on Aging Grant for Large Print/Audio book collections



My First Library Card ongoing support from Marion Community Foundation, Marion Noon Kiwanis and Marion Rotary



BookMarks of Marion Public Library donations now total \$29,000.

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 2018. 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 Public Health Celebraty Baby Fair with Safe Sleeping Baby Boxes



Marion Technical College Aspire classes met in the Library



Marion Palace Theatre *Dragons Love Tacos* School Program



Let's Read 20 at School Literacy Nights

New digital access included:



MarionLibrary.org/borrow for lynda.com learning, streaming ACORN TV, digital magazines, ebooks and audio books with your library card.

2018 Retiree: Special Thanks to MPL Retiree

Marilyn McBeth said goodbye at the end of December, but never fear, her plans are to return in March of 2019 to help us out.



Marilyn McBeth 30 years



June 21 Summer Reading Club with a penguin program two shows with 300+ in attendance at each show



the year of engaging programs

Top Program for 2018:

During 2018's Summer Reading Club, the Newport Aquarium WAVE Foundation brought a penguin program to the library for two shows. There were 300+ in the audience at EACH show. Summer Reading Club programs had a total attendance of over 2,700 in 2018!!

Our family Slime program quickly became our second most popular program over 300 participants in all library and branch locations



Slime Programs:

Social media exploded with posts about MPL's slime program. We were amazed at the turnout. The same program was repeated at the branches with great success.

Connecting social:

facebook.com/mplOhio 3002 Likes twitter: @MarionPublicLib 904 Followers instagram: @MarionPublicLib 723 Followers

For more program information and updates, visit MarionLibrary.org or call 740-387-0992



Each week there are at least 3 storytimes on our programming calendar. Parents or caregivers can come to a storytime geared to a specific age group or come to the family-oriented program in the evening.

Storytime

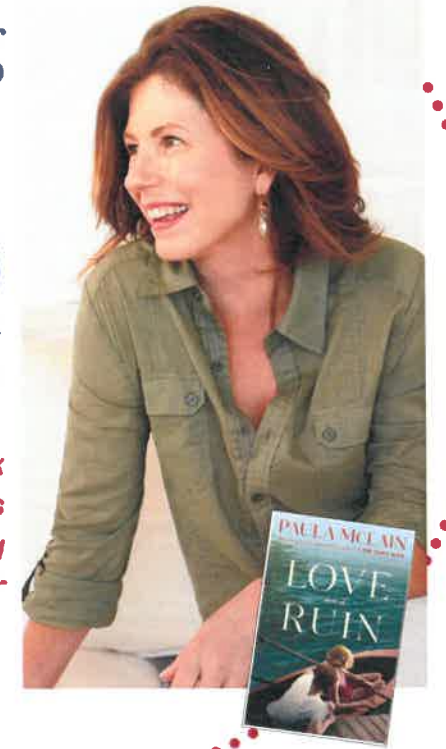


Speaking Volumes

October 26
with
Paula McLain

Speaking Volumes 2018:
The third installment of this annual fundraiser was headlined by critically-acclaimed and bestselling author Paula McLain. Attendees to the BookMarks' Speaking Volumes event enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment and literature. There were more sponsors than ever - all to benefit the Library.

New York Times
bestselling
author



Some of our favorite programs of 2018



337,493
items
available
for checkout



347,860
total
circulation



30,028
public
computer
access



35,823
new
items



58,229
total
downloads



338
My First
Library Cards



692
library
programs



10,175
program
attendance