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Library Board Meeting

The Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 22 at 5:15 PM.



Library Closings

During January the library will be closed the following times:

- Monday, January 1 for the New Year Holiday
- Monday, January 15 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Feel free to use the outside book drops to return items during these times.



Each new year as we reflect on the past and look toward the months ahead, we do so with our minds focused on our amazing community. Our goal for 2024 is to continue the important work of offering meaningful services to all. Get ready...we have some great surprises in store for you this year!

Top Check-outs of 2023!

Below are the lists of the top book check-outs of 2023 in each section of the library. The top item checked out this year overall: Wi-Fi Hotspots!

Adult Top 10

1. Maybe Someday by Colleen Hoover
2. It Ends with Us by Colleen Hoover
3. Slammed by Colleen Hoover
4. Verity by Colleen Hoover
5. Finding Perfect by Colleen Hoover
6. Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
7. Housemaid by Freida McFadden
8. The Housemaid's Secret by Freida McFadden
9. Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult
10. Maybe Now by Colleen Hoover
- T10. Livid by Patricia Cornwell

Young Adult Top 10

1. Crave by Tracy Wolff
2. Lore Olympus: Vol. One by Rachel Smythe
3. The Burning Bridge by John Flanagan
4. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
5. Heartstopper: Vol. Two by Alice Oseman
6. The Icebound Land by John Flanagan
7. It's not summer without you by Jenny Han
8. The Promised Neverland: Vol. 2 by Kaiu Shirai
9. The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan
10. RWBY: Red like roses by Monty Oum
- T10. The Selection by Kiera Cass

Children's Top 10

1. Hurry Up, Spider-Man! By Kate Egan
2. Palace pets ultimate handbook by Disney
3. Lola: the bracelet of courage by Sarah Culler
4. Clifford and the big ice cream mess by Josephine Page
5. Dinosaur Dig by Penny Dale
6. Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas by Dav Pilkey
7. The very busy spider by Eric Carle
8. Creepy pair of underwear! By Aaron Reynolds
9. Dog Man and Cat Kid by Dav Pilkey
10. Llama Llama mess, mess, mess by Anna Dewdney



It's time for another Soup Luncheon! Join the Friends of the Library on Thursday, January 25th from 11 AM till 1 PM in the Martin Event Center located inside the library for a delicious meal and support the 2024 Summer Reading Program!

Each meal comes with a bowl of soup, crackers, drink, and a dessert all for a \$10 donation. There will be a variety of soups and desserts to choose from, each made by a Friends of the Library member. Past luncheons have included Cabbage Beef Soup, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chili, Italian Wedding Soup, Mom's Chicken Noodle Soup, and Taco Soup, to name a few.

Dine in and carry out options will be available while supplies last. We look forward to serving you!

Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group—January Meeting

The focus of the Let's Talk About It January discussion will be Elvis Presley! Join us on Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 PM for the first discussion of the new year!

Get a jump on next month's book, *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg

Little Golden Books® Update

The little golden box has been put away and we are very happy to report we surpassed the goal of giving away 100 books. Through the continued donations of books from Friends of the Library members and patrons, we were able to put 125 Little Golden Books® into little hands! We look forward to bringing the box back out next year!

Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Dinner

The library will host its first Murder Mystery Dinner on Thursday, February 8th from 6pm—8pm! This Mardi Gras-themed event will be free for adults 18 years and older.

Everyone is a suspect! Can you solve the mystery? Each attendee will be assigned a character to play. Emails with character details will be sent prior to the dinner so you may prepare. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Registration is required for food preparation and character assignment purposes. Please visit or call the library at 731-587-3148 to register by February 1st. You don't want to miss what is sure to be a fun, interactive experience!





FREE COMMUNITY DISCUSSION BEFORE THE STORM

- Join us to learn the basics of home insurance and the claim process.
- Plus, we'll explore how legal services can help after the storm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024
6:00-7:30 PM

Registration Required
Scan to register or visit wtls.org

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CHESS CLUB!

The library is hosting a chess club for all ages and abilities! This is the perfect time to learn how to play or meet new people to play with. Meetings will take place on the first and third Saturdays of each month,

12pm—1:30pm, in the Computer Classroom located on the second floor. No registration is required to participate. We have a limited number of chess boards available; feel free to bring your own.

Schedule of Events January 2023

1 Library CLOSED for New Year

6 Chess Club @ 12 pm

8 G.E.D. Class @ 9:30 am

8 Open Makerspace @ 3 pm

9 Story Hour @ 10 am

9 Toddler Time @ 10 am

10 ESL Class @ 11 am

11 Spanish Class @ 4 pm

11 Open Makerspace @ 5 pm

11 Before the Storm Community Discussion @ 6 pm

15 Library CLOSED for MLK Day

16 Story Hour @ 10 am

16 Toddler Time @ 10 am

17 ESL Class @ 11 am

17 BINGO @ 11 am

17 LEGO® Club @ 3:30 pm

18 Spanish Class @ 4 pm

18 Open Makerspace @ 5 pm

18 Open Mic Night @ 6 pm

20 Chess Club @ 12 pm

20 Adult Ukulele Class @ 12 pm

22 G.E.D. Class @ 9:30 am

22 Open Makerspace @ 3 pm

22 Library Board meeting @ 5:15 pm

23 Story Hour @ 10 am

23 Toddler Time @ 10 am

24 ESL Class @ 11 am

25 Soup Luncheon @ 11 am-1 pm

25 Spanish Class @ 4 pm

25 Open Makerspace @ 5 pm

25 Book Discussion Group @ 6:30 pm

27 Puzzle Swap @ 10 am-12 pm

29 G.E.D. Class @ 9:30 am

29 Open Makerspace @ 3 pm

30 Story Hour @ 10 am

30 Toddler Time @ 10 am

31 ESL Class @ 11 am

31 Anime Club @ 4 pm



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 Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:30 pm
 Thursday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm
 Friday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm
 Saturday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Copies: \$.15 per page for black and white, \$.50 per page for color (first 5 are free for school projects)

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BRING YOUR GENTLY USED PUZZLES TO TRADE!
 TURN IN YOUR PUZZLES AT THE FRONT DESK AND
 GET A TICKET TO REDEEM AT THE PUZZLE SWAP!

Saturday, January 27 | 10 am - 12 pm

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Puzzle Swap!

Do you love to put puzzles together but then don't know what to do with them? Do you have puzzles laying around collecting dust? Are you ready to put together a new-to-you puzzle? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then come to the MPL Puzzle Swap!

Bring your new or gently used puzzles to the library beginning January 20th and receive a ticket to be redeemed on Saturday, January 27th, 10am-12pm.

If you have any questions regarding the Puzzle Swap, please contact Suzanne Pelren, spelren@martinpubliclibrary.org or call 731-587-3148.

*Please check that the puzzles you bring include all the pieces.

Makerspace Schedule!

Staffing challenges prevent us from having the Makerspace open to the public during all library hours. We have been experimenting with days and times throughout the past year to see what may work best for our patrons wishing to utilize the Makerspace and staff availability.

For the month of January, the Makerspace will be open Mondays from 3 pm—5 pm and Thursdays from 5 pm—7 pm. These hours may change in February depending on availability and usage. Please check our website calendar for any scheduling changes that may occur.



Mondays 3 PM - 5 PM
Thursdays 5 PM - 7 PM

*Patrons may choose to work on personal projects when the Makerspace is open.

Children under 10 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

