



Green space:
The house on Greenwood was vacated and removed to make green space.



Back Drop:
Huge multi-sided back drop was purchased to use at events.



Staff Photo: a professional photographer captured a group shot at Staff Development Day.

Let's Read 20 Book Walk Ribbon Cutting

First Lady Fran DeWine walks the trail, reads along with families

LR20 Book Walk completed in September:
Let's Read 20, Marion Public Library, Marion Community Foundation and the Marion County Park District welcomed Marion Chamber members and Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine to cut the ribbon of the newly installed permanent book walk along Marion Tallgrass Trail. Funding for the project was made possible through a grant from Marion Community Foundation

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Marion Public Library ANNUAL REPORT



Marion Imagination Library reaches **2,243** children registered to receive books in their mailbox

Marion Imagination Library: Staff celebrated with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio and Dolly Parton, registered 654 more children (from 42% to 58%), and solicited many groups and organizations to contribute to the local fund.



BookMarks present check: Marion Public Library received a \$10,000 check in May 2022.



Another check: \$25,000 was given in December 2022. Bringing total to \$117,500 since BookMarks Friends of Marion Public Library inception in 2015.

BookMarks donate \$35,000

plus kick off new Sitting Pretty fundraiser



Sitting Pretty Fundraiser: Re-purposed Library chairs and stools go up for auction in a new fundraiser.



Kids Write!

Summer Reading Fun

707 kids registered
3,595 hours of reading logged
2820 attended programs



Swoop Pirate Birthday Party



The Magic of Rory Rennick



Didgeridoo Down Under: Oceanography Down Under



Dr. Whiz Bang Science Show

Connecting social: facebook.com/mploho 4,839 likes | twitter: @MarionPublicLib 1,036 followers | instagram: @MarionPublicLib 1,114 followers | youtube: 81 subscribers | linkedin: 129 followers



Bird Watching 101



Reliving the Crystal Lake Years



Lions and COVID and Monkeypox, oh my!



Crochet 101



Ohio Shipwrecks



Marion Historical Society



Columbus Museum of Art



Hollywood in the 70s

Spring and Fall ALL classes: A variety of classes were placed on the schedule. Ten classes were offered in the spring and fourteen offered in the fall. All were well received as they were a mix of in-library classes and a discover-more-field-trip adventure.

Adult Lifelong Learning

Spring and Fall gain interest

Author visits dominate 2022

diverse appeal for patrons

Author visits: Nic Stone was keynote speaker at the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast. Chris Grabenstein was finally able to present in front of over 2,000 Marion County students. Jasmine Guillory joined us on Juneteenth and Ruth Ozeki was the featured author for BookMarks Speaking Volumes fundraiser. All had a book signing to end their visit.



Author, Nic Stone



Author, Chris Grabenstein



Author, Jasmine Guillory



Author, Ruth Ozeki

Some additional program photo highlights from 2022:

Getting Started with Genealogy



Child Fingerprinting



MusicTime



First Time Home Buyer



Painting with Bubble Wrap



Seed Swap



MARCA Shred Day



Zentangle



Herb Garden



Learning Sign Language



Create with Kristin - Cards



Family Fun Slime Night



Woodland Elves Return



Making Snowflakes



Verne Hart/Grange NOON Years Eve Celebration with take-home boxes



155,156 items available for checkout



198,005 circulation



10,458 public computer sign-ins



25,210 new items



4,839 facebook followers



71,723 downloads



330 library programs



237 new My First Library cards