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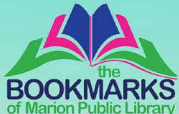
Pulitzer Prize
Winning
Author

Annual Speaking Volumes

Jane Smiley

Oct. 18 @ 6pm at Marion Public Library

Ticket info: MarionOHBookMarks.org or MarionLibrary.org



Fall 2024 Programs

*Registration form on back, seating may be limited for some programs

What Do You know About the Paw Paw?

Thursday, October 10 @ 11am

Ever heard of a Paw Paw? It's one of Ohio's native treasures! Join us at the library to dive into the fascinating world of Paw Paw ecology and uncover their unique history. Plus, you might even get to taste this extraordinary fruit! Don't miss out on this exciting adventure - come learn and savor the magic of Paw Paws with us!

This 1hr course led by:

James Anderson the park naturalist for the Marion County Park District. He has worked for the park district for 9 years and has been a naturalist for 13 years where he has worked in camp and non-camp facilities. He has an associate's degree in wildlife management from Hocking College and a bachelor's degree in wildlife/fishery conservation & management. His wife, Jessica, is the science teacher at the Tomorrow Center and they have a 9-year-old son named Jeremiah.



Birds of Prey

Tuesday, October 15 @ 10:30am
(Class size limited to 50)

Come see three birds of prey up close in an educational program by the Ohio Bird Sanctuary! During this program, you will get the chance to meet three types of birds of prey, learn more about each one, and why they are living at the sanctuary in the first place. This program is a great way to get close with some of nature's best predators!

- This 1.5hrs course led by:
- The Ohio Bird Sanctuary is a non-profit organization that specializes in the rehabilitation of songbirds and raptors that are native to Ohio. Along with rehabilitation, the sanctuary also focuses on education, including outreach programs, field trips, camps, and more.



- Beyond the Martini:
• Mastering the Spirit of Gin
• Tuesday, October 15 & 22 @ 6pm

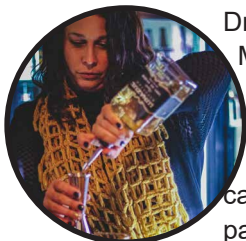
- **Session One:** Let's debunk the mysteries surrounding Gin, its origins, its making, evolution, and its revival on the craft cocktail scene in the early 2000s. Gin is one of the most misunderstood spirits of our time and our first session will dive deep into Gin's beginnings in the Netherlands, its reformation in London, the distillation and infusion process, the mysteries and myths surrounding Gin and Genever, as well as an in depth look into how modern Gin is made and distilled in Columbus, Ohio at Watershed Distillery.

- **Session Two:** This session will take place at Shovel City Drinkery where you will learn how to mix/infuse your gin in several amazing cocktails you would never know were gin-based.

- Takes place at:
• Shovel City Drinkery
• 181 N Main St, Marion, OH 43302

Each 1hr course led by:

Andrea Mullins, co-owner/operator of Shovel City Drinkery. At 43 years of age, she retired from teaching foreign languages, and she and her husband, Derek, opened Shovel City



Drinkery in downtown Marion, Ohio on September 21, 2020. She has worked in hospitality as a second career off and on for the past 20 years and has

dabbled in mixology throughout that time. An avid Gin enthusiast, she will lead you on an educational journey of this elusive spirit in all its delicious forms.



Hands, Heads, Hearts in World Religion

Wednesday, October 16, 23, & 30 @ 10am

Religions of the world serve as paths of personal transformation. In this course, we will cover different aspects of action-oriented religions, intellectually-oriented religions, and emotional-based religions. Together we will explore works, morality, and ritual in action-oriented religions; knowledge, wisdom, and secret gnosis in intellectually-oriented religions; and love, piety, and personal relationships in emotional-based religions. Comparative examples from Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shintoism will be included.

Each 1hr course led by:

R. Blake Michael, an Ohio Wesleyan University, Department of Philosophy & Religion. Instructor,



Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor; Swan-Collins-Allen Professor of Religion; Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Divinity - Harvard University; Artium Baccalaureus - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Healthy Living

Wednesday, October 16 & 23 @ 1pm

Session One: Finding the Balance: A Whole Body Approach to Health

Have you been dealing with chronic pain, anxiety, depression, an injury, or an inflammatory disease? Join Dr. Morse to learn more about his journey, some case studies, and how a whole-body approach to health and wellness can make a difference in restructuring and rebalancing one's life. Dr. Morse began studying how certain non-invasive holistic techniques could augment traditional medicine and benefit his patients by improving whole-body health. He developed a unique program to help people suffering from physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral issues. Innovative Wellness offers those with a variety of chronic conditions a nontraditional approach to augment their current health and wellness practices. His program has helped adults of all ages who suffer from chronic/ongoing conditions including anxiety & depression, injuries, inflammatory diseases, cravings, insomnia, PTSD, brain fog, pain, COVID recovery, and more.

Session Two: Essentials for Healthy Living Panel Program

Does what you eat and drink really matter? Do we have any control over daily stress? Is living with constant pain unavoidable as we age? Navigating the constant influx of

wellness information can be daunting. Yet, we all share a common goal: to achieve and maintain optimal health and wellness. Innovative Wellness presents an enlightening panel program offering 6 key essentials of holistic health for well-being: what you eat and drink and why it matters, how and what you breathe, how you exercise and rest, what you think, and how it affects you emotionally and physically.

Each 1hr course led by:

Thomas A. Morse, MD a Diplomate of the American Board of Emergency Medicine and Physician with 30+ years in emergency medicine, practicing a



allopathic medicine. Working in medicine inspired him to create an integrative wellness program that combines holistic therapies to restore

his clients' physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral well-being.

Steffany Morse, OTR/L earned a master's degree in occupational therapy, shaping her approach to holistic wellness. Along with co-owning Innovative Wellness and Innovative Aesthetics, she is committed to finding new and effective solutions for her clients' overall well-being.



Henry Ga-Fai Lee struggled with acne and early signs of arthritis. After watching his family slowly succumb to cancer, Alzheimer's, and heart attacks, Henry became frustrated with how "traditional medicine" promotes the use of drugs to treat the symptoms of preventable diseases caused by the Standard American Diet.



Brett Oakley specializes in the transformative and disruptive technology of Redox Biochemistry - a new category of science dedicated to Redox Signaling Molecules and how these innate, life-giving molecules enhance health and cellular healing.



Jena Will is a passionate Holistic Health Advocate who empowers others in natural living. With expertise in water, she excels at guiding individuals to reclaim their well-being through informed choices, self-care practices, sustainable living solutions, and hydration.



Behind the Scenes of a Deputy Sheriff

Friday, October 18 @ 10:30am
Friday, October 25 @ 10:30am or 1pm
(Class size limited to 30)

Session One: The Marion County Sheriff's Office will speak about the S.E.R.V.E. (Support. Empower. Respect. Volunteer. Engage.) program, and what it offers. They will talk about some of the community-oriented projects that the department has taken on and been a part of, and explain how you can become a part of some of these programs. Learn about Safeguarding Seniors, Project Lifesaver, the Inmate work programs, and newly released Basketball for Youth Tour. Other topics include Hyper-Reach Community Alerts, website, Facebook page, and any upcoming community events.

Session Two: Program participants will be taken for a behind-the-scenes tour of the

Marion County Sheriff's Department. The tour, depending on class size, will be split into two sessions: 10:30 am or 1:00 pm.

Takes place at:

Marion County Sheriff's Office
100 Executive Dr, Marion, OH 43302

Each 1hr course led by:

Deputy Jesse Allen has been a Deputy Sheriff with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for 10 years. He has been a part of the patrol unit, Detective Bureau, the drug unit known as MARMET, as well as on the SRT team. He is also the drone operator and firearms instructor, and currently runs the public relations program known as the S.E.R.V.E. program.



History of the Columbus, Delaware, and Marion Railway **Tuesday, October 22 & 29 @ 10am**

Session One: In the early 19th century, Ohio communities were connected by electrically powered trains called interurban railroads. The Columbus, Delaware, and Marion Railway (or CD&M) operated between 1903 and 1933, transporting passengers and freight between Columbus, Delaware, Marion, Worthington, and Bucyrus, Ohio. It also provided local streetcar service in Marion and Delaware. In this class, Mr. Brashares will provide a historical overview of the CD&M in pictures and words.

Session Two: The 1902-built Marion Union Station currently serves as a railroad museum, event venue, and train-watching spot. More than 100 trains pass by Union Station daily, making it a must-see for train

enthusiasts. The Station showcases an impressive collection of memorabilia and the Atlantic Crossing Tower, which was once the main switching facility for the Erie Railroad, Marion Division. The unusual nature of the station is that it is located between two diamond crossovers. A station volunteer will give a tour of the museum and answer questions the group might have.

Takes place at:

Marion Union Station
532 W Center St, Marion, OH 43302

This 1hr course led by:

Jeffrey R. Brashares was born in Mansfield and graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in Transportation. He has had a long and successful career in the transportation industry and co-owned the Intermodal Transportation Company, which was later purchased by Pacer International, where he worked as an executive. He currently serves as director of Domestic Intermodal Sales for CMA-CGM in Norfolk, Virginia.



Building a Home Library for Literacy **Thursday, October 24 & 31 @ 2pm**

Session One: From the classics to *Captain Underpants*, literature for youth has seen big changes in the last 100 years! What we read is tied to why we read, and this first session will go over a little bit of history, a little child development, and some of the specific skills that reading builds from birth through adulthood.



Session Two: We will talk about trends in publishing, changes in literacy instruction, and how to find great books to fit the kids and teens in your family. We'll even talk a little bit about AI chatbots like ChatGPT, and how they will affect the literature landscape.

Each 1.5hr course led by:

Whittney Mahle, who has been with the Marion Public Library for 16 years where she has served in a number of roles from Reference Librarian, to now managing the Youth Services Department.



Growing up in rural Ohio, books were her gateway to a world of experiences not otherwise available. She spent many very happy hours growing up with *Anne of Green Gables*, visiting other planets with *Rod Albright*, and laughing with the children of *Wayside School*. Now, her focus is helping families find great books that they will enjoy, in the same way her childhood library did for her.

Whittney will be assisted in these sessions by two of our marvelous Youth Services librarians. **Danielle Underhill** joined MPL in



2021 and can often be found delighting children in story times. She is a whiz at Canva, and creating engaging crafts for families, and keeps on top of the newest popular chapter books. **Danielle Tanner**, our Teen Librarian, has been with the library since 2016. Her escape rooms and D&D/tabletop gaming programs have a dedicated following and she is a wonderful resource for tweens and teens navigating our collections.



Exploring the May 4th Collection of Kent State University Monday, October 28 @ 10am

This presentation will explore the May 4th Collection, which was established by the Kent State University Libraries in 1970, and includes over 750 cubic feet of primary sources related to the Kent State shootings and their aftermath. Attendees will learn about highlights from the May 4th Collection, get an introduction to digital collections, and get an overview of the Kent State Shootings Oral History Project. This session will provide participants a hands-on experience with related facsimiles and ephemera.

This 1.5hr course led by:

Liz Champion, the May 4th Archivist and Interim Coordinator of Kent State University Libraries Special Collections and Archives. She joined Kent State University as the inaugural May 4th Archivist in February 2020. She earned both her BA in English and Master of Library and Information Science from Kent State University. Prior to joining Kent State University, she served as the Archivist for The etroHealth System in Cleveland, Ohio, and Project Archivist for the Jane Scott Papers at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Library and Archives. Liz has a passion for education and literacy, visiting cultural institutions, and traveling with her husband.



Fall Garden Maintenance & Gardening as We Grow Older Friday, November 1 & 8 @ 10am

Session One: Fall Garden Maintenance

With an increasing awareness of the importance of the creatures with whom we share the Earth, and the harmful impact our activities have had upon them, environmentalists are asking us to look at new ways of gardening. This includes pointing out that our traditional autumn routines for cleaning up the yard are actively harmful to the often unseen but inter-connected and vital lifeforms in our midst. In this class, there will be some suggestions for how we can be mindful of the many unseen occupants in our yards as we, and they, prepare for winter.

Session Two: Gardening as We Grow Older

Dealing with aches and pains? Bored? Depressed? Fatigued? As we age, inactivity may soon lead to an assisted living facility or even a nursing home. Gardening may have been a casual hobby or perhaps you've never gardened before but are considering it. Even if you find some things a challenge physically these days, this class will show you tricks to make playing in the dirt easier, keep your mind stimulated, and your body active at a manageable level.

Each 1hr course 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 and given numerous presentations on gardening and nature. After maintaining the raised bed gardens at the senior center, she



planted a pollinator garden which is now registered with the Monarch Watch as a Monarch Waystation. She is also involved with the library's Bookworm Garden since its creation, and has also 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".



Marion County Agriculture: Past, Present, Future Tuesday, November 5 & 12 @ 10am

Join us for a tour of Marion County Production Agriculture, which involves the combination of land, water, labor, seeds, nutrients, pesticides, and machinery in the production of food and fiber. Each farmer's objectives include profit, income adequacy and stability, risk reduction, production sustainability, peer group acceptability, lifestyle maintenance, and environmental preservation or improvement. We will explore soil and crop management, pest management, nutrient management, and water management. Agriculture forms a great economic base for Marion County, and several of Marion's industries reflect the importance of agriculture to this community: Morral Companies LLC, Nachurs Alpine Solutions, Ohioagro INC., Poet Biorefining, ReConserve of Ohio Inc., Central Ohio Farmers' Cooperative, and Wyandot Inc., are among the ag-related industries.

Session One: Crop Production

Session Two: Livestock Production

Each 1hr course led by:

Tim Barnes a “Retired Farmer” who has raised corn, soybean, wheat, hay, canola, swine, sheep, and cattle for the past 45 years. In 2015 he became the Ohio State University Extension Educator for Agriculture/Natural Resources on a part time basis for Marion County. A graduate of Elgin High School, he has a Bachelors of Science in Animal Sciences from The Ohio State University, and a Masters of Science from Kansas State University in Animal Sciences. Tim and his wife Debbie reside on their farm south of Prospect.



**Behind the Scenes of
Boyd Funeral Home
Wednesday, November 6 & 13
@ 2pm
(Class size limited to 25)**

Session One: “Nothing is certain, except death and taxes” so the saying goes, and this class is not about taxes. Join Vickie McClellan, Vice President of Boyd Funeral Home, a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, for a behind the scenes look at one of Marion’s oldest funeral service providers. During the first session, participants will learn more about the history of the mortuary profession, how it has evolved over time, current trends, and more! Along the way, Director McClellan will bust myths surrounding mortuary customs and discuss some of the different reasons and regulation behind what they do for the dearly departed.

• **Session Two:** The class will take a tour of
• Boyd Funeral Home.
• **Takes place at:**
• **Boyd Funeral Home**
• **122 W Columbia St, Marion, OH 43302**

• **Each 2hr course led by:**

• **Vickie McClellan**, President
• and owner of the Boyd
• Funeral Home is the
• daughter of Carole and
• Phillip Boyd. She is a
• third-generation licensed
• funeral director and embalmer, and her 2
• sons are now fourth-generation funeral
• directors working within the family business.
• A Marion native, Vickie graduated from
• Marion Harding High School and the Marion
• General Hospital School of Surgical
• Technology. She attended Ohio State
• University of Marion before receiving her
• associate degree in registered nursing from
• Owens Community College in Toledo. She
• worked as a surgical technologist and then a
• registered nurse in surgery at Marion General
• Hospital for many years. She continued her
• nursing career in Toledo at St. Luke’s
• Hospital for another 15 years while
• completing her bachelor’s degree in nursing
• from the University of Toledo. After deciding
• to return to Marion to help with the family
• funeral home, Vickie completed an associate
• degree in Mortuary Science from Pittsburgh
• Institute of Mortuary Science along with her
• son, Michael. They are both now licensed
• funeral directors and embalmers. Her son
• Marcus is a funeral director as well. Vickie is
• the proud grandmother of two
• granddaughters who love to “help out” in the
• office. One day, they may become the fifth
• generation of funeral directors at Boyd
• Funeral Home.



your **Class List**

In person registration ONLY! Starts September 23, 2024

First come, first served as seating may be limited.

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

Check your classes:

_____ What Do You Know About the Paw Paw

Thursday, October 10 @ 11:00am (1 hr)

_____ Birds of Prey

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Marion County Agriculture	_____
Behind the Scenes of Boyd Funeral Home	_____
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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

TOTAL Cost _____

Pay at Library front desk beginning September 23

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

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Our Mission:
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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