FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD
A Menu of Information at Your Library
Glorious Food and Giving Thanks

This issue of WORDS, in large part, is about food, glorious food. As much as I enjoy checking out the library’s cookbook collection, eating food of all sorts, talking about food, searching for new recipes, learning about flavors, discovering new restaurants, etc., I’m going to go off script and instead recognize a very special library staff member, Sharon Dion.

Aug. 31 was the last day of paid employment for our longest tenured employee, Sharon Dion. I say paid employment because Sharon plans to continue to volunteer at the library following her retirement, after working with the library system and serving the community for over 44 years! Imagine the historical knowledge of both the library system, as well as Marion County, that Sharon has acquired over the years. During her tenure, Sharon has worked under four different library directors, seen the library system name change from Central Florida Regional Library to Marion-Levy Public Library to Marion County Public Library System. She has also been around to experience the library move locations and transition into the digital age. Sharon has held responsible positions in our outreach division, circulation division, technical services division and our public services division. Sharon retired as a Public Services Librarian I.

Though Sharon has experienced numerous changes, such as widespread and routine computer use throughout our library functions, increased space, collection size and library use, as well as a faster pace, there have also been constants. In her longest held position as a Public Services Librarian I, Sharon has maintained her commitment to customer service, shared her vast knowledge of and enthusiasm for local history, continued her professional growth, continued to be curious about the world around her and remained a very valued member of the library team.

Over her 44 years of service, Sharon has made her mark on library service and will be sorely missed. Oh, and in keeping with this issue’s food theme, her broccoli salad, as requested at each of our pot luck luncheons, will be greatly missed as well.
We consume food, and in many ways, food consumes us. It consumes our time, interest and passion. It has been that way since the beginning of mankind. Food is part of our cultural knowledge and memory. The oldest recorded recipe (for beer) is almost 4,000 years old. The Yale Culinary Tablets from Mesopotamia date to 1700 BC and could be considered the oldest cookbooks in the world.

Today it seems that food is more celebrated than ever. We are hungry to know everything about food. But there’s so much out there, where can a wanna-be epicure, gourmet, foodie or chef go for reliable information?

A storehouse of resources pertaining to food and cooking is available at your local library. With a complete menu of books, magazines, programs and many other resources about food, the library can satisfy every appetite. It’s food info-to-go.

After all, food is a shared experience. From family meals to farmers markets to public events, our lives are built around food and eating. Community is wherever we gather around the table together. And what is a more community-oriented destination than your public library. Like food, we bring people together.

One of the time-honored connections between shared knowledge, community and food is the cookbook. We recently asked some chefs and culinary experts in our community to name a favorite recipe and cookbook that holds a special place in their culinary careers… and why.

Executive Chef Patrice Perron of La Cuisine

Executive Chef Patrice Perron came directly from France to open the renowned La Cuisine restaurant in Ocala, which has been a community favorite for nine years. In addition to Chef Perron, other culinary experts on-site are Chef de Cuisine Chad Karp and Sous Chefs Ryan Ray and Jayson Zarcone.
When asked what his favorite recipe or memorable childhood dish was, Chef Perron said, “It was “blanquette de veau.” Veal blanquette (veal ragout) was the dish that my mother prepared for family luncheons on Sundays."

Chef Perron’s inspirational cookbook is “The Guide Culinaire Escoffier,” because it is the “bible” of French cuisine. Published in 1903, Escoffier managed to popularize and update the traditional French cooking methods.

Chef Damon Vitale, executive chef and MTC Professional Culinary Arts and Hospitality program instructor, credits his 24 years in the Air Force as the start of his culinary career. As an enlisted aide to a general, part of his duties involved cooking for some very high end dinners and events. He later attended the Culinary Institute of America where he perfected his skills.

His favorite recipe is also one made by his mother: chocolate dumplings that she prepared for him as a child and also every time he came home on leave. The dumplings were made in a cast-iron skillet on the stovetop—a rich and decadent “inside-out chocolate lava cake.” The cake was served in a bowl with cold milk, which he drank at the end and describes as “one pan of deliciousness.”

His favorite go-to cookbooks are all of the “Cooks Illustrated” magazines because of the detail they provide to the reader. According to Chef Vitale, “The magazine takes your average recipe and tells you how to make it better.”

Mary’s Cuban Kitchen & Bakery, Inc. has been serving folks in the area for over 20 years. With two locations, one on SW Highway 200 and the other on SW Highway 484, Tomas and Mary Rojas are passionate about providing their restaurant patrons with authentic, homemade Cuban cuisine. Chef Tomas Rojas recalls his own personal favorite recipe as chicken fricassee. And his culinary inspiration is his mother’s recipe box because there is so much family tradition and history contained within.

Are you inspired? Hungry for more? See you at any of the Marion County Public Library System locations. Bon appetit!
What’s cooking at the library?

BY DOMINA DAUGHTREY

Are you among the hundreds of thousands who purchased a multicooker and you need recipes? Maybe you have a renewed interest in using the pressure cooker or slow cooker you bought years ago since all this multicooker hullaballoo started? Perhaps you’re thinking of purchasing the latest, greatest kitchen gadget, but first want to do a bit of research? Whatever your need is, be sure to check out the Library’s fabulous online cooking resources! Go to library.marioncountyfl.org and, from the comfort of your home, 24/7, have access to literally thousands of downloadable cooking titles.

Freading, an e-book database with a collection of 30,000 plus titles, has more than 2,000 cookbooks! Explore cookbooks by award-winning chefs like James Beard, Thomas Keller and Mollie Katzen, and food columnists, like New York Times writer Melissa Clark.

“Good Housekeeping Instant Pot® Cookbook: 60 Delicious Foolproof Recipes” covers Instant Pot® basics, like how to prepare it for use, its features and the multiple ways in which it can be used. Recipes use sauté, pressure cooker and slow cooker functions. Basic recipes, such as broths, marinara sauce and rice, are included, as well as an interesting collection of regional and ethnic recipes, like Cincinnati Chili, Hoppin’ John, Cuban-Style Beef and Thai Chicken and Noodles.

Twenty-two titles of the New York Times Bestseller series “Fix It and Forget It®” series are available in Freading, including the recently published “Fix It and Forget-It® Healthy Slow Cooker Cookbook: 150 Whole Food Recipes for Paleo, Vegan, Gluten-Free, and Diabetic-Friendly Diets,” by Hope Comerford. For those with dietary restrictions or looking for healthier, delicious recipes that are easy, you’ll want to check this out. A brief chapter that prefaxes the recipes, “Slow Cooker 101,” provides useful information, such as things to consider when purchasing a slow cooker.

Meredith Laurence, aka Blue Jean Chef, helps to make folks feel comfortable using pressure cookers in, “Delicious Under Pressure: Over 120 Pressure Cooker Recipes.” Readers will find information on converting recipes, how pressure cooking works and general tips. Each recipe is easy to follow, many are accompanied by lip-smacking pictures. A helpful cooking chart provides cooking time, how much liquid is needed and the release method for a broad range of foods. A chapter covering vegetarian main dishes is included with interesting recipes, such as Lemon-Basil Ricotta Dumplings, and a desserts’ section packed with scrumptious edibles, like Peanut Butter Cheesecake.

Cook’s Illustrated magazine, available through RBdigital Magazines database, has even more recipes and information. Find reviews for multicookers and pressure cookers, and recipes in the November 2017 issue. For slow cookers, check out the January 2017 and May 2017 issues. RBdigital Magazines database has 10 more outstanding cooking magazines in addition to Cook’s Illustrated. Readers will enjoy access to Bon Appetit, Saveur, Taste of Home and Vegetarian Today, to name a few.

Happy cooking! W
Marion Oaks Public Library
Renovated Children’s Area a Must-See

BY BETHANY NEUMAN

The Marion Oaks Public Library has lots to celebrate, especially the newly renovated children’s area, sure to excite and delight both children and families. Funded by the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library, the children’s area now boasts new shelves and welcoming new furniture just waiting to be enjoyed.

The former children’s shelving has been replaced with vibrant purple bookshelves. Tables and chairs have also been replaced, and now there are new, purple mushroom chairs for children, as well as a comfy couch that adults and children can share while enjoying a good book or fun activity.

A new half shelf filled with board books, puzzles, and activities is the perfect finishing touch certain to bring a smile to those who partake of the library’s many resources. Located in the Marion Oaks Community Center, the Marion Oaks Public Library invites everyone to drop by for a visit soon!
Happy Anniversary, Reddick Public Library!
The Reddick Public Library is 30 years old! Join in the celebration. Enjoy cake and punch and listen to the mellow tones of the Ocala Harmony Barbershop Chorus.
Reddick Public Library
Monday, Oct. 1, 2 p.m.

CREATE: A Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event!
Celebrate the many talents of Marion County teens! Applaud the writing, filmmaking and artistic talents of youth in our community. Vote for your favorites in each category. All ages are invited to attend. Participation is limited to teens, ages 13-18.
Event: Headquarters-Ocala
Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.
Application deadline: Monday, Oct. 22

SPECIAL FALL FESTIVITIES

Stories Under the Stars: Phantoms in the Fort
Ghosts, goblins and ghouls return to Fort King for an evening of spine-tingling tales. Bring your own chair and listen to stories of the strange and eerie. The darker it gets, the spookier the stories!
Presented in partnership with Ocala Recreation and Parks, Fort King National Historic Landmark and Ocala Storytelling Festival, Inc.
Fort King National Historic Landmark
3925 East Fort King St., Ocala
Saturday, Oct. 20, 7-9 p.m.

BOOtastic Trick-or-Treat!
Join in the community-wide holiday festivities with games, music, food and more! Presented in conjunction with Marion Oaks Community Center.
Marion Oaks Public Library
Friday, Oct. 19, 6-8 p.m.

Halloween ComicFest
Enjoy a spook-tacular adventure in our haunted room, complete with games, candy and free comics! Presented in partnership with Free Comic Book Day and Joker Street Comics.
Belleview Public Library
Saturday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.

Trunk or Treat!
It’s the season for lots of fun with games, clowns, face painting and, of course, candy! Presented in conjunction with the Forest Community Center.
Forest Public Library
Saturday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m.

Spooktacular Story Time
Wear costumes and come to the library for a special trick-or-treating opportunity and not-so-spooky stories.
Dunnellon Public Library
Wednesday, Oct. 31, 11 a.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Camp Read S’More
Headquarters-Ocala
Friday, Oct. 12, 5:30-7 p.m.

A Night at the Library
The Friends of the Forest Public Library are having an open house. Spend an evening of family fun at this membership drive event.
Forest Public Library
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 5-7 p.m.
Whodunit at Phantomhive Manor?
Reservations recommended.
It’s a manga mystery dinner and evil abounds in the earldom! Who will be next? Ages 13 and older.
Headquarters-Ocala
Thursday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m.

Escape Room:
The Mummy’s Tomb
Use your wits and deductive skills to save the world from all sorts of catastrophes! Ages 13 and older.
Dunnellon Public Library
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: A Theatrical Adaptation
The Education Department of the Ocala Civic Theatre proudly presents this adaptation of the beloved C.S. Lewis classic. Ages 5-12 with caregivers. Registration required.
Headquarters-Ocala
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES
Get everyone into winter-wonderful moods with these fun, family events! Call the libraries for more information.

Arctic Blast!
Saturday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m.
Forest Public Library

Polar Express
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala

Polar Paradise Party
Saturday, Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m.
Bellevue Public Library

Reindeer Romp Party
Saturday, Dec. 15, noon
Reddick Public Library

MEET THE AUTHORS
Mary Flynn
"Margaret Ferry"
"Confessions of a Hallmark Greeting Card Writer"
Experience bygone days through the eyes of an 11-year-old in the 1950s with Margaret Ferry or enjoy the hilarious revelations and witticisms of a greeting card writer. Either way, it’s sure to be a good time with this award-winning poet, author and very engaging speaker. Don’t miss this!
Freedom Public Library
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. (Confessions)
Forest Public Library
Friday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m. (Ferry)
Marion Oaks Public Library
Friday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. (Confessions)

Ericka Yeger
"My Mother’s Memoir: Before, During and After Auschwitz"
Yeger presents her mother’s profound and personal narrative, archived at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem.
Freedom Public Library
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 3 p.m.

Brown Bag Luncheon
With Russell Clark
"Loser"
Bring your bag lunch and enjoy the humorous and numerous stories of Clark, a former pastor of the Reddick Methodist Church. Beverage and dessert provided. Contact the library at 352-438-2566 to reserve a piece of pie!
Reddick Public Library
Thursday, Oct. 25, noon

Florida Cuisine With Chef Warren Caterson
"Table for Two: The Cookbook for Couples"
"Table for Two: Back for Seconds"
Delicious! Award-winning cookbook author and celebrity, Chef Warren cooks up a scrumptious spread using local ingredients.
Forest Public Library
Friday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m.

Amy Sweezey
"Let’s Talk Weather! TV Forecasting: Behind the Scenes"
WESH-2’s award-winning broadcast meteorologist shares the science behind the forecast and the tools she uses for predicting weather changes. Enjoy snow cones, crafts and fun for the whole family!
Bellevue Public Library
Friday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m.

On the Road With Connie Mann
With many novels set in picturesque Florida, Mann has gathered fascinating nuggets about our fair state. Fasten your seat belt for a virtual journey into parts unknown!
Bellevue Public Library
Thursday, Nov. 1, 3:30 p.m.
CALENDAR

HEADQUARTERS- OCALA
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34470
352-671-8551
Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fairy Tale Festival
Saturday, Sept. 22, 1-4 p.m.
Ages 12 and younger with caregivers.
Travel to once upon a time.
See Program Spotlight for more information.

CREATE: A Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event!
Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.
Celebrate the many talents of Marion County teens!
See Program Spotlight for more information.

FALL FESTIVITIES

Camp Read S'More
Friday, Oct. 12, 5:30-7 p.m.
Ages 5-12 with caregivers. Registration is required and begins Monday, Sept. 24.
"Camp-in" with a good book.
See Program Spotlight.

The Walking Dead Day
Saturday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m.
Ages 13 and older.
It has been 15 years since Robert Kirkman brought zombies into our comic book collections, so it’s time for a party!

Eerie Literary Escape Room
Sunday, October 14, 2-4 p.m.
Ages 13 and older.
Imagine falling asleep while reading Halloween tales only to awaken inside the story!

Whodunit at Phantomhive Manor?
Thursday, Oct. 18, 5 p.m.
Ages 13 and older.
Reservations recommended.
See Program Spotlight.

Halloween Comicfest
Wednesday, Oct. 31, 5-6 p.m.
Ages 13 and older.
Stop by in costume and pick up free limited edition comics and candy!
Presented in partnership with Bearded Browncoat Comics and Games.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Fairy Garden Tour
Monday, Sept. 17-Friday, Sept. 21
It’s a land of enchantment sure to spark imagination! View the magical miniature gardens and enter to win a treasured botanical beauty!
Co-sponsored by the Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala.

Community Conversations
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.
Topic: Talk about an experience that changed your perspective.
Has someone else’s opinion ever changed how you view the world?
See Program Spotlight for more locations.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: A Theatrical Adaptation
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.
Ages 5-12 with caregivers. Registration required.
Travel to the land of Narnia.
See Program Spotlight.

ADULTS

Wired Wednesdays
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners
Sept. 5 I Turned on My Computer, Now What?
Sept. 12 Basic Keyboarding
Sept. 19 Basic Internet
Sept. 26 Basic Word

Online Potpourri
Oct. 3 Weather on the Web
Oct. 10 Online Cooking Tips
Oct. 17 Online Nutrition Tips
Oct. 24 Advanced Internet Searching

Genealogy Help Center
Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7
Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.

Tech Help Center
Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m., Sept. 5-Oct. 31
Bring your device and drop in!

Craftmooons
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Registration required.
Get in touch with the right side of your brain! Call 352-671-8551 to register.

The Monday Matinée
Mondays, 2 p.m.
Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Novels at Night Book Club
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Enjoy a lively book discussion, treats and coffee.

Delicious, Decorative Cupcake
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 4 p.m.
Get creative with cupcake decorating.

Sweet Memories
Monday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m.
Bring your knowledge of candy bar trivia for sweet prizes.

ADULTS AND TEENS

Escape Rooms: Can You Get Out?
Ages 13 and older.
Use your wits and deductive skills to save the world from all sorts of catastrophes!

Monday, Sept. 10, 6 p.m.
The Riddler of Gotham
Sunday, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m.
Eerie Literary Escape Room

library.marioncountyfl.org
**Batman Day**
Saturday, Sept. 15, 2 p.m.
Ages 13 and older.
“Holy costume party, Batman!”
Celebrate the crime-fighting adventures of the Dark Knight. Cosplay welcome!

**Poems Talk**
Mondays, 6 p.m.
Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19
Readers and writers ages 13 and older.
Bring a poem you’ve penned or loved and join the conversation.

**TEENS**

**Manga-licious! Teen Club**
Thursdays, 5 p.m.
Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1
High-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

**College Prep Kitchen**
Thursday, Sept. 13, 5 p.m.
Learn the basics of dorm room cooking, food safety, ramen and more!

**YALLA!**
Tuesdays, 5 p.m.
Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27
Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

**Geekfest! Fandoms and Comic Club**
Wednesdays, 5 p.m.
Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28
Explore the world of pop culture and comics with fellow fans.

**FAMILIES**

**Monday Matinée: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory**
Monday, Oct. 1, 2 p.m.
Movie fun for all ages. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

**CHILDREN**

**Kids Code**
Learn computer programming through games. Space is limited. Call 352-671-8551 to register.
Ages 7-12. Registration is required and begins Monday, Aug. 27.

**Kids Code 1**
Thursdays, Sept. 13-27, 4 p.m.
Tuesdays, Sept. 25-Oct. 9, 3 p.m.

**Kids Code 2**
Thursdays, Oct. 4-18, 4 p.m.
Requires completion of Kids Code 1.

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**BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY**
13145 SE Highway 484
Belleview, FL 34420
352-438-2500

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Belleview Public Library.

**FALL FESTIVITY**

**Halloween ComicFest**
Saturday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.
Enjoy a spook-tacular adventure!
See Program Spotlight for more information.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**Community Conversations**
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m.
**Topic:** Talk about an experience that changed your perspective.
See Program Spotlight for more locations.

**COMMON CENTS SEMINARS**

Sept. 5  Social Security & Retirement: Your Questions Answered
Sept. 12  Foundations of Investing
Sept. 19  Preparing Your Estate Plan
Sept. 26  Entrepreneurial Equation: Making the Most of Your Small Business

**Genealogy Help Center**
Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m.
Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.

**Master Gardener Plant Clinic**
Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sept. 7, 21, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16
The plant doctors are in!
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.
Wednesday Morning Book Club
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
Make new friends and talk about books.
Sept. 12  “Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead
Oct. 10  “I Feel Bad About My Neck” by Nora Ephron
Nov. 14  “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr

Writer’s Studio
Wednesdays, noon
Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14
 Writers of all levels share information and encouragement.

Tuesday Evening Book Club
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Make new friends and talk about books.
Sept. 18   “The Shadow of the Wind” by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
Oct. 16   “An American Marriage” by Tayari Jones
Nov. 20   “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot

Essential Oils 101
Thursday, Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about essential oils with Valerie Macri of Flying Horse Healing Arts.

TEENS & TWEENS
YALLA South!
Tuesdays, 5 p.m.
Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6
Be a part of the library experience. Teens, earn volunteer hours for service.

Monday Makers
Mondays, 5 p.m.
Let’s make stuff!
Sept. 10  Pencil Catapult

MANGAlicious Teen Club!
Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27
High-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

FAMILIES
Just Another
Mah-Jongg Monday!
Mondays, 1 p.m.
Sept. 10-Oct. 29
Learn and play with others.

BEAR Time!
Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 4-Oct. 30
Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

Knights of the Chess Club
Tuesdays, 4 p.m.
Sept. 4-Oct. 30
Learn and play chess!

Knotty Knitters
Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 5-Oct. 31
Learn to knit or crochet.

Art Before Your Eyes
Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon
Sept. 7, Oct. 5
Meet artists from the community.

Saturday Science Lab
Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Let’s make cool stuff!
Sept. 15  Fizz, Boom!
Oct. 20  Junk Drawer Robotics

STORY TIMES
Sept. 5-Oct. 31
A variety of stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.

Preschool Adventures
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-5.

Toddler Time
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Infants-age 2.

GED and ESOL Classes
Mondays-Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
Classes follow the Marion Technical College schedule.
Earn your GED or learn to speak English at the library through Marion Technical College. It’s FREE.

Launch A New Career
With CareerSource
Mondays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-8 p.m.
Make the most of your life! Let CareerSource help with your job search.

Mind In The Making
Parenting Classes
Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.
Sept. 5-12
Help your child grow and thrive with these seven essential life skills.
Presented by the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.

FALL FESTIVITY
Spooktacular Story time
Wednesday, Oct. 31, 11 a.m.
See Program Spotlight.

SPECIAL PROGRAM
Escape Room:
The Mummy’s Tomb
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.
Ages 13 and older.
See Program Spotlight.

ADULTS
Tech Help Center
Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon
Sept. 6-Oct. 25
Bring your devices and drop in!

Friday Matinée
Fridays, 1 p.m.
Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19

Master Gardener’s Plant Clinic
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6
The plant doctors are in.
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

TechBoomers™ On Call
Fridays, 10 a.m.
Sept. 7-Oct. 26
Unravel the mysteries of popular websites and applications!
Drop-In Book Club  
Thursdays, 11 a.m.  
Sept. 20  “The Orchid Thief” by Susan Orlean  
Oct. 18  “Hum if You Don’t Know the Words” by Bianca Marais  
Nov. 15  “Cutting For Stone” by Abraham Verghese

Genealogy 101  
Thursdays, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15  
Stitch together your family history with genealogy enthusiast Pamela Joseph.

Florida Friendly Landscaping™  
Tuesdays, 2 p.m.  
Oct. 2-23  
Over a four-week period, learn the nine principles of creating and maintaining an environmentally friendly, low maintenance yard.  
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

TEENS

YALLA West!  
Wednesdays, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7  
Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer service hours.

Gamers Unite!  
Saturday, Sept. 8, 2 p.m.  
Are you up for the video game challenge?

FAMILIES

Musical Bingo  
Saturday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m.  
It’s bingo with a musical twist!

Construction Junction  
Saturday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m.  
Put your hard hats on and build!

STORY TIMES

Sept. 5-Oct. 26  
A variety of stories, songs, and activities for children and caregivers.

Toddling Twos  
Wednesdays, 11 a.m.  
Infants-age 2.

Preschool Adventures  
Fridays, 11 a.m.  
Ages 3-5.

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
905 S. Highway 314A  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179  
352-438-2540  
Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Public Library.

FALL FESTIVITY

Trunk or Treat!  
Saturday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m.  
See Program Spotlight.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Community Conversations  
Monday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m.  
Topic: Talk about an experience that changed your perspective.  
See Program Spotlight for more locations.

A Night at the Library  
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 5-7 p.m.  
See Program Spotlight.

Come Write In!  
It’s NaNoWriMo Time!  
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m., Adults  
November is National Novel Writing Month and a challenge to write 50,000 words in 30 days! Bring your own device and write with us.

MEET THE AUTHORS

See Program Spotlight for more information.

Mary Flynn  
“Margaret Ferry”  
Friday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m.

Florida Cuisine from Chef Warren Caterson  
“Table for Two: The Cookbook for Couples”  
“Table for Two: Back for Seconds”  
Friday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m.

ADULTS

Tech Help Center  
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.  
Sept. 5-Oct. 31  
Bring your device and drop in!

DIY Art

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
Express yourself through art!  
Sept. 5  Napkin Collage on Canvas  
Oct. 3  Jewelry Making  
Nov. 7  Homemade Greeting Cards

Forest Coloring Club  
Thursdays, 11 a.m.  
Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1, 15  
Enjoy coloring and interesting conversation.

Trivia Café Brown Bag Luncheon  
Tuesdays, noon  
Nov. 11, Oct. 9  
Bring a sandwich and enjoy lunch with fellow trivia enthusiasts! Dessert and beverage provided.

Forest Readers Book Club  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
Make new friends and talk about books!  
Sept. 12  “Fatally Flaky” by Diane Mott Davison  
Sept. 26  “The Stars Are Fire” by Anita Shreve  
Oct. 10  “Banana Cream Pie Murder” by Joanne Fluke  
Oct. 24  “The Inner Circle” by Brad Meltzer  
Nov. 14  “South of Broad” by Pat Conroy  
Nov. 28  “Agony of the Leaves” by Laura Childs

Forest Writer’s Studio  
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 13, Oct. 11  
Writers of all levels share work and encouragement.

Rock Art!  
Saturdays, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 15, Oct. 6  
Paint miniature masterpieces.

Crafts for a Cause  
Mondays, 10 a.m.  
Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 15, Nov. 5, 19  
Help our community! Create items for those in need.

Friday Cinema  
Fridays, 2 p.m.  
Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.  
Sept. 21, Oct. 19
Ask Your Master Gardener
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
Get your garden growing!
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.
Sept. 22 Organic Gardening
Oct. 20 Fall and Winter Gardening

Game On!
Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
Are you up for a video game challenge?
Sept. 25 Bowling
Oct. 23 Golf

How to Start and Grow a Small Business
Saturday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m.
Be a successful entrepreneur with tips from Ryan Lilly, vice president of the Ocala Chamber & Economic Partnership.

TEENS & TWEENS
Games and Art Workshop
Thursdays, 4 p.m.
Get moving and get creative!
Sept. 20 Guitar Hero
Oct. 18 Creatures of the Night Fuse Beads

YALLA East!
Thursdays, 5 p.m.
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15
Be part of the library experience! Teens, earn volunteer hours for service.

FAMILIES
FUNtasmagoria
Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
Explore the world without leaving the library.
Sept. 5 Scales and Tales
Sept. 12 Bird Is the Word
Sept. 19 Whole of a Tale
Oct. 3 The (Big) Cat’s Meow
Oct. 10 Monkey Business
Oct. 17 Invention Convention

Family Story Time
Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 7-Oct. 19
A variety of stories, songs and activities for children and caregivers.

Family Flicks
Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Movies for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sept. 8
Oct. 13

Imagination Station Kids Club
Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.
Stories and crafts to fit the season.
Sept. 26 Tiny Treats
Oct. 24 Creepy Crafts

Porch Art
Monday, Oct. 15, 2 p.m.
Paint a mega-mural.

FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY
14660 NE Hwy. 315, Fort McCoy, FL 32134
352-438-2560

ADULTS

Monday Morning Book Club
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
Make new friends and talk about books!
Sept. 10 “The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend” by Katarina Bivald
Oct. 8 “Commonwealth: a Novel” by Ann Patchett

Tech Help Center
Mondays, 2-4 p.m.
Sept. 10-Oct. 29
Bring your device and drop in!

September Matinée
Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
Movie fun for all ages. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sept. 5
Sept. 12
Sept. 19
Sept. 26

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY
5870 SW 95th St., Ocala, FL 34476
352-438-2580
Programs are sponsored by the Friends of Freedom Public Library.

MEET THE AUTHORS
See Program Spotlight for more information.

Mary Flynn
“Confessions of a Hallmark Greeting Card Writer”
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m.

Ericka Yeger
“My Mother’s Memoir: Before, During and After Auschwitz”
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 3 p.m.

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance
Thursdays
Sept. 6-Nov. 1, noon-2 p.m.
Staff and volunteers are available to help with all computer needs.

Bird Watching 101
Saturday, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about native birds in your garden from Carolyn Retey and Josie Muncy of the Marion Audubon Society. Wear appropriate walking shoes and clothing. Bring binoculars.

Herbal Medications
Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.
Mike Sever, pharmacy manager of Hospice of Marion County, discusses the pros and cons of using herbal medications.

The Tuesday Matinée
Tuesdays, 3 p.m.
Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
Sept. 11
Oct. 9

library.marioncountyfl.org
Basic Computer Classes
Mondays, 2 p.m.
Learn something new. Space is limited.
Sept. 10  Intro to Computers
Sept. 17  Basic Internet
Sept. 24  Basic Word

TEENS & TWEENS
Gamers Unite!
Saturdays, 3 p.m.
Sept. 8, 22, Oct. 13
Are you up for a video game challenge?
YALLA Free!
Thursdays, 5 p.m.
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8
Be part of the library experience! Teens, earn volunteer hours for service.

FAMILIES
Pumpkin Painting Party
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
Enjoy the fall weather in the pumpkin patch!
Read to Hannah
the Therapy Dog
Mondays, 3 p.m.
Sept. 10-Oct. 29
Hannah is all ears and geared up for some great stories read by you. It’s PAWsitve fun!

STORY TIMES
Sept. 5–Oct. 31
Stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.
Preschool Adventures
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Ages 3–5.
Toddler Time
Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
Infants–age 2.

SPECIAL PROGRAM
Spooktacular Story Time
Wednesday, Oct. 31, 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy the season!
See Program Spotlight.

MEET THE AUTHOR
Mary Flynn
“Confessions of a Hallmark Greeting Card Writer”
Friday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m.
See Program Spotlight.

ADULTS
Community Conversations
Thursday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m.
Topic: Talk about an experience that changed your perspective.
See Program Spotlight for more locations.
Novels at Noon
Wednesdays, noon
Make new friends and talk about books!
Refreshments provided by Mary’s Cuban Kitchen.
Sept. 19 “Snow Flower and the Secret Fan” by Lisa See
Oct. 17 “Behold the Dreamers” by Imbolo Mbue
Nov. 21 “The Ocean at the End of the Lane” by Neil Gaiman

FAMILIES
Go Forth and Fort
Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m.
Building forts with blankets? YES! Bring a blanket and join in the fun!

ADULTS
Bird Watching 101
Saturday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about native birds in your garden from the experts at the Marion Audubon Society. Wear appropriate walking shoes and clothing. Bring binoculars.

TEENS
YALLA North!
Saturday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m.
Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

STORY TIMES
A variety of stories and songs for young children with caregivers.
Toddler Time
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 5–Oct. 31
EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

**Headquarters-Ocala Public Library**
- **September**: Revolutionary Keepsakes by Daughters of the American Revolution
- **October**: Stamp Collecting by General Francis Marion Stamp Collectors
- **November**: Model Trains by Cate O'Brien

**Belleview Public Library**
- **September**: Student Art by Belleview Elementary School students
- **October**: Quilty Pleasures by Central Florida Modern Quilt Guild
- **November**: Hooked on Rugs by Ocala Rug Hooking Guild

**Dunnellon Public Library**
- **September**: Seashells by Joan Buchanan
- **October**: Pottery by Susan Jones
- **November**: Book Art by Sue Gonzalez

**Forest Public Library**
- **September**: DIY Art Previews
- **October**: Halloween Memorabilia
- **November**: Santa Figurines from Dawn Moberly

**Reddick Public Library**
- **September**: Colonial American Artifacts by Gary Walker
- **October**: Halloween Collectibles by Reddick Patrons
- **November**: Thanksgiving Keepsakes by Reddick Patrons

**AT YOUR SERVICE**

- **2018 General Election Early Voting**: Wednesday, Oct. 24-Saturday, Nov. 3 (8 a.m.-6 p.m.)
  Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest and Freedom public libraries are early voting sites.

- **Access Florida Assistance**: Tuesdays, 12:30-3 p.m., Sept. 4-Nov. 27
  Help provided with filing for various government assistance programs.

- **CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion**: Job seeker services available! Call the library nearest you for times and locations.

- **Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**: Visit www.uscis.gov or call 1-800-375-5283 to schedule an appointment at your local library with an official for the USCIS Orlando Field Office.

- **Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System**: Free screenings for children birth through age 5 who may have difficulty with learning, speaking, playing, seeing, walking and hearing. Screening appointments may be held at your local library. Contact ChildFind at 352-671-6051 to schedule.

- **Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI)**: FTRI provides amplified telephones free of charge to qualifying individuals through the Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida. Contact your local library or call the Center at 352-368-3788.

- **Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE)**: Obtain free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Contact Headquarters-Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon and Forest public libraries for times.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

**Friends of the Belleview Public Library**
- **Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Sept. 18, Oct. 16**
- **Book Nook**: **Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library**
- **Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6**
- **Friends of Ocala Public Library**: **Thursdays, 4 p.m., Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15**
- **Book Sale**: **Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Friends of the Forest Public Library**
- **Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21**
- **Friends of Freedom Public Library**: **Tuesday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m.**
  - **Mondays, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.**
- **Book Sale**: **Thursday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**
  - **Friday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**
  - **Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Holiday Books and Baubles Sale**: **Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Friends of Fort McCoy Public Library**: **Wednesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m.**

**Friends of Marion Oaks Public Library**: **Fridays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.**

**CLOSED DAYS & HOLIDAYS**

**Labor Day**: **Mon. Sept. 3**
- All locations will be closed.

**Maintenance Day**: **Monday, Oct. 8**
- Headquarters-Ocala, Belleview and Dunnellon public libraries will be closed to the public.

**Veterans Day**: **Sunday, Nov. 11**
- Headquarters-Ocala Public Library will be closed to the public.

**Veterans Day (observed)**: **Monday, Nov. 12**
- All Marion County Public Library System locations will be closed to the public.

**Day before Thanksgiving**: **Wednesday, Nov. 21**
- Headquarters-Ocala and Marion Oaks public libraries will close at 6 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Day**: **Thursday, Nov. 22**
- All Marion County Public Library System locations will be closed to the public.

**Day after Thanksgiving Day**: **Friday, Nov. 23**
- All Marion County Public Library System locations will be closed to the public.
Celebrate September
With the Annual Fairy Tale Festival and Fairy Garden Tours at the Headquarters- Ocala Public Library
BY JENNY RANSONE

Your Headquarters-Ocala Public Library invites children and families to kick off the fall season fairy tale style! Rumor has it that fairy energy is at a high point during the month of September, and your public library is offering a wide array of activities, including fairy garden tours and that family favorite Fairy Tale Festival on its new date—Saturday, Sept. 22.

The fun begins on Monday, Sept. 17 with the Fairy Garden tour. Enjoy the magical, tiny gardens created by the talented members of the Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala and enter to win a special fairy garden of your very own. Entries will be accepted through Friday, Sept. 21.

On Saturday Sept. 22, 1-4 p.m., fairy tale fans can dress up as their favorite fairy tale character and head over to the library’s children’s services division to enjoy the Fairy Tale Festival. Meander through the enchanted forest, pick out your very own fairy tale book, play a round of golf at the Fairy Tale Fairways, train in the Knight’s Training School, and check out the Seven Dwarves’ Mine.

The Greenwood Morris Dancers will be returning to dance away the afternoon and share the maypole with children. And, as an added Fairy Tale Festival treat, the actors from the Insomniac Theater will delight one and all with a very special fairy tale performance.

These activities and more will enchant children of all ages and make the month of September memorable at your public library.
CREATE Celebrates 10 Years of Spotting Teen Talent

BY ERIN ARNOLD

In 2009, the inaugural Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event (CREATE) hosted 75 amazingly talented Marion County teens, ages 13-18, with a flair for fine arts, filmmaking, writing and performing arts. Over the course of the past nine years, more than 900 area teens have participated in this popular library event, gaining increased exposure and experience in their field of expertise.

Marion County teens will once again find the opportunity for creative expression at the 10th annual CREATE on Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library. Participants can compete in any and all categories for a chance to win cash prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

This year’s event guests include artist Lynn Tomaszewski, director of the University of Florida School of Art and Art History, as well as Florida author Jenny Torres Sanchez.

Area teens can pick up a CREATE application at any Marion County Public Library location or online at library.marioncountyfl.org. The application deadline is Monday, Oct. 22.

Join in the fun and show the community what you’ve got! W

Thank You for Being a Friend!

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK, OCT. 21-27

Hats off to the Friends of the Library during National Friends of the Library Week, Oct. 21-27. These dedicated volunteers are people of all ages and backgrounds who are committed to the development and support of quality, community-oriented public libraries.

In Marion County, seven Friends of the Library groups support, assist, promote and advocate on behalf of the Marion County Public Library System. They coordinate used book sales, operate volunteer book stores and even hold special events to help support library programming and other areas of need within their respective public libraries.

Thank you, Friends! We couldn’t do it without you! For more information about how to become a Friend of the Library, check out the library’s website at library.marioncountyfl.org or call 352-671-8551. W
Face painting at Forest Public Library

Robots Rock at Forest Public Library

New Born Learning Trail at Dunnellon Public Library

Libraries Rock at Freedom Public Library

Crafts at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Snakes at Belleview Public Library

Sweet treats at Belleview Public Library

Fall 2018
MEET THE AUTHOR:
Steven B. Heird, MD, FACS

Many of us have friends and family members who have succumbed to the powers of addiction. We often find ourselves asking how we can help them. On Sept. 9, you may find possible solutions. On that day, Dr. Steven Heird will be speaking about his journey from heavy addiction to sobriety in his book “To Hell and Back: A Surgeon’s Story of Addiction.” In this entertaining and inspiring true-life account, Dr. Heird shows that anyone can be drawn into addiction and that anyone can help themselves and others to be free of addiction too.

A special thanks to our sponsors — Marion County Medical Society, Marion County Children’s Alliance, and The Vines.

This free program will be at 2 p.m. at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library in Meeting Room C, on Sunday, Sept. 9. Light refreshments will be served, and books will be available for purchase.

Florida’s Proposed Amendments Explained

Do you understand this year’s proposed amendments? Become an informed citizen! On Sept. 23, former County Commissioner Judy Johnson will be facilitating a discussion about the proposed amendments that will appear on the November ballot. She has presented our community with the pros and cons of these ballot initiatives for several years at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library to full-capacity crowds. To hear her explanations of these amendments, join us on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room C. There will be a brief annual Friends meeting prior to the program.

So Many Books!

As an Eagle Scout community service project, Ben Sheppard of Boy Scout Troop 439 aimed to collect 1,000 books to add to the book numbers at the Headquarters’ Quarterly Book Sale in August. He far surpassed his goal by accumulating over 4,600 books! Congratulations, Ben! He and other scouts also assisted with the August Book Sale preparations, sales, and clean up. Thanks for your support!
From the foodie with a personal passion for cooking, to the aspiring executive chef, the Marion Technical College (MTC) Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality program offers a generous menu of options for its students. A recent visit with the staff and students at MTC provided some real insight into the realm of food preparation and service. Students learn the necessary skills to become employed as well as more knowledgeable cooks.

Program Manager Tracey Thornhill-Parker explained that the 1,200 hour course falls into the category of “Career in a Year.” Within the culinary area in particular, students know they have a passion and some skills, and in a year’s time they can develop employable skills. She explained that students who receive their certification have met many of the necessary requirements of restaurants, hospitals, hotels, retirement facilities and many other businesses that fall into the food preparation and service industry.

According to Thornhill-Parker, an ever-increasing number of individuals recognize this area as a good career path and something they want to pursue. Some may want to get involved with their family food service business. Others may have a different vision for their future. She recalls that one student wanted to run her own food truck and made it her class project. Another recent graduate was accepted into the Culinary Institute of America, one of the highest levels of training for potential executive chefs in the country. MTC Professional Culinary Arts students not only receive training in the classroom and on-site kitchens, but, as it fits within the curriculum, real hands-on experience working catered events in the community, such as the Friends of the Ocala Public Library “Night at the Library.”

And in case anyone wonders if these aspiring cooks have what it takes to be both creative and competitive in the kitchen, last year’s MTC students walked away with several top awards from the annual Cornerstone School Chili Cook Off event. When the pressure is on, they can take the heat.