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### Friends of the Library Meeting

The Friends of the Library will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 1:00 pm. All are invited to attend and become involved in this amazing group!

### Martin Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 22nd  
5:15 PM



All Trustee meetings are open to the public.  
Agenda available upon request.

The library is going DARK for the

# ECLIPSE



Monday, April 8th / 1 PM - 3 PM / Martin Public Library

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for an eclipse viewing party! Safe eclipse viewing glasses will be handed out while supplies last.

The library is going DARK for the 2024 solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us at Festival Park, adjacent to the library, 1 pm—3 pm as we witness this amazing display of nature.

You may pick up FREE safe eclipse viewing glasses at any time leading up to eclipse day. Glasses will be handed out as supplies last. Any glasses left over will be distributed during the eclipse.

Don't forget, we have a special Eclipse Science Program on Saturday, April 6th at 11 am where you can visit stations set up throughout the children's department to learn more about eclipses and recreate one yourself!

# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7-13, 2024

Ready  
Set Library!

Meg Medina  
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK  
HONORARY CHAIR



National Library Week (April 7-13, 2024) is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support. The theme for National Library Week 2024 is "Ready, Set, Library," illustrating the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. At the library's author talks, workshops, and book clubs, Americans can connect with fellow enthusiasts and local experts while building relationships that will last a lifetime. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—the library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

The 2024 National Library Week Honorary Chair is Meg Medina, Newbery award winner and New York Times best-selling author. Medina writes picture books, as well as middle grade and young adult fiction. She is the current National Ambassador of Young People's Literature.

## Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group

This month's book selection:

Any book  
by local author  
David Johnson

JOIN THE DISCUSSION!  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The Let's Talk About It Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm. This month's discussion will focus on *The Last Patient* and *The Woodcutter's Wife* by local author David Johnson. Come ready for a lively discussion and possibly a question and answer period as Mr. Johnson will be in attendance!

The April program will be the final discussion of the year. We will resume meetings in the Fall with new books and facilitators. Be sure to keep an eye out for the 2024-2025 Let's Talk About It schedule! If you would like to "host" a discussion, please let us know!





The UT Martin Spring 2024 Printmaking and Poetry Workshop students will be hosting a collaborative exhibition at the library through April 25th. This annual exhibit can be seen throughout the second floor of the library has become a favorite among our patrons!



Eleven original paintings by K. M. Hammond will be on display in the library throughout the month of April.

All are invited to attend a reception for the exhibit. Hosted by Hammond's daughter, Joyce Cagle, the reception will take place on Saturday, April 6th from 12 pm—2 pm. This will be free and open to the public and will feature the artwork in the Tennessee History Room followed by light refreshments in the Bookstore.

The library is partnering with Savannah Doughty, realtor with EXIT Realty Blues City, to offer a workshop focused on the ins and outs of buying your first home. Join Ms. Doughty on Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am—12:00 pm to have your questions answered. There will also be time set aside for speaking with a lender about the process of getting pre-qualified for a mortgage loan.

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### Schedule of Events April 2024

- 1 GED Class @ 9:30 am
- 1 Open Makerspace @ 3 pm
- 2 Story Hour/Toddler Time @ 10 am
- 3 BINGO @ 11 am
- 3 LEGO® Club @ 3:30 pm
- 4 Spanish Class @ 4 pm
- 4 Open Makerspace @ 5 pm
- 4 Digital Art Class @ 5 pm
- 6 Story Hour @ 10 am
- 6 Eclipse Science @ 11 am
- 6 Art Reception @ 12 pm
- 6 Chess Club @ 12 pm
- 6 Digital Art @ 12 pm
- 8 GED Class @ 9:30 am
- 8 ECLIPSE! Watch Party @ 1 pm—3 pm
- 9 Story Hour/Toddler Time @ 10 am
- 11 Spanish Class @ 4 pm
- 11 Open Makerspace @ 5 pm
- 15 GED Class @ 9:30 am
- 15 Open Makerspace @ 3 pm
- 16 Story Hour/Toddler Time @ 10 am
- 17 BINGO @ 11 am
- 17 LEGO® Club @ 3:30 pm
- 18 Friends of the Library @ 1 pm
- 18 Spanish Class @ 4 pm
- 18 Open Makerspace @ 5 pm
- 18 Open Mic Night @ 6 pm
- 20 Story Hour @ 10 am
- 20 Chess Club @ 12 pm
- 20 Adult Ukulele @ 12 pm
- 22 GED Class @ 9:30 am
- 22 Open Makerspace @ 3 pm
- 22 Library Board Meeting @ 5:15 pm
- 23 Story Hour/Toddler Time @ 10 am
- 24 Anime Club @ 4 pm
- 25 Spanish Class @ 4 pm
- 25 Paint Night @ 5:30 pm
- 25 Book Discussion Group @ 6:30 pm
- 27 First-time Home Buyers @ 10 am
- 29 GED Class @ 9:30 am
- 29 Open Makerspace @ 3 pm
- 30 Story Hour/Toddler Time @ 10 am

We're on the web:  
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Tuesday: 9:00 am-5:30 pm  
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

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The American Red Cross will be providing Shelter Training to the community on Saturday, April 27th, 9 am—12 pm, in the Event Center portion of the library.

This FREE training allows community organizations to provide shelters when the County has not declared an emergency, such as in conditions of extreme cold or hot weather.

Register to attend this workshop using the QR code and be ready to help your community!

BE READY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!

PREPARE TO BE A VOLUNTEER

**SHELTER TRAINING**

9A-12P  
**27**  
APRIL

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

89 CENTRAL STREET  
MARTIN, TN 38237

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**ADVENTURE**  
— BEGINS AT —  
**YOUR LIBRARY**

**SUMMER READING IS COMING!**

The Summer Reading Program will soon be here! The library staff is working hard to finalize the calendar and make sure this is a summer to remember. "Adventure Begins at your Library" on May 28th with the Annual Scholastic Book Fair. Summer Reading will kick-off on June 3rd and go through July 26th. Be on the lookout for more information and full event calendars soon!