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Walk Your Dog Month

Walking your dog is about so much more than just "potty breaks." Walking your dog provides mental stimulation, physical exercise, chances for socialization, and opportunities for behavioral training. Moreover, it gets both of you out and about while helping to grow the bond you have with your dog.

Walking your dog regularly provides a basic foundation for physical and mental health. Like a child, your dog wants to know the world. If he or she is confined to the house for too long, your dog will get bored, and boredom can lead to destructive behavior. Your dog is dependent on you to take them out to explore the sights, smells,



and sounds of the world. This is why it's also good to vary the places you take your pet as dog much as possible. You've probably noticed how busy (and excited) your dog gets when he or she is walking, so let them enjoy every opportunity to discover!

Remember, too, that a sedentary pooch can quickly become an overweight one, and that brings potential health problems with it. Even if your dog is active inside the home, he or she still needs another outlet for pent-up energy. You'll benefit from having a well-exercised dog, as tired dogs tend to behave better, and you'll help your pet avoid unnecessary

weight gain!



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Are you tired of what is on TV right now? Are there ebooks you are looking for on Overdrive but can't find them? Why not try the library's newest streaming service, Hoopla?

Hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service offered by your local public library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV! With no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately, or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. We have hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily. Hoopla is like having your public library at your fingertips. Anytime. Anywhere.

The benefits of hoopla digital

include:

- Every item in the collection can be viewed, read or listened to through a single app or the hoopla website.
- Every item is instantly available, so you never have to wait for an item to be checked back into the library to borrow it.

You can download the free Hoopla app from the Apple App Store and Google Play store. It's available for iPhones, iPad, Android phones and tablets as well as AppleTV, AndroidTV, Roku, and FireTV.

Hoopla has over 800,000 title with movies from studios such as Disney, Miramax, and A24 and TV shows from AcornTV, BBC, and TNT.

How long can I borrow items from hoopla?

Movies & television shows -Three (3) days

Music albums - Seven (7) days

eBooks, digital audiobooks

How many items can I check out from hoopla?

and comics - 21 days

Check out ten items every month, with a new ten item limit available at the start of each calendar month.

You will need the 14-digit number found on the back of your Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library card and your PIN to use hoopla digital. Your PIN will be your last name in lower case letters.

Tonight, why not go online and look around to see if you can find an old favorite or a brand new title for check out?



Hours of operation

Monday 1PM - 9PM

Tuesday - Friday 10AM - 6PM

Saturday 10:30 AM - 2PM

Closure dates: December 31st January 1st January 17th

February 21st

One-on-One Tech Help @ your Library

Need help using your new Kindle? Want to create a Facebook profile but don't know where to get started? Did you get a new smartphone and just can't get the hang of it? The library staff can help you with all of that and so much more!



The Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library offers FREE One-on-One Tech Help by appointment. So when you have more than a quick question about technology, try booking up to a 30 minute appointment for one-on-one technology help! To make an appointment for a one-on-one technology assistance session, call the library staff at (409) 722-1255. Please note that you may only book ONE appointment at a time. Examples of what you can learn how to use:

- Kindle eReaders
- Setting up your devices to use Overdrive
- Microsoft Office Basics
- Setting up a Gmail and a Google Drive account
- Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Smartphone Basics
- Downloading apps to your devices (smartphones, tablets, laptops, etc.)

You'll need to have some information to get started and there are some limits on the help we can provide.

- One-on-One appointments are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.
- Please arrive with a clear goal of what you would like to learn and any de-

vice you need help with

- Please note that the library staff may not be able to provide detailed assistance for all products such as nonstandard software.
- Library staff can't suggest what type of software you might need for a particular issue or project you are trying to tackle if they have not already used that specific type of program before.
- Library staff cannot give advice on medical, legal or tax issues nor will they

be able to write, edit, or complete any documents for any individuals.

For more information on this call us at 722-1255.



Have you checked out one of our Binge Boxes yet? Ask at the front desk about them today!

Need help with keeping a list of all the books you've read and want to read? There's an app for that!



Meet your next favorite book.



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January 26 National Creativity Month

January 27 Hunt for Happiness Month



February 2 Love the Bus Month

February 3 Hedgehog Day

February 9 Extraterrestrial Visitor Day February 10 Valentine's Day

February 16 Library Lover's Month

> February 17 Whale Day

February 23 National Chef Day

> February 24 Superman Day



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between the pictures below?





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Hot New Releases

Adult Fiction		DVDs	Adult Audiobooks	
Gated Prey	Lee Goldberg	Candyman	Mercy	David Baldacci
The Party Crasher	John Connolly	Free Guy	The Wish	Nicholas Sparks
The Last Goodnight	Kat Martin	No Man of God The Night House	Down the Hatch	M.C Beaton
Falling	T.J Newman	Luca	The Becoming	Nora Roberts
Dark Tarot	Christine Feehan	Pig	The Dark Hours	Michael Connelly
Never	Ken Follett	Reminiscence	Flying Angels	Danielle Steel
Game On	Janet Evanovich	Jungle Cruise In the Heights	Forgiving Paris	Karen Kingsbury
Killer Research	Jenn McKinlay	Blithe Spirit	<i>Go Tell All the Bees That I am Gone</i>	Diana Gabaldon
A Christmas Legacy	Anne Marie Ryan	12 Mighty Orphans		



Read it B4 U C it: The Black Phone

In the 1970s, five children go missing in a suburban Colorado town. Soon after, Finney Shaw is kidnapped by a serial killer and trapped inside of a soundproof basement.

Finding a disconnected phone,

REMEMBER you will not be getting IRS booklets in the mail this year. Have you located a place to find them?

We'll be a great place to get them, but the IRS had made program changes:

- 1. They will only send us Form 1040 and the instructions for the 1040 form. All other forms or publications can be either printed out at home or here for 15 cents per page.
- 2. Due to tax law changes, the IRS provides online assistance at www.irs.gov.



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Ghosts

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from Blumhouse Productions, this film is set to hit theaters February 2022

Tax Time Again

So if you need other forms or have questions about what forms are needed or how to file taxes electronically from your home safely, check out their website. It is a very helpful tool for everyone that needs a little enlightenment on the rules and regulations of the IRS.

The library staff can not give you any advice on what types of forms you might need or how to fill them out. If you know what extra forms you will need and want to have them printed here, staff can help you get signed in on a public computer and direct you to the IRS website so that you can print what you need.





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BrainFuse Help Now

The first day back to school after the long winter break is January 5th. Does your student need help understanding their homework? Why not let the library's newest online service help?

Brainfuse is a homework help website where students and tutors can meet in the Brainfuse Online Classroom. There tutors guide students through homework challenges and help them develop the necessary skills to complete assignments on their own. But that is just the beginning of what Brainfuse has to offer students and adults.

Brainfuse offers live skills tutoring and an extensive library of Brainfuse-created lessons and videos tutorials that can be accessed when the tutors are offline or if the student just needs a little more information on the subject. There are games and quizzes that the student could customize by just uploading the list of words or material needed to be studied and then "play" their way into remembering it all. In addition, SkillSurfer contains hundreds of practice tests in a wide range of subjects. Along with the normal subjects, SkillSurfer offers practice test for tests such as:

- The new SAT
- ACT
- The new GED
- TASC (a GED alternative test)
- HiSet (a GED alternative test)
- GRE
- GMAT
- ASVAB
- TOEFL
- TOEIC
- US Citizenship Test Course: (including practice tests and lessons)
- College Placement Test Preparation: (COMPASS/ACCUPLACER)

Once the practice test is taken, the student can see what areas of the test they need help on and either use the online lessons and videos or access a tutor for more help.

Brainfuse also has a Writing Lab where a student can upload a paper they are writing to have the tutors look over it and give them suggestions about areas of their paper, including voice, fluency, organization, and word choice.



HelpNow Homework Help Live Tutoring Writing Lab Test Prep For All Ages