

MarionMade! STORY SUBMISSION FORM

Do you have a story to share with the Marion community, telling the positive impact you've had on the Marion community? Your story may be featured on our website and social media platforms.

Here is how to do this. Follow these guidelines when you submit your information.

- Be sure to focus on positivity, community impact, and the overall benefit you've brought to Marion. Keep in mind the stories we share are not an advertisement of any product, place, project or person, but a way to share a positive story with others.
- Try to use the specific names of individuals or businesses that impact your story.
- We'd like to keep the story short. Sometimes a photo or two and a couple of sentences or a website link work. This keeps our readers engaged and allows us to use the story across all our platforms.
- Some of our stories become a story of the Marion Star. Then we will contact you for more information. Not all can be shared in the Star. We only get one story per week.

Here are the questions with an example in (>):

- Briefly tell us about your history. (The BookMarks are a new support group for the Marion Public Library. They became an official nonprofit organization in 2015. Their mission is to support the programs and operations of the Marion Public Library)
- How have you or your organization positively impacted the Marion community? This includes the county as well as the city. (In the few years they have been in existence they have raised and donated over \$15,000 to the library and hosted numerous special events, including Speaking Volumes with the author, the annual murder mystery evening and the annual 4-day book sale.)
- How has the Marion community positively impacted you or your organization? (The BookMarks board and volunteers are comprised of people that feel that their community plays an important part in the daily lives of people. Because of this deep feel of pride and commitment to life-long learning, they have donated over 5,000 hours/year volunteering.)
- What positive impact do you or your organization have outside of the Marion community? The dedication of the BookMarks builds the reputation of the Marion Public Library in the eyes of the library world both state-wide and nationally.)
- Articles must have photos or graphics. We need 1- 2 high resolution pictures (125 KB or higher) (your building, people, an event, a logo, etc.).
- Is there something that makes you or your organization unique or stand out? (The BookMarks, range in age from 10- 92. There are over 50 volunteers and 100 members, that each brings their skill, talents and passion of reading to the organization. Age is not an issue to being a BookMark!)

Thank you again for taking the time to help MarionMade! tell your story! You can submit your stories to marionmade@mtc.edu.

Note- submitted stories may be edited and formatted for content, length, spelling, etc. We will try to post your submission as soon as possible, but we have a number of stories in the queue.