



(Above) Trace Moser performed with the band and choir and joined friends in a drum line. He also wowed the crowd with a rendition of Billy Joel’s “Piano Man,” in which he played piano and harmonica and sang. (Below) The seventh and eighth grade band played several well-known hits, including “Any Way You Want It” by Journey, “I Want It That Way” by the Backstreet Boys and the “Mission: Impossible” theme.



## Middle school musicians impress

MFL MarMac middle school musicians put on an impressive variety show May 1, demonstrating their instrumental and choral talents. The concert included performances by the sixth grade band, seventh and eighth grade band and a combination of the two groups. The bass and treble choirs, seventh and eighth grade chorus and multiple soloists also took the stage. (Photos by Audrey Posten)



(Left) Soloist Lily Drowns sang “Rises the Moon.” (Right) Saxophonist Cannon Young and the sixth grade band led off the concert with songs “Dragon Dance” and “Great Beginnings.”

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### Uke It Out to celebrate National Train Day

By Alexandra Bomhoff, Library Director

Saturday, May 10, is National Train Day, and we will be learning a train-related song at this edition of our ukulele instruction program, Uke It Out!

#### New Fiction

*All That Life Can Afford* by Emily Everett - As a child, Eva devoured London through library books—savoring its soft, dreamlike edges of castles and dances, a far cry from her life of co-pays and Craigslist and caring for her diabetic mother. But when she arrives after college to a mildewed flat full of mouse-traps, the real London, that free, intoxicating life of plenty feels just as inaccessible as it did from America. Then she meets the Wilders...Eva is thrown into a heady whirlpool of luxury and excess, uncovering a hidden side of Europe, one where confidence is a birthright and blue blood runs through bullet-proof veins.

*Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry - Alice Scott is an eternal optimist still dreaming of her big writing break. Hayden Anderson is a Pulitzer-prize winning human thundercloud. And they’re both on balmy Little Crescent Island for the same reason: to write the biography of a woman no one has seen in years—or at least to meet with the octogenarian who claims to be the Margaret Ives. Tragic heiress, former tabloid princess and daughter of one of the most storied (and scandalous) families of the 20th century...But the problem is: Margaret is only giving each of them pieces of her story.

*Sealed with a Hiss* by Rita Mae Brown - Spring is in full bloom, and every-

thing is blossoming just right for Harry in Crozet, Va. Restorations to the long-shuttered local segregated school are nearly complete, and the school will be renamed to commemorate an important community member. To honor the former students, Harry and her friends are hard at work planning a reunion. It’s a big affair, and the crew spends their days hanging plaques at the gym, arranging food and writing speeches. But the 15 acres behind the school are enticing for more than just a school reunion. One realtor soon reveals plans to buy the land and build over it—unless the crew can find a way to stop the sale. In their search to prevent the purchase, they come across something unexpected: a dead body, which might not be the first to show up this season.

*What is Wrong with You?* by Paul Rudnick - A tech billionaire and the flight attendant he’s marrying. A TV superhero who used to be married to the flight attendant. A Manhattan book editor and the sensitivity associate who got him fired. A 23-year-old wild child prodigy who’s perhaps the savior of American literature. A vengeful Arkansas sheriff who sells a vitamin-enriched, 10-pounds-off-today demulsifier. A Wall Street bro who raps on TikTok. Two dentists—possibly stalking each other. What do these people have in common? Invited or not, they’re all headed to the most anticipated destination wedding ever, on the billionaire’s private island, to seek romance, to cause mayhem and to figure out everyone else’s futures and maybe even their own.

All descriptions adapted from bibliographic record or provided by publisher.

## Garnavillo Library shares services it offers

Have you ever wondered what kind of services the Garnavillo Public Library offers? The Garnavillo Public Library offers programs for children of all ages such as the annual summer reading program and children’s programs and story hours throughout the year. Holiday craft hours are offered once a month for kids on Saturdays; check the website calendar for scheduled programs. The library does book sharing between the elementary and middle schools and Garnavillo Community Day Care, and has daytime story hours for the community day care and Clayton Ridge preschool class. When Clayton Ridge is released for an early out on Wednesdays, the library has a program for children with a story and activities at 2:30 p.m. for approximately one hour on designated dates.

The library offers several programs and services for adults, such as large print materials, de-

livery of materials to the home bound, outreach to Tower Living Center and monthly book club. Some other services are the use of four Windows 11 based public use computers along with a scanner, color printer, black and white printer and photo editing software. Along with the public use computers, the library has a wireless connection. Anyone with a laptop and a wireless card, e-readers, smart phone or wireless tablet devices can connect to the internet at the library. If you need to fax a document, the library has that service, and there is a lamination machine that has three size options.

The library buys books and materials staff think are most wanted by the community. Due to limited resources and space, the library can’t purchase everything that is published. With help of State Library programs and resources, the library is fortunate to borrow materials from another library.

This service is called inter-library loan. Garnavillo is part of a vast network of participating libraries that are willing to loan out materials to other libraries. If you like to read or listen to books on your tablet, computer or phone, the library has an app called LIBBY. This is used by downloading the app and then signing in using your library card information. Every time you use this program and check out a book or magazine, the library gets credit with its circulation use. State funding is critical to what a library has access to with certain programs which are used at many libraries, including Garnavillo.

The library has an extensive collection of genealogical materials, including local family histories, cemetery records, area history and other items of interest about Garnavillo and Clayton County. The library also has over 27,000 books and materials to be checked out on your library card.