Each year it is part of my job as the library director to work with our library board & our administrative team to develop goals for the library. The library board is a dedicated group of seven volunteers, appointed by their municipality to govern the library & represent library & community interests. They invest their time & talents in committee work, advocacy in the community, reporting to governmental units & reviewing the administration of the library in a number of areas including our finances, our personnel policies & standards, our operating policies & our building. Examples of goals we develop include: creating new programs or partnerships, updating our building, streamlining processes, or working on large-scale projects that improve our ability to deliver quality library services to our patrons. 

When I started at Marshall District Library as the Assistant Director in 2006, the first big project I was assigned was the migration of our Integrated Library System. This system runs all of the daily functions of our book & movie collection as well as houses all of our patron records. Moving to a new system is a rather large undertaking & we are excited about all of the advances in library software in the last thirteen years. By early March, we will be launching Infovision Evolve, which will provide updated software for our staff as well as a clean, mobile-friendly catalog & the ability for us to send text message notifications from our catalog. Evolve is a highly-rated, user-friendly system that will also produce a large cost-savings to the library’s annual budget. 

Because of this system migration, MelCat (the statewide interlibrary loan system) is temporarily unavailable. We know our library visitors depend on this system & we hope to have it running again shortly. In the meantime, our friends at Homer Public Library will offer any Marshall District Library resident a free library card to pick up MelCat requests at their location at 141 West Main Street in Homer, Michigan. All libraries have a certain magic to them, & I highly recommend visiting other libraries when you get a chance. Library tourism is one of my favorite things to do when I visit other cities. I always get new ideas & love seeing the spirit of a community reflected in its library.

Every April during National Library Week, America celebrates the many ways libraries can make a difference in their communities. This year’s theme is “Find Your Place at the Library.” Libraries mean different things to different people. Sometimes we are spaces to learn. Sometimes we create joyful memories through play & programs. Sometimes we are centers for creativity & connection. Sometimes we provide rest & respite. The heart of libraries has always been the people we serve. If you are looking for a place to explore, discover, & grow, we hope you think of Marshall District Library. If you have any questions or suggestions about library services, please contact me at 269.781.7821 x11 or semiferoa@yourmdl.org.

~Angela Semifero, Library Director

*** Remembering Winter Fun! ***

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**Board Meetings**

- March 10
- April 21
- May 12

Board meetings are open to the public & are held at 7 pm in the library. If a sign language interpreter is needed at a program or a meeting, please contact the library at least 5 business days prior.
WHAT’S HAPPENING
For Adults
MAR-MAY 2020

WEekLY

Yarn Clubs
Mondays, noon—1:30 pm
Crafters of all experience & skill levels are invited to socialize, brainstorm, & create. Light refreshments are provided. Librarian Chelsea Johnson will be available to answer questions. Please bring your own supplies.

Mah-Jongg Meetups
Mondays, 6–8 pm
Tuesdays, 10 am–12:30 pm
This is a game of skill, luck, & most of all – FUN! Join volunteer Marsha Powers & play American Mah-Jongg each week. New-to-the-game players welcome.

Tech Times
Mondays, 6–8 pm
Wednesdays, 1–3 pm
Drop by with your device or technology questions for a 30-minute session. Our IT staff members are glad to help with a variety of issues, both technical and non-technical. You may bring your own device, or we will provide one. We will also have laptops or teach you a desired tech skill. Appointments also available.

MARCH

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HOME-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Intended for ages 6–12; all are welcome. Please register for each event separately.

Cultural Explorations
Wed, Mar 4, 12:30–2 pm
Travel abroad to various cultures from around the world & never leave the library. Lifestyles, holidays, foods & more will be discussed & explored in this hands-on program. Ignite your curiosity for places unknown.

Canvas & Cookies
Wed, Apr 1, 12:30–2 pm
No April Fooling here...it’s a creative painting party! Each artist gets their own canvas & cookie to decorate & eat, respectively.

Pixel Perler Party
Wed, May 6, 12:30–2 pm
Explore pixel art with Perler beads! Ironed together, these fusible beads make solid creations you can display, wear, & show off! LARGER, BIGGER BEADS are available for young attendees.

HOURS OF OPERATION
SURVEY NOW
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LIBRARY CATALOG
UPGRADE NEWS
Launching in March! Watch for announcements!

Clean. Easy to use.
When you visit our online catalog, it will look a bit different. Please set us a quick demo! You will still log in to your online account the same way.

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EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

STEAM Explorers

Ages 2-6
Mondays, 10:30–11:15 am
Mar 9, 16; 23; Apr 13, 20; 27
May 4, 11, 18
Discovery is right round the corner as children learn while they play. Celebrate play as learning when we work together & explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math.

Little Tykes Storytime

Ages 3-5
Tuesday, 10:30–11:15 am
Mar 10, 17, 24; Apr 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19
Stories, music, movements, & crafts that encourage preschoolers to socialize, remain active, & learn.

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Hang with Your Peeps

Wed, Apr 8, 2–4 pm OR 6:30–8:30 pm
The whole family is welcome to come & work together to create an entry for our Peeps Contest! All materials from Peeps candies to google eyes & glue guns will be supplied. Bring your own shoe box & any specific supplies you feel you already have a doraia/art piece in mind to create. (3/25, 3/28)

PEEP PARTY DETAILS—center of newsletter!

Popcorn & Puzzles

Thu, Apr 9, 6:30–8:30 pm
Piece together puzzles while munching on popcorn. This program encourages teamwork & celebrates friendly competition as teams try to be the first to finish their puzzle. (3/26, 3/29)

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MAY

Safety Day

Sat, May 9, 11 am—Noon
Meet some local police officers & firefighters while learning safety tips for the whole family. Then, hang around & enjoy a special safety storytime. For extra fun, come dressed as a police officer, firefighter, or ambulance EMT.

Save the Date!

Summer Reading Kick-Off Parties

Imaginary Your Story

(Fairy Tales, Mythology, Fantasy)
Fri, May 29, 6–8 pm OR
Sat, May 30, 10 am—Noon
Registration required.

Writing Practice

Thu, Apr 23, 6:30–8 pm
See March for details. (4/7, 4/10)

Historical Marker Series

Ranger Wolves
Thu, Apr 23, 6:30–7:30 pm
In 1849 over 50 Marshall men formed a company to travel to California & seek their fortunes in gold. When an unproven shortcut added 200 miles to their journey they were forced to make their way through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Eventually, only a few men were successful in the gold fields. Join Bob Lowman, Historical Marker Curator for the Marshall Historical Society, as he unveils the story of how these men made it through. (4/9, 4/12)

Historical Marker Series

Eagle Opera House
Mon, Apr 27, 6:30–7:30 pm
Built in 1866-67, the Eagle Opera House entertained over five storefronts & hosted many popular groups, including the Maxwell Players. Second in the Historical Markers Series, this program will talk about the kinds of programs the opera house offered, where it was located, how it operated, & the reason it had to close.

BOOK CLUBS

Monday Night Book Club
Meet at the library @ 7 pm; Walk to a local pub for discussion.

Friday Noon Book Club
At the library @ 12 pm

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MARCH See also Pokemon

Meet Up in Teen!

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Mar 11, 18, 25; Apr 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20
Listen to fun, interactive music while dancing & moving along! Warm up slow, get moving fast, & finish with a cool down. A variety of music will encourage imagination, counting, development of language skills, awareness of others, & increased coordination.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 am
Mar 12, 19, 26; Apr 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21
Help your child prepare for preschool!
This program includes, books, songs, & other activities that promote early literacy & self-esteem. Stay & play after the program; toys & games are provided if needed while you & your children socialize with others.

Baby Time

Ages Birth-1 year

Fridays, 10:30–11 am
Mar 13, 20, 27; Apr 17, 24
May 1, 8, 15, 22
This laplap program includes songs, books, & movements for babies & their caregivers.

Be a Rock Star Reader!

Register for this
FREE self-paced program that will help your child prepare for school success! There are FREE books to earn along the way & a completion certificate too!

Jumperz

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2019 Winner

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Humorous Competitions

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To aid in this, the library offers planned activities for grades 6-9 (see below) & many passive activities. It is expected that users will engage in activities associated with the use of the public library.

If you have any questions, please ask to speak to a manager.

Magical Mondays:
Bingo, Cupcake Wars, No Bake Cooking, Holiday Fun, & More!

Crafts For All:
Each week, a different craft. Early release & Half days also offer special crafts.

Wow! Wednesdays:
Special activities that bring a WOW to each afternoon.

No Program Thursdays:
The meeting room will stay open until 4 – but no formal programs on Thursdays.

Finally Fridays:
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- Playing at Improv
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Open to all ages; space will be available for adult-only coloring area. (3/24, 3/27)

Hang with Your Peeps
Wed, Apr 8, 2-4 pm OR 6:30-8:30 pm
The whole family is welcome to come & work together to create an entry for our Peeps Contest! All materials from Peeps candies to google eyes & glue guns will be supplied. Bring your own shoe box & any specific supplies you need while you already have a diorama/art piece in mind to create. (3/25, 3/28)

PEEP PARTY DETAILS- center of newsletter!

Popcorn & Puzzles
Thu, Apr 9, 6:30-8:30 pm
Piece together puzzles while munching on popcorn. 
This program encourages teamwork & celebrates friendly competition as teams try to be the first to finish their puzzle. (3/26, 3/29)

Spring Break Events @ YourMDL
Stay busy over break!
See Youth Programs for details about LEGOs, Mocktails & Coloring, Peep Contest building time, & Popcorn & Puzzles!

MAY
Safety Day
Sat, May 9, 11 am—noon
Meet local police officers & firefighters while learning safety tips for the whole family. Then, hang around & enjoy a special safety storytime. 
For extra fun, come dressed as a police officer, firefighter, or ambulance EMT.

Save the Date!
Summer Reading Kick-Off Parties
Fri, May 29, 6-8 pm OR Sun, May 30, 10 am—noon
Registration required.

Imagine Your Story
(Fairy Tales, Mythology, Fantasy)
Fri, May 29, 6-8 pm OR
Sun, May 30, 10 am—noon

Writing Practice
Tue, Apr 21, 6:30-8 pm
See March for details. (4/7, 4/10)

Historical Marker Series
Wolverine Rangers
Thu, Apr 23, 6:30-7:30 pm
In 1849 over 50 Marshall men formed a company to travel to California & seek their fortunes in gold. When an unproven shortcut added 200 miles to their journey the men were forced to make their way through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Eventually, only a few men were successful in the gold fields. Join Bob Lowman, Historical Marker Curator for the Marshall Historical Society, as he unravels the story of how these men made it through. (4/7, 4/10)

Historical Marker Series
Eagle Opera House
Mon, Apr 27, 6:30-7:30 pm
Built in 1866-67, the Eagle Opera House entertained over five storefronts & hosted many popular groups, including the Maxwell Players. Second in the Historical Markers Series, this program will talk about the kinds of programs the opera house offered, where it was located, how it operated, & the reason it had to close.
Speaker Phil Lowman is a Marshall Historical Society member, will share other interesting facts as well as pictures of Marshall’s famous opera house. (4/7, 4/10)

Faygo Pop Culture
Thu, Apr 30, 6:30-7:30 pm
The Faygo Book is the story of a pop, a people, & a place. The Faygo Book is the social history of a company that has forged a bond with a city & its residents for more than a century. 
Author Joe Grimm will share stories & facts that will give the taste buds & memories of Faygo lovers everywhere. The Faygo Book was a 2019 Michigan Notable Book. Faygo flavors will be available for tasting & books available for purchase. (4/16, 4/19)

Creative Cafe
Fri, May 1, 6-9 pm
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WHAT'S HAPPENING
For Youth
MAR - MAY 2020
EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS
STEAM Explorers
Ages 2-6
Mondays, 10:30–11:15 am
Mar 9, 16, 23; Apr 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18
Discovery is right round the corner as children learn while they play. Celebrate play as learning when we work together & explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math.

Little Tykes Storytime
Ages 3-5
Tuesdays, 10:30–11:15 am
Mar 10, 17, 24; Apr 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19
Stories, music, movements, & crafts that encourage preschoolers to socialize, remain active, & learn.

Jumpin’ & Jammin’
Ages 2-6
Wednesdays, 10:30–11:15 am
Mar 11, 18, 25; Apr 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20
Listen to fun, interactive music while dancing & moving along! Warm up slow, get moving fast, & finish with a cool down. A variety of music will encourage imagination, counting, development of language skills, awareness of others, & increased coordination.

Toddlers Time
Ages 1-3
Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 am
Mar 12, 19, 26; Apr 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21
Help your child prepare for preschool! This program includes books, songs, & other activities that promote early literacy & self-esteem. Stay & play after the program; toys & games are provided if needed while you & your children socialize with others.

Baby Time
Ages Birth-1 year
Fridays, 10:30–11 am
Mar 13, 20, 27; Apr 17, 24
May 1, 8, 15, 22
This lap sit program includes songs, books, & movements for babies & their caregivers.

Be a Rock Star Reader!
Register for this FREE self-paced program that will help your child prepare for school success! There are FREE books to earn along the way & a completion certificate, too!

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Historical Marker Series
Patent Medicine Town
Mon, May 4, 6:30–7:30 pm
The patent medicine business flourished in America at the turn of the 19th Century. During this time, Marshall gained a notorious claim to fame as "Patent Medicine Town." Terri Trupiano Barry, Assistant Professor at MSU, will share how this came to be & what set Marshall apart from others in this time Historical Markers Series. Circumstances that gave rise to patent medicine in America, as well as a brief history of Marshall’s patent medicine businesses will also be discussed. (4/7, 4/12)

How Suffragists Changed MI
Thu, May 7, 6:30-7:30 pm
This year marks the 100-year anniversary of the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Author & historian Elizabeth Ann Homer will offer new research on women & men who won universal suffrage & share what kept them going in the face of many failures. Homer will also answer questions surrounding the movement such as why it took so long, who made up the pro-suffrage coalition & opposition, & what happened when women won the vote. Books will be available for purchase & signing. (4/23, 4/26)

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Yarn Clubs
Mondays, noon—1:30 pm
Crafters of all experience & skill levels are invited to socialize, brainstorm, & create. Light refreshments are provided. Librarian Chelsea Johnson will be available to answer questions. Please bring your own supplies.

Mah-Jongg Meetups
Mondays, 6–8 pm
Tuesdays, 10 am—12:30 pm
This is a game of skill, luck, & most of all FUN! Join volunteer Marsha Powers & play American Mah-Jongg each week. New-to-the-game players welcome.

Tech Times
Mondays, 6–8 pm
Wednesdays, 1–3 pm
Drop by with your device or technology questions for a 30-minute session. Our IT staff members are glad to help troubleshoot your phones, tablets, & laptops or teach you a desired tech skill. Appointments also available.

March
Creative Cafe
Fri, Mar 6, 6–9 pm
This evening is set aside for adults looking for time & space to create. The library will provide the space; you use it as you like. Please bring a project you want to work on & any necessary tools & supplies. Possibilities include, but are not limited to: painting, sewing, instrument playing, coloring, needlepoint, songwriting, knitting, origami, whittling, writing, photography, or video game design. Connect with other members of our creative community, complete your U.F.O.s (unfinished objects), or learn something totally new. Ages 18+ only. (2/12/24)

Tai Chi
Mondays, Mar 9–Apr 13, 6:30–7:30 pm
In this six week class, instructor Pat Wilson guides participants through basic Tai Chi movements & shares the many benefits to the practice of Tai Chi for health & well-being. Program attendees should wear comfortable clothes & shoes. Please be sure you can attend at least five sessions before registering; Adults 18+ only. (2/24/24)

Couponing 101
Thu, Mar 12, 6:30–7:30 pm
This introductory class is perfect for those who are interested in couponing but just don’t know where to start. Join Library Assistant Hali Shepherd as she walks you through the basics of couponing. Topics of discussion will include: what exactly is couponing, what types of coupons are available & where to get them, understanding coupon lingo, how to stack coupons, free resources available, & some fun surprises! (2/7/23)

Writing Practice
Tue, Mar 17, 6:30–8 pm
This program explores writing as a practice. Exercise your writing muscles with various prompts & tools. Share & get feedback from peers. Whether you journal about your day, are building the next sci-fi world, or America’s next bestseller, join fellow writers for a time to get words on the page & share achievements. 18+ only. (3/1/23)

April
Creative Cafe
Fri, Apr 3, 6–9 pm
See March for details. (3/20/23)

Registration required.
Registration dates are listed in parentheses, with cardholder date first. Please visit the Help Desk, call 269.781.7821 x10, or register online at www.yourml.org/events

Crafty Thursday/Friday:
Yarn-Wrapped Home Decor
Thu, Mar 19, 6:30–7:30 pm OR Fri, Mar 20, 10:30–11:30 am
Transform a plain old glass vase, jar, wine bottle, or other container into an on-trend home decor feature. Bring your own base to cover or use one of ours. Lots of yarn will be provided. 18+ only. (3/5/23)

Irish Crossings:
Coming to America
Mar 24, 6:30–7:30 pm
Irish-American author Terence O’Leary commemorates the 175th anniversary of the Potato Famine during his discussion of his Irish Crossings historical book series. Experience the stories of the Irish during the 5 long years of the Potato Famine & how their arrival shaped American history. Books will be available for purchase & signing (3/10/23)

Intro to Sushi
Tue, Mar 31, 6:30–7:30 pm
Make your own sushi in a snap! Learn the elements of simple sushi in this beginner's workshop. From the proper rice, to slicing vegetables, to seasoning tamagoyaki, turn sushi into an obtainable snack you can make at home! Taste testing is included. 18+ only. (3/17/23)

Homeshool Activities
Intended for ages 6–12; all are welcome. Please register for each event separately.

Cultural Explorations
Wed, Mar 4, 12:30–2 pm
Travel abroad to various cultures from around the world & never leave the library. Festivals, holidays, foods & more will be discussed & explored in this hands-on program. Ignite your curiosity for places unknown.

Canvas & Cookies
Wed, Apr 1, 12:30–2 pm
No April Fooling here...it’s a creative painting party! Each artist gets their own canvas & cookie to decorate & eat, respectively.

Pixel Perler Party
Wed, May 6, 12:30–2 pm
Explore pixel art with Perler beads! Ironed together, these fusible beads make solid creations you can display, wear, & show off! Larger, Biggie Beads are available for young attendees.

MEet the Library Board:
Board members are appointed by the local municipalities that form the Library district. These include the City of Marshall, Eckford, Fredonia, Marengo, & Marshall Townships except for those residing in Harper Creek School District. Board members are appointed to three-year terms. The Board usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Library Meeting Room. Public welcome:

Martha Frohm
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Fredonia Township

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Have a suggestion or comment? Let us know!
We are listening.
email palmer@yourml.org or call 269.781.7821 x13.

Library Catalog Upgrade News
Launching in March!
Watch for announcements!
Clean. Easy to use.
When you visit our online catalog, it will look a bit different. Please set us for a quick demo. You will still log in to your online account the same way.
You never have? Ask us how!

Saved Reading History:
From the moment we launch, your checkout history will be saved in your personal account!
Library staff does NOT have access to this for your privacy.

Better Communication.
You choose how to receive library notices from your catalog:
Text, email, OR phone.

Library Hours of Operation
Open
SCAN ME
or visit the library's website to do the survey online.
Paper surveys also available at the library.

Free Technology Help
1:1 Appointments Available
Call 269.781.7821 x27 to make a 1-hour appointment.
For more information: www.yourml.org/services/technology/training

For more information, visit the library, call 269.781.7821 x22, email vansiekicz@yourml.org.

HourS of Operation Survey Now OPEN

All programs are FREE & open to the public. Space for some programs is limited. Library cardholders have priority access to event registration for the first 3 days. The remaining spaces will be available beginning on the 4th day of registration. Registration opens at least 2 weeks in advance of any event. Meet at the library unless otherwise noted.

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Each year it is part of my job as the library director to work with our library board & our administrative team to develop goals for the library. The library board is a dedicated group of seven volunteers, appointed by their municipality to govern the library & represent library & community interests. They invest their time & talents in committee work, advocacy in the community, reporting to governmental units & reviewing the administration of the library in a number of areas including our finances, our personnel policies & standards, our operating policies & our building. Examples of goals we develop include: creating new programs or partnerships, updating our building, streamlining processes, or working on large-scale projects that improve our ability to deliver quality library services to our patrons.

When I started at Marshall District Library as the Assistant Director in 2006, the first big project I was assigned was the migration of our Integrated Library System. This system runs all of the daily functions of our book & movie collection as well as houses all of our patron records. Moving to a new system is a rather large undertaking & we are excited about all of the advances in library software in the last thirteen years. By early March, we will be launching Infovision Evolve, which will provide updated software for our staff as well as a clean, mobile-friendly catalog & the ability for us to send text message notifications from our catalog. Evolve is a highly-rated, user-friendly system that will also produce a large cost-savings to the library’s annual budget.

Because of this system migration, MelCat (the statewide interlibrary loan system) is temporarily unavailable. We know our library visitors depend on this system & we hope to have it running again shortly. In the meantime, our friends at Homer Public Library will offer any Marshall District Library resident a free library card to pick up MeLCat requests at their location at 141 West Main Street in Homer, Michigan. All libraries have a certain magic to them, & I highly recommend visiting other libraries when you get a chance.

Every April during National Library Week, America celebrates the many ways libraries can make a difference in their communities. This year’s theme is “Find Your Place at the Library.” Libraries mean different things to different people. Sometimes we are spaces to learn. Sometimes we create joyful memories through play & programs. Sometimes we are centers for creativity & connection. Sometimes we provide rest & respite. The heart of libraries has always been the people we serve. If you are looking for a place to explore, discover, & grow, we hope you think of Marshall District Library. If you have any questions or suggestions about library services, please contact me at 269.781.7821 x11 or semiferoa@yourmdl.org.

~Angela Semifero, Library Director

*** Remembering Winter Fun! ***

Marshall District Library is tax-supported by Eckford, Fredonia, Marengo, & Marshall Townships & the City of Marshall.

Board Meetings
March 10
April 21
May 12

Board meetings are open to the public & are held at 7 pm in the library. If a sign language interpreter is needed at a program or a meeting, please contact the library at least 5 business days prior.