Best in Show!
October 10 - 11 am - 12:30 pm
Grades K-5

Virtual Trivia Night
New Zebedee

The Whys & Hows of Car Maintenance
with nationally-known & outspoken automotive educator Chaya Micetich

In partnership with Adrian District Library

Ghostchase!
Virtual Scavenger Hunt
Over Halloween Weekend!
Oct 28 - Nov 2
Fun for All Ages!

MelCat is back! Borrow materials from around the state. Visit the link at the bottom of our website: www.yourmdl.org
**WHAT’S HAPPENING**
For Adults  
FALL 2020

**SEPTMBR**  
Yarn-Wrapped Home Decor  
Mon, Sept 14 OR Tue, Sept 15  
Transform a plain old glass vase, jar, wine bottle, or other container into an on-trend home decor feature. Lots of yarn & base options will be provided. Groups of 4 or fewer may schedule a time to use the library meeting room to do the craft together in our meeting room. 18+ only. Register for the day that works best for you. Time slots assigned after registration.

**OCTOBER**  
Canvas Creations  
Tue, Oct 5, 6–8 pm  
Pick up a supply kit & follow along via Zoom as we create a cute & spooky, Halloween-inspired painting just in time to use for fall decor. This program is great for those just learning how to paint with acrylics. Ages 18+ only.

Welcome to the Graveyard  
Thur, Oct 15, 6:30–8 pm  
Backyard Chickens  
Tue, Sept 22, 6:30–7:30 pm  
Are you interested in raising a few chickens but don’t know where to start? Join Kathy Fischer, Calhoun Co. 4-H Program Coordinator, as she tells you all you need to know to get started with chickens. She’ll also talk about the benefits of keeping chickens in your backyard as well as share information regarding local ordinances & rules. Via Zoom.

Celebrating John Bellairs!  
Virtual Tour: New Zebedee  
Tue, Sept 29, 6:30–7:30 pm  
Enter the world of John Bellairs at a new level with New Zebedee-styled Tours. Bring everything you know about Lewis’s world with warlocks & conjure up points. Questions will not only revolve around clocks in walls, so make sure to brush up on all things Barnavelt, especially books 1-3. Registration also includes a sweet treat from Mrs. Zimmermann. Delivered to your door the day of the event! This is a family-friendly event, intended for all readers old enough to be familiar with Bellairs. A house with a Clock in its Walls.

Pumpkin Wine Glass  
Mon, Oct 19 OR Tue, Oct 20  
DIY this fun fall candle holder using a wine glass, paint, faux leaves, & raffia ribbon. Pick up a supply kit & create at home OR sign up for a time to use the library meeting room in a group of 4 or fewer. Times to use the meeting room will be offered on Mon, Oct 19 & Tue, Oct 20. Please register for the day that works best for you. Time slots to complete this drop-in project will be arranged after registration.

**Invisible Species: Creating the Wildlife Landscape of Michigan’s Native Plants**  
Tue, Oct 20, 7–8 pm  
Invasive plant species can have a devastating effect on Michigan’s native plants. Join Fallon Januska as she discusses the negative impact of using non-native plants in your garden, as well as the benefits of using native plants. Ways to prevent the spread of invasive plant life will also be discussed. Januska is a botanist of the Barron, Calhoun, & Kalamazoo Cooperative Invasive Species Program. This Zoom program is hosted in partnership with the Marshall Area Garden Club.

Virtual Tour: It's All Relative  
Tue, Nov 24, 6:30–7:30 pm

**DECEMBER**  
Decorative Christmas Cookie Plate  
Tue, Dec 1, 6:30–8 pm  
Christmas is a time for cookies & oh, what fun it is to decorate your own cookie plate! Supplies & patterns will be provided so you can follow along via Zoom to create a unique decor piece. Age 16+.

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Sat, Oct 10, 11 am–12:30 pm

**GHOSTCHASE: A VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT**  
Wed, Oct 28, Sun, Nov 2  
Everyone loves to show off their pets, because their pets are the best! This special event takes the time to acknowledge the love we share for our furry friends & also provides the opportunity to parade them for fellow fans. Virtually hosted through Google Meet, you will have the option to introduce your household pet & tell us why they are the best.

**DECORATIVE CHRISTMAS COOKIE PLATE**  
Tue, Dec 1, 6:30–8 pm  
The holiday season is upon us, which only means one thing: THE RELATIVES ARE COMING! Thanksgiving & such may look different this year, but what remains in tradition. This trivia event revolves around “well-known” facts & random treasures - a truly everything goes of gaming. Every mind in the family counts, as you never know who knows what we (you know?). This event is intended primarily for adults; some children over age 10 may enjoy playing…however, the intention is for grown-ups to relax prior to the possible stress of family gatherings.

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HOW TO USE CURBSIDE PICK UP
Contact the library & let us know what you would like to borrow.
We will pull available items & check them out to your account.
When you arrive at the library call the number posted on our outside sign & someone will deliver to your car.

Masks Required
Do not visit if sick or recently sick
Building capacity of 25% = 35 people
Absolutely no food or drink; masks stay over mouth & nose
Keep visit to 1/2 hour or less
Maintain 6' distance from those who don’t live with you
Follow markings & signage for proper use of space
Half hour computer time with reservation
Return materials to outside drive-thru dropbox only
Limited hours: M-W 10a-8:30p; Th-Fri 10a-5:30p

Grades 6-12
Color Creations
Wed, Sept 16, 3:30–5 pm
Create your own tie-dye facemasks using sharpies & rubbing alcohol, then try your hand at tissue paper watercolor art. Kits are limited & while supplies last. Registration required by Sept 12 to attend; program hosted virtually via Zoom. Kits available beginning Sept 5.

Battleship: Naval War!
Wed, Sept 30, 3:30–5 pm
You sank my Battleship! Blast your way to victory in this team-based version of pen & paper Battleship. Players will be divided into 2 teams & will fight to the last ship standing. Kits are limited & while supplies last. Registration required by Sept 26 to attend; program hosted virtually via Zoom. Kits available beginning Sept 23.

A Note: Youth Computers
From 2:30–4 pm, youth wanting to use a public computer are required to show either their MDL library card or their MPS issued student ID card.

Graeyard Terrarium
Wed, Oct 14, 3:30–5 pm
Craft your own spooky & hooky graveyard terrarium to add a touch of macabre to your Halloween decor. Kits are limited & while supplies last. Registration required by Oct 10 to attend; program hosted virtually via Zoom. Kits available beginning Oct 7.

Festival of Frights
Wed, Oct 28, 3:30–5 pm
It’s almost Halloween, let’s have a party! Dress in your costume, bring your funniest Halloween-themed joke for a contest, & don’t forget to bring a scary story to tell. We’ll have treats, crafts, & games too, so come prepared for a thriller of a time! Kits are limited & while supplies last. Registration required by Oct 24 to attend; program hosted virtually via Zoom. Kits available beginning Oct 21.

Antumn Book Page Garland
Wed, Nov 11, 3:30–5 pm
Do you love books? Do you love fall? If so, here is a craft for you! We will upcycle old book pages into beautiful fall leaves that you can hang from anywhere. Bring some of those fall vibes into your home where you can enjoy them all year long. Kits are limited & while supplies last. Registration required by Nov 7 to attend; program hosted virtually via Zoom. Kits available beginning Nov 4.

Meet Libby
Borrow FREE digital video, TV, music & audiobooks with your library card. You can stream titles instantly through your desktop browser or mobile app. Copies always available. No holds or waiting for a copy. No fines ever.

Mango Languages
Mango Languages is a language learning program that provides audio/visual courses, flash cards, & quizzes through an internet browser or through the Mango app on phones or tablets. This also includes English as a second language courses. Login from anywhere with your library card number. To learn more & to view a list of the 71 languages currently available, visit www.yourmdl.org.

Afternoons @yourMDL
If you use Marshall District Library in the afternoons, please note there are procedural changes in effect from 2:30-4 pm on Mon, Tues, Thur, & Fri.
The parking lot entrance is locked & everyone must enter from the Green Street sidewalk.
Please anticipate socially distancing while waiting to enter the building as well as while using the public space. Masks are required and no food or drink is allowed in the building. Visits are limited to 1/2 hour with a maximum of 35 guests at a time during the library’s current phase of reopening. During the after school hours, guests will be given a timeslot noting the time they must leave the building; this must be visible at all times.
The acceptable reasons for using the library currently are to study, select books, or use a computer.
The library is not to be used as a social location & will not be offering in-person programs through the fall.
The library is also not to be used as a pick up location for students so we may continue to safely offer our popular curbside service during this time.
Please note that limited public computers are available for use.
Masks are to be worn over the mouth & nose.
**COMING SOON**

Ghostchase:
A Virtual Scavenger Hunt
Wed, Oct 28 – Sun, Nov 1
Who are we going to call to help us find & hunt down some ghosts?
You, of course! Compete for points & bragging rights in a virtual scavenger hunt using the app GooseChase!
Complete missions by finding stuff around the house, taking selfies, & going on adventures to earn points for your team. Teams can keep track of other’s accomplishments to make sure they stay on top of the leaderboard.
Enjoy some spooky, silly, costume-y scavenger hunt fun over this Halloween weekend. It’s designed for the whole family...plus you can play wherever you are! Registration & access to a smartphone, tablet, or other mobile device required. Registration required by Oct 27.

Virtual STEAM Explorers
New video emailed each Monday Sept 7, 14, & 21; Oct 5, 12, & 19; Nov 2, 9, & 16
The Virtual STEAM Explorers kit is full of hands-on activities to do at home with your preschooler. STEAM Explorers focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math concepts with a belief that the best learning is accomplished through play.

Virtual Storytime
New video emailed each Tuesday Sept 8, 15, & 22; Oct 6, 13, & 20; Nov 3, 10, & 17
The Virtual Storytime kit is full of stories for your preschooler to use while following along with stories, songs, & fingerplays...as well as craft projects perfect for building fine-motor skills. Storytime focuses on incorporating the 5 early literacy practices: talk, sing, read, write, & play.

Virtual Jumpin’ & Jammin’
New video emailed each Wednesday Sept 9, 16, & 23; Oct 7, 14, & 21; Nov 4, 11, & 18
The Virtual Jumpin’ & Jammin’ kit is full of supplies for your preschooler to use while moving & grooving, examples include scarves, egg shakers, & bubbles. Jumpin’ & Jammin’ is a music & movement program where we use our little muscles & big muscles to help our brains grow!

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!

**HOST A POCKET LIBRARIAN**

One way to stay connected to the library & our resources is by hosting a Pocket Librarian.

A Pocket Librarian is a paper version of a MDL public services department staff member who arrives by mail to hang out at your house!

They will send notes, reminders about library services & programs, & occasional fun goodies. More importantly, if you or your child is in need of learning resources, their live librarian counterpart can be a direct line of assistance for you!

All ages are welcome to play. You may sign up each member of the household for a separate librarian or sign up as a family.

Visit [www.yourml.org/services/pocket-librarian/](http://www.yourml.org/services/pocket-librarian/) to sign up!

We see you. We know you've made hard decisions about your kids & school & activities. We know spring was hard & summer was weird & it feels like there are more questions than answers some days. We want our role here at Marshall District Library to be a source for resources that help make your life easier. As you move through this fall with your family, please remember we are here.

We will always be here asking, "How can we help you?"

Unfortunately, our current phase of reopening does not permit in-person programs, but we are offering a couple of family programs for your family & pets! We'll be hosting another virtual scavenger hunt & an online John Bellairs’ (The House with a Clock in its Walls) experience. See Adult Programs on page 1. We'll also provide some passive activities you can pick up & do at home.

We haven’t planned a homeschool series this fall to remain available as community needs shift. However, if you have an idea for a program or a resource, don’t hesitate to contact us! Signing up for a Pocket Librarian (see above) is the perfect way to have a direct line to one of our staff members.

"How can we help you?"

**VIRTUAL EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM KITS**

When you register for each program, you’re registering for one of our Fall Early Literacy Kits.

Included in your kit will be a link to our YouTube channel, where your child can follow along with a librarian to be guided through the activities & introduced to new concepts in a fun way. A new video is released each week by 10:30am; you can watch it anytime that is convenient for you!

Details about picking up your kit will be provided after registration is received.

**LIBRARY CATALOG UPGRADE NEWS**

Launched over the summer! Visit [www.yourml.org](http://www.yourml.org) upper right corner.

Clean. Easy to use.
When you visit our online catalog, it may look different to you. Ask if you have questions! You will still log in to your online account the same way. You never have? Ask us how!

Saved Reading History.
Your checkout history is 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 our catalog: Text, email, or phone. Just ask to update your info at the Help Desk.

**A NOTE TO FAMILIES**

Have a suggestion or comment? Let us know!

We are listening.
email palmer@yourml.org or call 269.781.7621 x13.

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This month marks the 10-year anniversary of my becoming director of Marshall District Library. Milestones tend to bring out quite a bit of reflection in me, & I can look back & see the incremental changes that moved the library from where we were then to where we are now. When I started as director, I had three goals in mind: to make the library a vibrant community-learning center reflecting the learning styles & interests of everyone in the community, to make the library a point of connection for people in the Marshall community, & to move library services outside of the library’s walls. It has been an honor to explore, discover, & grow with all of you as we have figured out how to make those goals come to fruition.

If you had asked me ten years ago, there is no way that I could have predicted the changes in technology, collections, services, & programming that have happened in our library. I could not have predicted how our library staff would grow & learn. I could not have predicted how our building would change. I also could not have predicted how our world would change in the last six months due to COVID-19.

Our first priority is always the health & safety of our community & our staff. We have made changes to our policies, cleaning protocols, & services in order to meet OSHA, MiOSHA, CDC, & IMLS requirements & recommendations for libraries at this time. This includes quarantining returned materials for up to four days, enforcing masks & social distancing, placing physical barriers & signage, & following the directive to limit the capacity of our building.

Our second priority is always kindness. While things may look a little different in the library building, your library staff is still the same. We are still here to help you. We know that this has been a time filled with anxiety & grief for many people. We hope the library can be a place to step away from that, even for half an hour. We are continuing to provide curbside service for those who would prefer not to enter the building & home delivery for those who may be homebound due to illness. We are waiving all fines on overdue library materials through September 15.

We are finding new ways to be a community-learning center, serve as a point of connection, & take our services outside of our library walls. We are offering technology help over the phone & through remote desktop software. We are offering virtual programs & book clubs. We are providing take-home activities & craft kits. Later this fall will see the launch of several new services including small group program experiences for adults, the launch of a “Library of Things,” the launch of The Dolly Parton Imagination Library for the Marshall area, & the installation of wireless access points in several places around our district thanks to CARES Act funds. We are looking forward to continuing to find new ways of serving our community. 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

Summer Reading 2020

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

Board Meetings
September 8
October 13
November 10

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