

WHAT'S HAPPENING



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269.781.7821 / yourmdl.org / Mon - Thur 10-8:30 / Fri & Sat 10-5:30

ADULT PROGRAMS

Exploring the 1950s Census

Tues, Nov 29 - 6:30-7:30pm

Join librarian Chelsea Heisler for a brief history of the US federal census & a look at the newly released 1950 census. She will discuss differences & similarities in the census throughout the years & show you how to search for your family in census records using databases like Ancestry & Family Search. Registration required.

Book Clubs

No Meeting in December

Mon, Jan 16 - 6:30-7:30pm

Book Club will be taking a brief break over the holidays, & regrouping in January for a celebration of MDL's Happy Camp. Join librarian Chelsea Heisler & other book club members in January to discuss what you read over the December break & how it brought joy & happiness into your winter.

Fraud Protection: Keep Your Holidays Merry

Tue, Dec 6 - 6:30-7:30pm

Just in time for holiday shopping & traveling, join Investigator Scott Keller from the Marshall Police Department & Vice President Kara Mead from Southern Michigan Bank & Trust for an informational session about various types of fraud. The presenters will share about fraud that has affected our area over the last year & share tips for how to protect yourself. Registration required.

Library Board Meetings

Tue, Dec 13, Jan 10, & Feb 14 - 7pm

The Library Board meets monthly in the Meeting Room. The public is welcome to attend. Marshall District Library will provide a sign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodations upon request to the Library Director one week prior to the meeting.

MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS: SOMETHING ON SATURDAYS

Pokémon Festival

Sat, Dec 3 - 3:30-5pm

Pokémon trainers of all levels are invited to the Marshall District Library Rapidash Festival. Master of Ceremonies, Professor Maple, will lead all trainers in exclusive festival events to celebrate the world of Pokémon. Bring along your trainer skills, knowledge (& cards, if you are eager to trade), & earn limited edition festival badges. May you be just beginning your Pokémon journey or technically retired, all trainers are welcome. Registration is required. All ages welcome.



Perler Beads

Sat, Nov 26 - 3:30-5pm

Craft cute, creative, & clever art with perler beads. Follow templates or your own imagination to produce a pixelated piece of art. This program includes small pieces; adult supervision is recommended for younger crafters. Registration required; space is limited.

LEGO Club +

Sat, Jan 7 - 3:30-5pm

Design. Construct. Create. Build based on an offered challenge or do your own thing with library-provided LEGOs. Other building & architecture materials will be available as well. This program is designed for youth in grades 2+; however, younger builders are welcome with adult supervision. Registration required; space is limited.

Save the Date: Used Books Sale

Fri, Jan 13 & Sat, Jan 14 - 10am-5:30pm

Library Building Closed

Mon, Dec 26 & Sat, Dec 31

TEEN PROGRAMS: GRADES 6-12

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Programs are Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays at Marshall District Library from 3-4pm. HALF DAY Programs will run from 11am-1pm. Grades 6-12 are invited to attend. Registration is required at www.yourmdl.org/events. If there is space, you may register the day of the program. (There are no programs Dec 26-Jan 3.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Beaded Bracelets 2.0

Wed, Dec 14 - 5:30-7pm

Beaded bracelets are back! You had so much fun, we're doing it again. You're invited to join us for an evening of beaded bracelets! Make some for yourself, your friends, or both. You'll be sure to have a blast! Registration is required.

FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Comfy Cozy Teens Night In

Fri, Jan 6 - 5:30-8pm

An after-hours special for teens only: we're taking an evening to get cozy & do some self-care with our friends! Wear pajamas, warm up with our hot-cocoa bar, & make the perfect self-care items you can take with you. Registration is required.

MONTHLY LOOT BOXES

The next generation of Library Loot is here! Every month, sign up to get exciting items to keep, goodies to create amazing things at home, & a carefully selected library book just for you. Keep all the awesome loot inside, & return the library book & box when you are finished. Sign up while supplies last! Registration is required & is open on the 1st of each month.

TALK to Learn



TALK sends 8-10 fun activity suggestions by text message each month that parents & caregivers with children 5 & under can do any time to build school readiness skills. Developed by librarians, TALK encourages parents to read, write, sing, talk, & play with their little ones everyday. Sign up today for free! Text TALK to 75547

Imagination Library



Sign up today for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library & receive free books mailed to your child (birth to age 5) living in zip codes 49068, 49033, 49029, & 49092. To register your child, head to the library's website & click on the link at the bottom of the homepage, or pick up a brochure in the library's Early Literacy area.

Rockstar Reader



This is a free, self-paced program to help your child prepare for school success! For every 100 books you read, your child will receive a free book. If your child completes 1,000 books before entering kindergarten, they will also receive a certificate of completion. Register at the Help Desk.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS 11am-Noon

Little Explorers Playtime

Mondays, Nov 14 & 21; Dec 5, 12, & 19; Jan 9, 16, & 23

Ages 2-6 Discovery is right round the corner as children learn while they play. Through guided activities, sensory bins, freestyle crafts, & group stories, your little explorer will delve into the worlds of science, technology, engineering, art, & math! (Baby toys will be available for younger siblings). No registration required. This program will meet in the main part of the library building.

Jumpin' & Jammin'

Wednesdays, Nov 16 & 23; Dec 7, 14, & 21; Jan 11, 18, & 25

Ages 2-6 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, & improve coordination. No registration required. This program will meet in the main part of the library building.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, Nov 15 & 22; Dec 6, 13, & 20; Jan 10, 17, & 24

Ages Birth-6 Help your child prepare for school. This program includes books, songs, & other activities to promote early literacy & self-esteem. We'll end with a preschool-level activity to encourage creativity, focus, & fine-motor skill building. Baby toys will also be available during this time. No registration required. This program will meet in the main part of the library building.

Monthly Virtual Storytime

Ages 2-6 The Virtual Storytime kit is full of supplies 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! Also included in your kit will be a link to our YouTube channel where your child can follow along with a librarian. Register each month.