

MARSHALL DISTRICT LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

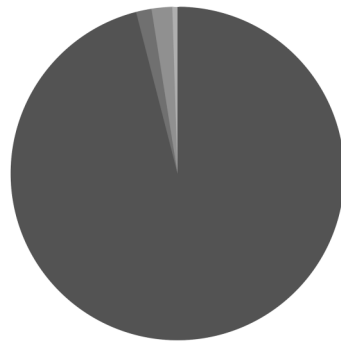


2022 STATISTICS

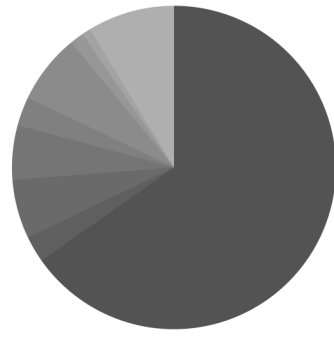
Library Cards: 4,321	Website Visits: 68,144
Library Visits: 98,791	Library Computer Use: 18,312
Library Circulation: 98,666	Number of Programs: 314
Library Collection: 60,067	Program Attendance: 5,383
Questions Answered: 18,116	Study Room Use: 554
Interlibrary Loan Books Received: 5,225	Wireless Use: 98,000
Interlibrary Loan Books Sent: 5,065	One-on-One Technology Sessions: 903
E-Books Downloaded: 19,052	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

REVENUES	
Property Taxes	\$1,004,691
State Funds	\$16,878
County Penal	\$18,310
Fines & Fees	\$16,135
Other Funds	\$21,760
Total	\$1,077,774



EXPENDITURES	
Salary & Benefits	\$784,415
Supplies	\$31,834
Contracted Services	\$91,137
Building & Equipment	\$54,039
Utilities	\$31,620
Books & Materials	\$60,879
Programs	\$9,486
Technology	\$10,432
Total	\$1,073,842



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2021-2022

President: Ann Fitzpatrick, City of Marshall
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The mission of Marshall District Library is to be a leader in our community, fostering collaborative partnerships, providing educational, recreational, & technological services in a safe & welcoming environment.

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

MDL's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for the Marshall area delivered more books to more than 450 children. This includes children in zip codes 49068, 49033, 49029, 49092.



Held a variety of all ages programs to promote intergenerational interaction including Pizza & Puzzles, Book Bingo, LEGO Club, Goosechase scavenger hunts, crafts & a Pokémon festival.



Continued to provide services such as test proctoring, notary services, & genealogy research assistance to the community.

Set up one-on-one Cricut Craft learning program for adults.

Held our second annual "Happy Camp" winter reading program focused on wellness, mindfulness, outdoor activities, & cultivating joy.

Continued to provide monthly Virtual Storytime Kits as well as presenting three early literacy programs each week in-person at various locations.



Celebrated our annual Summer Reading Program for all ages with the theme "Oceans of Possibilities." Events were held outdoors at Calhoun County Fairgrounds, Ketchum Park, Capitol Hill School, & Wilder Creek Conservation Area.

Partnered with local businesses & organizations for a "Dive Into Marshall" Scavenger Hunt. Participants picked up a diver's log at the library & collected ocean animal trading cards at more than 30 Marshall locations.



Library technology staff assisted 903 patrons with one-on-one technology appointments.

Celebrated Dinovember with dinosaur activity packs, crafts, & many dinosaur antics.

Connected patrons to "TALK to Learn", a services which 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.



Partnered with Oerther's, True North Ice Cream, Marshall Area Garden Club, & other local organizations & businesses to provide adult learning programs.

Continued to expand online digital local history archive to include photographs, church records, & city directories in addition to yearbooks.

Continued monthly Teen Loot Box which includes take-home kits filled with books, activities, & snacks for teens.



Held our biennial John Bellairs Walk. John Bellairs was a Marshall resident & the prolific author of several youth fiction series, including *The House With a Clock In Its Walls*. This walk features costumed actors along the route as well as peeks into buildings often closed to the public.

Participated in a number of community groups & events including Marshall Rotary Club, Marshall Historical Society, Marshall Network, Exchange Club of Marshall, MAEDA, & Marshall Lions Club.



Continued outreach services including visits to schools, day care centers, & preschools.

Received audio-visual equipment for outdoor & hybrid programming from the MI-83 Technology Grant program.

Continued home-bound delivery service.

Updated Media Conversion Station.

Migrated library Internet service to Marshall Fibernet.



It has been another busy year of connecting to our community at Marshall District Library.

We started 2022 celebrating our Winter Reading Club. With two months of activities focused on health, nature, mindfulness, & relaxation, Marshall District Library ran its second winter "Happy Camp" program. This program involved activities like Tai Chi, Yoga, crafts, journaling, & family celebrations. It was a joy to be able to expand our in-person events, restore weekly programs, & to see so many visitors to the library.

Summer saw our annual Summer Reading Program with a theme of "Oceans of Possibilities." We are grateful to the more than 30 local businesses & organizations that partnered with us to "Dive into Marshall" & create a community-wide ocean animal scavenger hunt. Families picked up a diver's log at the library & spent time exploring the Marshall community. We were able to bring our community on adventures virtually about Michigan shipwrecks & sea life with the North Carolina Aquarium. We worked with the City of Marshall Parks & Recreation Department to host a community canoe & kayak float on the Kalamazoo River. We were also able to take our community on adventures at Calhoun County Fairgrounds to hold a "Seafoam Social" & we celebrated our End of Summer Reading Party with a community event at Wilder Creek Conservation area.

*In September, we held our biennial John Bellairs Character Walk. John Bellairs was a Marshall resident & the prolific author of several youth fiction series, including *The House With a Clock In Its Walls*.*

Marshall District Library offered regular weekly programs year-round. For young children, we offered story times in the library, in virtual spaces, & at locations around the community including Calhoun County Fairgrounds, Capitol Hill Schoolhouse, & Brooks Memorial Fountain. We offered three programs each week after school for teens as well as monthly after-hours teen programming. For families & people of all ages we offered Pizza & Puzzles, Book Bingo, LEGO Club, Goosechase scavenger hunts, Pokémon festivals, & take-home activity kits.

We would not be able to provide all the services we do without the generous support of our residents, volunteers, & donors.

Marshall District Library always welcomes feedback & suggestions for improvements in library services. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at 269.781.7821, x1100 or semiferoa@YourMDL.org.

-Angela Semifero, Library Director

MEET THE STAFF

Library Administration

Angela Semifero, Library Director
Nate Palmer, Assistant Director/Head of Systems
Shauna Swantek, Head of Programming
Doreen Boyer, Bookkeeper

Systems & Facilities Department

Cade Carver
Melanie Crawford
Chelsea Heisler
Chela VanSickle

Programming Department

Kelly Dykwell
Brenda Jones
Andrea Stafford
Amanda Willerick

Information Technology Department

Matt Harmon, Head of Information Technology
Mikey Franklin
Josh Heisler

Staff Highlights



Library Assistant Brenda Jones completed her Master's Degree in Library & Information Science at Wayne State University.



Assistant Director Nate Palmer celebrated 25 years of service at Marshall District Library