WHAT’S HAPPENING

This year the Summer Reading Program is a nod to some of the best educational TV programs for youth: Sesame Street, Reading Rainbow, Magic School Bus, & of course, Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood. These programs brought kids everywhere “together” to learn in a way we hope our library programs will!

We will focus on Comm-UNITY & encourage people to connect...to support local businesses, attend library programs, & read about neighbors everywhere! Many programs will go behind the scenes around town to explore how our neighbors make Marshall magical.
PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Won’t You Be Our Neighbor?
A Comm-UNITY Wide Scavenger Hunt
June 6–July 6
Celebrate Marshall this summer with our Comm-UNITY Wide Scavenger Hunt! All around town, businesses are waiting for you to visit & learn about them. Gather facts about our town by collecting cards & completing secret puzzles. Pick up a Collector’s Album at the library. This unique scavenger hunt begins June 6 & ends July 6.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Mini Golf
Fri, June 9, 6–8 pm OR Sat, June 10, 10 am–12 pm
It’s the start of summer! We’ll be celebrating being All Together Now by putt-putt golfing through Mini Marshall inside the library. Get your summer reading scavenger hunt information, your reading log, & try for a low score. Choose the party that works best for you: Fri, June 9, 6–8 pm or Sat, June 10, 10 am–12 pm. All ages welcome. Registration is required for golfing but you may pick up summer reading information anytime!

LEG0 Club+
Sat, June 24, 3:30–5 pm
Design. Construct. Create. Build based on an offered challenge or do your 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.

Foam Party 2.0
Mon, July 10, 6 OR 7 pm
Bring your friends, family, & neighbors to meet some new friends at our SRP Foam Party. Registration is required by July 5. This event is for all ages & is so popular we’ll jump into the foam in two groups! The night will start by working on a community art project & wrap-up by playing in a yard full of bubbles & foam! Bring a towel & wear your swimsuit or a t-shirt & pair of shorts...you WILL get wet! Goggles welcome. This event will take place at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds between Floral Hall & the Schoolhouse. The address is 720 Fair St, Marshall, MI, 49068. In case of inclement weather, this event may be rescheduled; watch Facebook/contact the library for weather updates.

Book Bingo
Tues, July 18, 6–7 pm
Build up your summer vacation bookshelf while enjoying an evening out with family & friends! This is your chance to yell “BINGO!” inside the main space of the library. Winners will be awarded books to keep & add to your library at home. Everyone ages 5+ is invited to join! Registration required by June 21; space is limited.

Let’s Go On A Goosechase All Together Now!
 Thurs, July 27, 6–8 pm
Get ready for our first ever, in-person Goosechase! Using the app Goosechase, you’ll complete missions by finding unique items around town, taking selfies, & going on adventures to Marshall landmarks to earn points for your team. Begin at the library, meet your teammates, then head out for adventure All Together Now! Be sure to come back to the library for a treat & to find out which team is our Goosechase Champion. Register together with others in your household & play together on one device only. Registration & access to ONLY ONE smartphone, tablet, or other mobile device necessary per household; all ages can play! Registration required. Please watch Facebook/contact the library in case of inclement weather; this program will not be rescheduled.

Summer Reading Wrap Up Celebration
Fri, August 4, 2–4 pm
Marshall District Library will again put the WILD in Wilder Creek when we meet to celebrate the end of summer reading with frozen treats. Hop on the Marshall trolley for an imaginary ride, read a story in an unusual location, & enjoy several surprise experiences with your neighbors. Grand prize drawings happen here & everyone goes home with something! Wilder Creek Conservation Club & Nature Area is located at 19833 D Dr S, Marshall, MI, 49068. Registration requested.

BYOCK: Community Float
Mon, August 7, 6:30–8 pm
Get together with your community neighbors for an evening just to try it out, this event is for you. BYOCK (bring your own canoe or kayak) or borrow a kayak for free through a partnership with the Marshall Recreation Department. We’ll gather & launch by the Public Services building at 900 S Marshall Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068. The paddle will take about an hour & end at Saylor’s Landing, 12669 15 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI, 49068. If you are bringing your own watercraft, no registration is necessary, but please arrange your own watercraft/people drop-off/rental" email as confirmation with instructions & next steps. (Kayaks require signed adult permission & should not be reserved for those under 8 years old.) Registration required.

Pizza & Puzzles
Thurs, August 10, 6–8 pm
Participate in puzzle-making while munching on pizza! This program celebrates friendly competition as teams try to be the first to finish their puzzle. Everyone ages 5+ is invited to join! Registration required; space limited.

Stories At the Fountain
Fridays, July 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 11, & 18
11 am–12 pm
Join us at the Brooks Memorial Fountain for a special storytime with YourMDL’s staff picks, silly songs, & group games. Bring a blanket, a lawn chair—even an entire picnic setup—& soak up the community spirit. Brooks Memorial Fountain is located at 523 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068. All ages are welcome to attend. Inclement weather location is the library.

Registration required. Please visit the Help Desk, call 269.781.7821 x1000, or register online at www.yourmdl.org/events
Our programs are free (very popular)! We often have a waiting list; if you register but can no longer attend, please let us know!
**Lesson plan**

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Explore Eastend Studio & Gallery**
Mon, June 12, 6:30–8 pm
Have you ever wondered about all that happens inside the doors & on all of the floors of Eastend Studio & Gallery? Join Executive Director Jennifer Conley Darling for an evening tour to learn about the ongoing series of fine arts exhibitions & visual arts education programs, the venue space available for private events, & the ever-changing collection of work by local & regional artists that await discovery. Jennifer is a native Marshallite & quite literally grew up inside this building; history & unique stories are sure to be part of the program. Check-in will be inside the front entrance of Eastend Studio & Gallery (143 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068). You may access the building from the front or alley entrances. This program is intended for those ages 18+; the new elevator makes the building fully accessible. Registration required.

**Tour Marshall’s U.S. Postal Museum**
Mon, June 26, 6:30–8 pm
Did you know that Marshall’s United States Postal Service Museum is the second largest Postal Service museum in the United States, second in size only to the National Postal Museum? Join former Postmaster, Michael Schragg, on a tour through the largest collection of U.S. Postal memorabilia outside of Washington’s Smithsonian Institution. The Postal Service Museum houses thousands of items spanning the entire history of U.S. mail delivery. Please meet in front of the museum annex on Madison St. (The actual post office address is 202 E Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068). Registration required; ages 18+ only.

**Meet Marshall’s Mural Artist**
Thur, July 20, 6:30–7:30 pm
Curious about the process of planning & executing a large scale mural? Meet the artist at Grand Street Park & learn more of Marshall as well as the art. Please plan to bring a lawn chair or blanket to this outdoor program. Meet at Grand Street Park (on Grand St. & W. Michigan Ave). All ages are welcome; registration required.

**Spice Club**
Tuesdays, June 13, July 11, & August 8, 6:30–7:30 pm
All together now, let’s explore, discover, grow...taste! Welcome to Spice Club, offering one spice each month to experiment in your kitchen. Celebrate community this summer through food, wherein every ingredient has a role to make the whole something amazing. At the monthly gathering, we'll discuss that month’s spice as well as recipe hits & misses. (Meetings are June 13, July 11, & August 8, come to one or come to all.) Marshall District Library is not responsible for any reactions or sensitivities to spices. Cook with caution. Registration required one time for each household; registration includes all 3 months of spices & meetings. Ages 18+ only.

**Book Club**
Mon, June 19, 6:30–7:30 pm
March by Geraldine Brooks

**Crafty Fridays**
Fri, June 23, 11 am–12 pm
Upcycled Flower
Using a common kitchen item & fabric scraps, we’ll "grow" a summertime flower or 2.

**Meet Marshall’s Water Department**
Tues, July 25, 6:30–7:30 pm
Meet City of Marshall’s Water Superintendent for the City of Marshall will take us on a tour of the inner workings at the Marshall Water Treatment Plant. They will help us understand how this important facility contributes to keeping everyone healthy, healthy, & hydrated. Meet at the Water Treatment Plant at 832 E Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068; all ages are welcome. Registration required.

**Meet Your Neighbors: Post Office**
Thurs, June 15, 6:30–8 pm
Join us at the Marshall Post Office to experience a behind-the-scenes tour of modern-day operations, led by Postmaster Beth Martin. All participants should bring the address of a loved one, because you will have the opportunity to postmark & send your own piece of mail! Please meet in the front lobby of the Post Office (202 E Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068). This program is intended for all ages; registration required.

**Meet Your Neighbors: Emergency Responders**
Tues, June 20, 6:30–8 pm
Quick! Let’s go! We’re headed to the Marshall Area Fire Fighter Ambulance Authority & the Marshall Township Fire Department to see where our local first responders get ready to head out on a rescue. The Marshall Police Department will join us on our visit so you can meet the heroes & vehicles that help save lives in Marshall. Please meet at the Marshall Area Fire Fighters Ambulance Authority (16084 Burlingame Dr, Marshall, MI, 49068). All ages are welcome; registration required.

**Meet Your Neighbors: American Museum of Magic**
Tues, June 27, 6:30–7:30 pm
AabraCadaBabra, alakazam, we’re headed to the American Museum of Magic as fast as we can! Come along for a behind-the-scenes look at "the Smithsonian of American magic" with board member Marsha Lambert as your guide. You’ll get to see renowned items including Houdini’s "Milk Can" & "Overboard Box" as well as a peek into the magic archives housed in the former public library building. Don’t miss this magical opportunity to visit a Marshall gem! Please meet in the lobby of the American Museum of Magic (107 E Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068). Note: Some walking & stairs are to be expected. Not all parts of the tour will be handicap accessible. All ages are welcome; registration required.

**Meet Your Neighbors: Brooks Field Airport**
Thurs, June 29, 6:30–8 pm
Join us for a tour of the Brooks Field Airport facilities as we learn first-hand from airport manager Craig Griswold about the history, daily operations, & special events of our local airport. Please meet in the parking lot outside the Brooks Field terminal (1243 S Kalamazoo Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068). All ages are welcome; registration required.

**Meet Your Neighbors: Marshall’s Water Department**
Tues, July 25, 6:30–7:30 pm
All the water in the world is connected, including the water in our homes! Meet a Davenport P.E. Director of Public Services and Aaron Ambler, Water Superintendent for the City of Marshall will take us on a tour of the inner workings at the Marshall Water Treatment Plant. They will help us understand how this important facility contributes to keeping everyone happy, healthy, & hydrated. Meet at the Water Treatment Plant at 832 E Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068; all ages are welcome. Registration required.

**Meet Your Neighbors: Behind the Scenes**
Mon, July 31, 6:30–8 pm
You’ve seen live theatre productions there...now go behind the scenes & on the stage! Join other community members for a tour of both the Great Escape Stage Company & the Franke Center for the Arts, where you’ll find out all of the ins & outs of some of your favorite places to experience art around Marshall! Please plan to meet at Great Escape Theater Company (110 E Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068) & remember to wear comfortable walking shoes, as we’ll be walking between locations. All ages are welcome; registration required.

**Farmer’s Market Storytime**
Saturdays, June 17, July 15 & August 12, 11 am–12 pm
Meet library staff at the Marshall Area Farmer’s Market once a month this summer for stories, songs, & smiles. Please follow the Farmer’s Market on Facebook to keep up with location/weather changes.
TEEN PROGRAMS

6th Grade—12th Grade
Registration is required for each program & seats are limited. Registration for each program opens on the Monday previous. For example: The June 14 program will be open for registration beginning Monday, June 5.
Please note the location of each event. Teens going into grades 6-12 in the fall are welcome.

All Together Now at Pastrami Joe’s
Wed, June 14, 3—4:30 pm
"Escape the ordinary!" Come get a tour of our local deli from behind-the-line. See how "real, honest deli food" is prepared & make your own personal pizza. We'll also create a mini community art project during this event. Please meet at Pastrami Joe's (105 N Jefferson St, Marshall, MI, 49068).

Flight Camp at Brooks Airfield
Wed, June 21, 3—4:30 pm
Explore the magic of flight & what it takes to be a pilot as you experience an introduction to pilot Ground School at Marshall’s very own Brooks Airfield. Meet us in the parking lot outside the Brooks Field terminal (1243 S Kalamazoo Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068). Of course, there will be airline appropriate snacks provided.

Watercolor Together at Eastend
Wed, June 28, 3—4:30 pm
Whether you are expert-level or have beginner’s mind when it comes to creating with watercolor paint, this afternoon is for everyone. We'll learn some basics & use our knowledge both on our own & to create something together. Meet at Eastend Studio & Gallery, 143 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068, where instructor Meagan Wildt will be our guide in one of the classrooms.

Smash & Snacks at YourMDL
Wed, July 5, 3—4:30 pm
Smashbooks are part photo album, part journal, part scrapbook, & part art capsule. Come together at the library to transform an ordinary composition book into a one-of-a-kind portable memory keeper. If you already have a smashbook, bring it! If you already have supplies you love, bring them. If not, no worries. All supplies provided.

Sundaes on a Wednesday at True North
Wed, July 12, 3—4:30 pm
Meet at True North for a sweet treat & some team-building fun. We'll create a bit of collaborative art & brainstorm some future teen programs. Don't miss this annual teen summer gathering. Wear comfortable clothes & plan to meet at the library in case of inclement weather. True North is located at 403 S Kalamazoo Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068.

Mix Up at Brooks Nature Area
Wed, July 19, 3—4:30 pm
It's our last teen summer program & we're going on a hike! Meet us at the Brooks Nature Area pavilion (Stuart Lake Rd, Marshall, MI, 49068) where we will mix up our own trail snacks before heading out for a walk. Happy trails!

Monthly Teen Loot Box
This summer, join the ever-growing community of YourMDL's Teen Loot Box! Each month you sign up, you get a variety of fun items to keep, craft, & eat, plus an expertly selected library book to read in the sun. Save all the awesome loot inside, & return the library book & box when you are finished. Loot participants must return their box in order to register for the next month's loot. Sign up while supplies last! Teens who do not have a library card are welcome to participate; a non-library book will be provided.

Email dkwellsly@yourmdl.org with questions.
Visit the project table
Each week, visit the project table at the library for a hands-on activity. We aim to make these both fun & educational!
Bring a bag with you if you’d like to take the project pieces home...otherwise, find a spot to be creative at the library.

Youth Programs
Preschool—2nd Grade

Virtual Storytime
Share & explore community on your own time with Virtual Storytime. Little learners will expand their world & prepare for school through the Early Literacy practices of Talk, Sing, Read, Write, & Play. Kits will include a special link to YourMDL’s YouTube station along with supplies to create a themed craft at home. Won’t you be our virtual neighbor? This program is planned with ages 2-5 in mind, but all ages are welcome to register for a kit & play along. Registration required each month.

Outdoor Storytime
Mondays, June 19—July 17, 11 am—12 pm
All together now, let’s read some stories! Be a part of our storytime community at the Capitol Hill School House, where YourMDL staff will share favorite books, songs, & games designed for little learners to grow & prepare for school. No registration required. This program is planned with ages 2-6 in mind, but all ages are welcome to attend. The Capitol Hill School House is located at 106 Washington St, Marshall, MI, 49068. Inclement weather location is the library.

Jumpin’ & Jammin’
Wednesdays, June 21—July 19, 11 am—12 pm
1, 2, 3, Jump! Dance on over to the Calhoun County Fairgrounds to Jump & Jam along to a full half-hour of music & movement. We’ll get to use our little muscles & big muscles, which helps our brains get bigger & explore this amazing neighborhood. No registration required. This program is planned with ages 2-6 in mind, but all ages are welcome to attend. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes. Jumpin’ & Jammin’ will be held at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds at 720 Fair St, Marshall, MI, 49068. Inclement weather location is the 4-H Boys & Girls Building located at the Fairgrounds.

Technology Help Available
FREE drop-in help sessions*
Mondays 6-8 pm & Wednesdays 1-3 pm
*Sessions are first-come first-served for up to 30 minutes.
Additional help/longer sessions also available by appointment. Call 269.781.7821 x2700 to schedule.

Meeting & Study Rooms
The library has 2 study rooms available for public use for up to 2 hours at a time. At least 1 person using the room must be 18 or older & must present a valid library card or picture I.D. Time may be extended by library staff if no one else is waiting to use a room. Library cardholders may reserve study rooms up to 1 month in advance. There is no charge.

More information available on the library website or by contacting Nate Palmer, Assistant Director, at 269.781.7821

Registration Notes
All programs are FREE & open to the public. Watch your email for a response within 24-48 hours. As space & supplies are limited, your email will either confirm your registration or alert you to waitlist status.

When registering for programs, confirmations emails come from mdleventregistration@marshalldistrictlibrary.org. Use this address if you would like to search for them &/or alert your email that it is not spam. Emails often include details applicable to each program. (If you do not have regular email access, you may contact our Help Desk at any time.) Our programs are free (& very popular)! We often have a waiting list; if you register but can no longer attend, please let us know!
Marshall is a really unique & special community. Before coming to Marshall as a librarian, I worked for four other communities. The first thing I noticed when I came to Marshall was, of course, the beautiful fountain downtown & how well maintained all the buildings were in our business district. This was clearly a community that cared. I was excited about all the possibilities for a library in a place like this. At that time I had no idea of the scope of how caring & dedicated the people of Marshall are to caring for their homes, their institutions, their natural resources, & each other. Wherever there is a need, the people of the Marshall area find a way to fill it by giving of their time, talents, & resources.

This year the national Summer Reading program theme is “All Together Now” with a focus on kindness, friendship, & community. At MDL, we are taking this theme as an opportunity to celebrate all of the wonders that we have right in our own backyard! We have been fans of Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood (& other classic learning television) for many years, & so our focus this year is on our very own neighborhood & all of the things our neighbors do to make the Marshall community special. We are especially eager to hold our annual Scavenger Hunt, sending our library visitors around town to explore some of our local businesses & organizations.

In addition to the activities we will hold at the library, we are going to go on a variety of adventures in our neighborhoods. We hope our youngest patrons will join us at places like Capitol Hill School, Calhoun County Fairgrounds, Brooks Memorial Fountain, & Marshall Area Farmer’s Market for our early literacy events & storytimes. We’ll be visiting some of our beautiful natural areas such as Wilder Creek Conservation Club, Brooks Nature Area, & the Kalamazoo River. We’ll explore history with our local museums such as the Marshall Post Office & American Museum of Magic. We’ll meet our neighbors at some of the arts organizations in the area such as Franke Center for the Arts, Great Escape Stage Company, & Eastend Studio & Gallery. We’ll get to learn about some of our local workers at the Marshall Township Fire Department, Marshall Ambulance Authority, Marshall Police Department, Marshall Water Treatment Plant, & Brooks Field Airport. We love bringing people of all ages together to explore & learn. How fortunate we are to have so many places in our area to gather, learn, & celebrate!

We hope that all of you will keep reading & learning all summer long. If you ever have any feedback or questions about the library, please contact me at 269.781.7821, ext. 1100 or semiferoa@yourmdl.org. I look forward to seeing all of you this summer.

~Angela Semifero, Library Director

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Board Meetings
June 28
No July Meeting
August 8

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.