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Stretch & Stories
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Registration Notes
All programs are FREE & open to the public. Watch your email for a confirmation email; if you do not receive a confirmation, please contact us. A space & supplies are limited, your email will either confirm your registration or alert you to waitlist status.

When registering for programs, confirmation emails come from midwestregistration@mayfieldlibrary.org. Use this if you would like to update your email address 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.)

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Dear Parents, continued

Mini Macramé Half Moon Hanging Charm
Wed, November 1, 6 - 8 pm
Learn to create a small, half-moon-shaped macramé hanging perfect for use as a car or charm ornament or gift. Registration required for this free program. All supplies provided. Ages 18+ only.

Mini Marshall: A Model Train Story
Mon, November 6, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Longtime resident & community advocate Paul Davis will share photos & video of the miniature Marshall he has created at his home. Featuring three working model trains & specialized components spanning decades, the display features numerous well-loved landmarks including many local businesses. Marshall Public Library even has its own billboard! Come hear how this labor of love has grown over time & enjoy a glimpse of what only a limited number of people can say they’ve seen in person! This program is intended for adults, but all ages are welcome to attend.

Get to Know the Mid-Michigan Railroad Club
Mon, November 13, 6:30-7:30 pm
Did you know the downtown train at Cornell’s Turkeyville in Marshall is entirely fueled by volunteers? The Mid-Michigan Railroad Club was established in 1965, & over 50 members are dedicated to the operation of a 1/6 Scale 7 1/2” gauge railroad today, as well as offering FREE train rides for everyone on scheduled Run Days. Join us at the library for a virtual journey with club volunteer Patricia Piltman as she shares about the 5,240 feet of track, the Club train, other railroads, & the history of the kinds of engines one might see while visiting, & how to get involved as a member. This program is intended for adults, but all ages are welcome to attend.

Crafty Friday: Holiday Tags & Tea
Fri, November 17, 11 am - 12 pm
Get a jump start on the rush & spend an hour creating holiday gift tags. Gift Tags are perfect for wrapping & can also transform a simple gift bag. Make as many as you can in an hour while visiting with old & new friends over a cup of freshly brewed tea, if you like. Crafty Friday is free & is for those ages 18+. All supplies are provided.

Adult Special Event
Mystery Dinner at Heritage Commons
Fri, December 3, 5:30 - 8 pm
Mystery dinners from the biggest film studio start to arrive in Atlantic City for a conference to create The Commission: the first ever governing body to oversee all mob organizations in the United States. Tensions are high, and building could happen if this tentative truce is broken...this is where your story begins. Join us for an evening of mystery, mobsters, & murder! This is an interactive murder mystery dinner. The character you play will be assigned upon arrival.

This event is made possible in partnership with & is located at Heritage Commons at 15885 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI, 49068. Call or visit Heritage Commons to register. During registration, please share if you have a food allergy. Neither membership at Heritage Commons nor a library card is required to attend. Program is free; ages 18+ only.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
September October November 2023
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Mon - Thurs 10 - 8:30 / Fri & Sat 10 - 5:30
Closed: September 4; 23 & 24

Programs For Everyone!!!
Smartest Card Discount Program
September
Your library card is the Smartest Card in your wallet or on your keychain & for the month of September, if you just got smart! September is National Library Card Month & this year some local businesses are helping us celebrate. Participating businesses are offering library patrons who show their Marshall District Library borrower’s card a discount throughout the month of September. Beginning Sept 1, pick up a brochure listing the participating businesses or visit the library website for more details. Help us spread the word to your friends, family, & neighbors about the benefits of having a library card.

Little Free Plant Library
September
Beginning September 5, visit the library to adopt a baby houseplant that has been propagated by a Marshall Area Garden Club member. Then mark your calendar for the Plant Parenting 101 program below!

Used Books Sale
Fri, September 8, 10 am - 5 pm, & Sat, September 9, 10 am - 4 pm
Remember the excitement of visiting the book fair when you were in school? Our used books sale is like that but without cute cat posters. A wide variety of books & media will be available at our fall used books sale! Monies collected will be used to fund library programming. Cash, check, or credit card accepted.

John Bellairs Walk: A Self-Guided Tour
October
Let literature come to life! Author John Bellairs used his hometown of Marshall as inspiration for many places in his Lewis Bamswee & Anthony Monday mystery books. Now you can use this UPDATED self-guided tour to explore the fictional towns of New Zebedee, Michigan & Hoosac, Minnesota by visiting locations around Marshall. Brochures available beginning September 30.

Plant Parenting 101
Mon, October 2, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Visit the library during the month of September & adopt a baby houseplant that has been propagated by a Marshall Area Garden Club member. Then join local resident & garden club member Duane Dupee as he gives an introduction to the care & feeding of houseplants & propagation techniques, as well as which plants are safe for pets & information about the Marshall Area Garden Club.

Adult Programs
Monthly Spice Club
Tuesdays, September 26, October 24, & November 28
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Explore, discover, grow...test! Welcome to Spice Club, offering one spice spice each month to experiment with in your kitchen. Registration includes the month’s spice; attendance at the monthly gathering is optional. Marshall District Library is not responsible for any reactions or sensitivities to spices. Cook with caution. Ages 18+ only.

Crafty Friday: Serving Up Halloween
Fri, September 15, 11 am - 12 pm
To get ready for entertaining this spooky season, transform a wooden serving tray & make it lovely enough to serve your ghouls...er...guests when October arrives. Paint, decoupage, & found imagery will make certain that no two trays will look alike. Crafty Friday is free & is for those ages 18+. All supplies are provided.

Get the Dirt! All About the Farmers Market
Mon, September 25, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Curious about how the Farmers Market came to be all that it is today? Wondering about how vendors are set up each week, how new vendors are added, how to volunteer at the market, what future plans might be, & more? Join Marshall Area Farmers Market Manager Cody Hart for an informational evening filled with everything you want to know about the Farmers Market. Ages 18+. All supplies are provided.

Gourmet Mushrooms with the Market Mad Scientist
Mon, October 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Have you enjoyed any gourmet mushrooms from the Marshall Area Farmers Market this year? Come learn about mycology (the science of fungi/mushrooms) from Dr. Glenn Stamps, Ph.D., owner of Mad Scientist Mushrooms. Dr. Stamps has three main goals as a mad scientist & entrepreneur: 1. provide locally grown gourmet mushrooms to individuals & restaurants, 2. research how to commercially cultivate species of mushrooms presently only available through foraging, & 3. educate the public about the ecological, culinary, & health benefits of mushrooms & fungi. Supplies & tools will be available for purchase. Ages 18+ only.

Crafty Friday: Woodland Wall Hanging
Fri, October 20, 11 am - 12 pm
One can never have enough fung(i) hanging around. Come & paint some wooden mushrooms of your own & craft a woodland wall hanging for yourself or to gift. Crafty Friday is free & is for those ages 18+. All supplies are provided.

Microgreens & Mocktails
Mon, October 23, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Join Cody Hart from HartLand Farms & Amber Petersen of Cinnamonmonkey Shrubs, two Marshall Area Farmers Market favorites, as they discuss their businesses & products. HartLand Farms was started in 2019 & offers chicken, duck, & quail eggs, baked goods, & microgreens with a self-sustaining focus. During this program, you will learn about raising quail, as well as getting an in-depth understanding of the benefits & uses of microgreens. Cinnamonmonkey Shrubs was started by Amber after many years in the beauty & wellness industry. Her focus is to make products that support one’s body & mind. Enjoy samples of microgreens & Cinnamonmonkey mocktails during this informational evening. Products will be available for purchase. Ages 18+ only.

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